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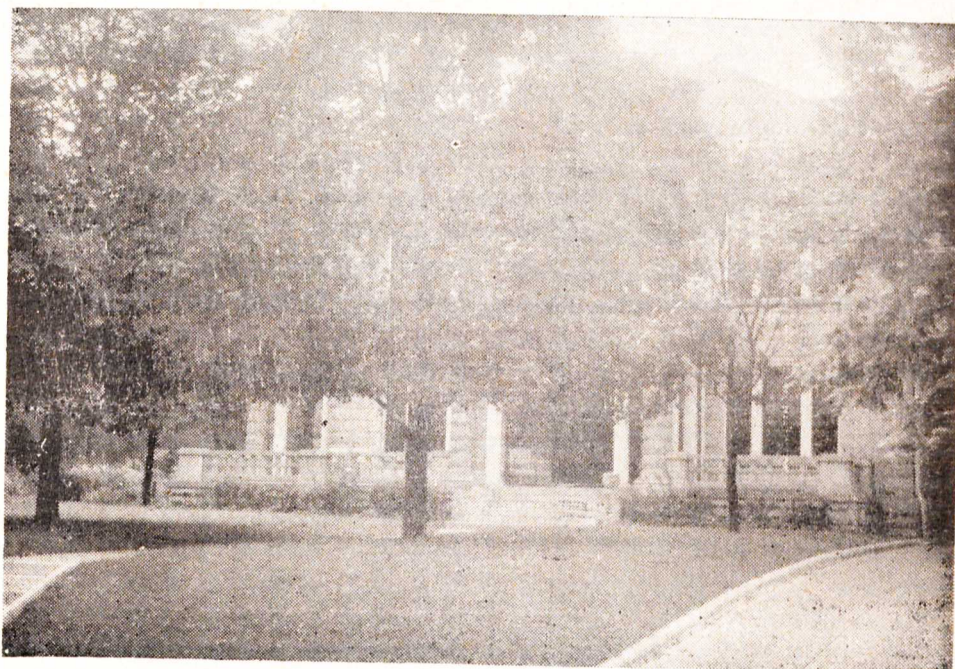
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Attention!

We Are Announcing

We have some modern equipment already installed, and we are now installing a modern, regular series publication press. See page three.

The size of our press makes it more convenient and profitable to change the *STYLE* of the *Gem*. We will begin Volume XIV. (January, 1942) with a *SURPRISE* for all Gem readers. The size and quality will also be changed. Be watching.

Also we are asking our churches to co-operate with us in raising the subscription list to 2500, and offering a reward to the church doing the best in this work (see page four).



Dreams and Visions Materializing



By the Editor

MOST people are guilty of "day-dreaming," and many many individuals really enjoy building "air castles". Perhaps all of us have ideals to which many of us will never attain.

Since the days that I entered the printing business, as a Christian boy, under the tutorship of a very fine Christian couple working in a small Christian publishing house, I have dreamed. In my airy castles, I have been in the midst of high ideals, better things, more equipment and greater service in a Christian capacity in the field of religious publication.

Nothing thrills me more than the very idea of Christian service, and since we are living in a reading age with the printing industry and its by-products being among the greatest and most active business in the world and having the power to wield the greatest influence for good or for worse than any other, I have felt the urgent expediency to enter that field of activity to labor and strive and serve with all my energy to have some part in the advancement of the cause of Christ our Lord and the strengthening of faith in our fellow-men.

Our equipment was small and our field of service was limited, but we served happily therein, and continued to dream of better things. Those dreams of high ideals are coming true for which we offer abounding praise to Christ our leader.

At our last Missouri State Association, the Business Committee presented the article that we purchase larger and better equipment for our Gem Office and that the plans be consummated by December 1, this year. When asked for an explanation of the needs for a more efficient service in publication, I gave this description:

One power stitching machine, costing approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00. We have purchased that very machine for cash (a less cash price, however) and have it installed and in abundant use.

One 30-inch paper cutter, costing about \$350.00. We have this machine installed and in service for a less cash price.

One modern publication press suitable for our needs which could be secured for \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. We have already signed the dotted line for a Miehle, two revolution cylinder press with a Cross continuous automatic feeder and with a variable speed A C motor and a very elaborate electrical control unit. We paid a down payment on this machine and are scheduled to move it to the Gem Office between December first and fifteenth, providing we can lay the remainder of the purchase price on the barrel head.

We also secured a \$231.00 rebuild service on our linotype machine which puts us in A-1 class for publication.

All this making of eventful history occurred on Tuesday, November 4, 1941, when Brother Winford Davis, my wife and I went to Kansas City to investigate some business leadings we had secured. We contacted Mr. Biggio, the little Jew whom we have known and learned to love, of the Linotype Repairs and Service Co. Mr. Biggio accompanied us over the city, and lo and behold, we found much more than we had expected. We found a nest already feathered and there was but one thing to do—and we did that one thing.

We spent all the money we had and \$1,500.00 that we did not have. We have some of this \$1,500.00 definitely in view. The Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, near Neosho, Missouri, has allocated \$750.00 to this new equipment fund and it will be paid soon. The Oak Grove church is located in the army camp area, and they are to be paid \$2,000.00 for their property. They must spend the money, disband the church and move away. They allocated \$750.00 to our publishing house, \$500.00 to our National Bible School, and some to various other enterprises of our denomination.

There are about \$475.00 of import-

ant pledges which are due to be paid by December 1, and I am confident these are all forthcoming.

When this ideal is completed, the value of our institution will be raised from \$4,500.00 to a value much larger but we want to announce the new value later, as we are not quite through improving.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the opening of our National Bible College next fall. The college will need *BOOKS*. We are now offering our services as publishers of Free Will Baptist books.

We really need another piece or two of equipment, but we see their installation shortly after New Years Day a probability.

Now, we will expect our subscription list to grow—to 2,500 then to 3,000—and we must not stop short of 5,000 in one year. Why not? We are serving a denomination of 250,000—it would be almost unpardonable for less than one in fifty to be a reader of the *Gem*!

With our dreams come true, we will receive such joy in the service of our Lord and His church in this field of activity.

We extend a special invitation to each Gem reader and friend to visit (or re-visit) **YOUR PUBLISHING**

If ever the Lord went before, He did on our recent trip to Kansas City; which was made for the purpose of purchasing machinery for the Gem Office. We found exactly what we had been wanting, found it readily, and at some excellent prices. We purchased *good* machinery; machinery that will absolutely do the work, both in quantity and quality. It is all worthy of our being righteously proud and we are so very thankful that we see money in sight to clear all we have purchased. Just come on with that which you have pledged. We are going forward, and that in no small way. God has been in our *Gem* work from the very beginning 14 years ago, and He is certainly manifesting Himself as yet being with us.

—Winford Davis.



Fourteenth Anniversary Notes

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.



THIS Issue of The Free Will Baptist Gem brings Volume XIII to a close, and we step up to our fourteenth anniversary.

Fourteen years ago, the Free Will Baptists in the West were not getting along so well. A Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma had just "gone under". There was nothing in Missouri but a state organization which had only a limited vision, and not much of that. A Free Will Baptist paper in Texas which was under the editorial leadership of Rev. S. L. Morris had been moved to Oklahoma and converted into a college paper, but it went down with the college. The people in the West knew nothing of Free Will Baptists in the East; there being no National Association. There was a Free Will Baptist Quarterly being published in Nebraska which was good but inadequate for the needs of a denomination that would grow consistently.

With nothing in view that promised any development, Bro. B. F.



B. F. Brown, Former Editor



John B. Rollins, Editor

Brown came back to Missouri and proposed that the State Association sponsor a state paper. The Gem was born, so to speak, and the first issue came out January 1, 1928.

The Gem had a very small beginning, and true to its name, those faithful ones who founded it considered it very precious.

The Gem grew from 300 subscribers to about 800 when your present servant entered the office as an apprentice under the patient and efficient instruction of Brother and Sister Brown.

In June, 1939, we entered a new brick building, having 1,088 subscribers. Since then, the list has grown to about 1700, going into nearly all the states and three foreign countries.

With the installation of modern equipment, as you will notice in the editorial on page three, we feel justified to ask that the list be raised to 2500 subscribers during the first quarter of 1942.

Subscription Increase Suggestions

With Offer of Reward

THE readers of the Gem will recall that we have never staged an extensive subscription campaign in the Gem, only being content to meekly but sincerely invite our people to subscribe. We still maintain the same quality of meekness and sincerity in this urgent and enthusiastic campaign.

Since the Gem is a church organ and interested in the welfare and progress of the Church, the institution of Christ our Lord, it is only ideal for the churches, in conference, to appoint a committee to officially represent your paper to the membership who have not subscribed.

During the first quarter of 1942, we are asking our churches in the United States to sponsor a subscription campaign. The church who does this, and whose clerk sends in the

greatest number of subscribers (renewals will be counted) shall receive a reward. Any Free Will Baptist church in America may enter this race, but no one will be accepted as participants eligible to win the prize but a church.

Hence, the prize will be something for the church, for instance, a beautiful Individual Communion Set, or a large pulpit Bible, or something of equal value.

Very few Free Will Baptist churches have an Individual Communion Service set, so we offer this as a prize. Should the winning church already have a Communion set, we will mutually agree on something else of equal value.

I think it would be only fair to all churches, big and little, to determine the winner on a basis of the membership of the church.

We will carry an Honor Roll of the churches in the Gem with boosters and encouragements each month. The churches may as well get organized for the race and take advantage of the Christmas holiday by starting the subscription campaign early.

We wish all our churches would enter this race. We have the material to work on, and the equipment to handle the increase, so let's go up to at least 2500.

50c per year 27 months for \$1.
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The Program of the National Association



Rev. L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary of National Association, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

It should be taken into account by every interested person throughout the Free Will Baptist Denomination that **THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS A YOUNG ORGANIZATION.** Perfection of design and results obtained are therefore difficult, if not impossible, in the initial stage of this organization. A few simple plans have been intensely studied and adopted with a view to unity of faith and action. These plans are imperfect, as the results will definitely show. But is Christian consecration, and a zeal for the spread of the gospel not sufficient to these imperfections and problems?

A genuine Christian fellowship which is born of a common experience of Christ and practically expressed in a co-operative service in the fields of Missions, Christian Education, and Benevolence is the basic reason for the existence of the National Association. Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School, and Free Will Baptist League are inseparably tied up with this basic reason for the existence of our National organization, and their contributions to the successful prosecution of Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent work is expected to increase with every passing day.

I. What Is The Educational Program of the National Association?

The Educational Program is that phase of the work of the National Association which is devoted to the training of Christian Workers now engaged in service, and the establishment of a Bible School in which ministers, missionaries, and laymen may receive specialized Biblical education.

1. What is the method by which the Educational Program is conducted? The National Board of Education, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary, was authorized in the 1941 session of the National Association to conduct Christian Workers' Institutes throughout the bonds of the Association for the year, 1941-42. The first of these Institute sessions, which was two weeks in

length, was conducted in Monett, Missouri, in July. There will be similar sessions of the Institute conducted in Johnson City, Tennessee, in January, 1942; in Flat River, Missouri, in February; in Jakin, Georgia, in May; in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in June. The courses offered in the Institute include Bible Doctrine, Public Discourse, Biblical Survey, Evangelism, Missions, Sunday School Administration, Auxiliary—Local, District, State, and National, and Free Will Baptist League. The completion of four consecutive sessions of Institute training entitles the student to a normal diploma. Certificates however are awarded those who make passing grades in each session of the Institute. The Executive Secretary is Dean of all institute work.

The National Board of Education has recently purchased Bible School property in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, illustrations of which and much detailed information are now being published.

2. How is the expenses of Institute work, financial appeals and campaigns paid?

All salaries and expenses incurred in the conduct of Christian Workers' Institutes, exclusive of the salary of the Executive Secretary, is paid out of a special allocation of \$1,000.00 from the Educational Fund which was authorized by the National Association. All expenses incurred by meetings of the Board of Education are paid out of the Educational Fund. Financial appeals and special campaigns for educational support being a part of the duties of the Executive Secretary necessarily incurs the expense of a certain portion of the cost of general promotional services upon the Board of Education. This requirement will be discussed in a succeeding paragraph.

II. What Is The Foreign Mission Program of the National Association?

The foreign Mission Program is that phase of the work of the National Association which includes the en-

gagement of Ministers, Churches, District, and State Organizations in the study and support of the Foreign Mission Enterprise.

1. What is the method by which the Foreign Mission work is carried on?

The Foreign Mission Board, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary, endeavors to inform Free Will Baptists everywhere of the obligation incumbent upon all Christians to give the gospel to all mankind. Special newspaper correspondence, lessons in League and Sunday School literature which contain a definite missionary message, along with the public appeals of missionary courses in Christian Worker's Institutes and in local churches—these constitute some of the ways and means by which the missionary program is promoted.

2. How are the expenses of promotional service in the field of Foreign Missions paid?

Missionaries on furloughs in the homeland receive their traveling expenses and regular salary while going from place to place to meet with the people and inform them of the obligations, problems, and privileges in this field of Christian service and testimony. The duties of the Executive Secretary are also definitely related to the Foreign Mission work, as will be seen in a succeeding paragraph.

III. What Is The Home Mission Program of the National Association?

The Home Mission Program of the National Association is in the strict sense of the term devoted to the evangelizing of the homeland. Among Free Will Baptists, however, this phase of work has been more or less restricted to the field of church extension and general evangelism.

1. What is the method by which the Home Mission Work is promoted?

The National Home Mission Board, with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, is charged with the responsibility of awakening an interest among Free Will Baptists in the rehabilitation of inactive churches, the

evangelization of neglected towns and communities, the promotion of church building programs, and the enlistment of all Free Will Baptist ministers in a persistent evangelistic ministry. As a means of bringing about the realization of these most desirable results special financial appeals are made to churches and organizations throughout the denomination, special issues of our denominational papers published, and an earnest emphasis upon the support of this phase of our work proposed as a means of increasing the Home Mission Treasury sufficient to justify the employment of a full-time Home Missionary.

2. How are the expenses of Home Mission promotional service paid?

The Home Mission Board is charged with the responsibility of taking care of emergency expenses out of the regular fund. The promotional expenses incurred in the conduct of special appeals, the publication of pamphlets, newspaper articles, special editions of denominational papers, etc., are paid out of the General Fund of the National Association.

IV. What Is The Superannuation Program of the National Association?

The department of Superannuation is charged with the responsibility of promoting methods and means by which the needs of retired and disabled ministers may be provided.

1. What is the method now employed as a means of supplying the needs of retired and disabled ministers?

The National Association has authorized the Board of Superannuation, together with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, to conduct a denomination-wide survey among those engaged in the ministry as a means of ascertaining the anticipated demands which may be made upon Free Will Baptists by their retired and disabled ministers. Special appeals are made to churches and general organizations for support through the Unified Program Fund to this department.

2. How is the expenses of promotional service in this department paid?

The expenses of promotional service are provided out of a special expense fund authorized by the National Association to which the Superannuation Treasurer pays 10 per cent.

V. What is the Purpose of the Unified Program Fund?

The purpose of the Unified Program Fund is that individuals, churches, auxiliaries, and general organizations may be provided a method by which they may render equitable support to Missions, Education, and Superannuation. It should be remembered that the chairman of each of the standing boards, which receives a percentage of the Unified Program Fund, are members of the General Board, and that the basis upon which this fund is divided is studied carefully by this Board in the light of all the needs and plans for the success of their respective departments; and then, the National Association is called upon to authorize such a distribution of the Unified Fund.

1. How is this fund distributed?

This fund is distributed during the present associational year as follows: 10 per cent to Superannuation, 20 per cent to Home Missions, 30 per cent to Foreign Missions, and 40 per cent to Christian Education. This schedule of distribution was recommended by the General Board and adopted by the National Association. Let it be understood that the National Association duly appraised and authorized this method of financial support to our various denominational enterprises. It is understood by the Treasurer of the National Association that the Unified Program Fund shall be allocated monthly, and that the Penny-A-Day Fund, and any other undesignated funds which he may receive from time to time shall be included in these monthly allocations.

2. What expenses are paid out of the Unified Program Fund?

The answer is, *none whatsoever*. The National Treasurer receives this fund, and forwards it to the treasurers of the four standing boards mentioned above on the first of each month.

VI. What is the Purpose of the General Expense Fund of the National Association?

The General Expense Fund of the National Association was created through the adoption of a special resolution in the 1941 annual session for the purpose of meeting all expenses incurred in the management of the business and general program of the National Association together with the expenses of all general promotional service not specifically pro-

secuted and financed by the standing boards. This fund is created and paid to the Treasurer of the National Association as time and needs may require by the treasurers of the following standing boards, and on the percentage basis herein set forth: 10 per cent from the Treasurer of the Superannuation Board, 20 per cent from the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, 30 per cent from the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, 40 per cent from the Treasurer of the Educational Board. From this fund the Executive Secretary's salary, traveling expenses, office rental and supplies, stenographer's salary, Mrs. McAdams' salary, expenses of the National Treasurer's service, special or called sessions of the Executive committee of the General Board, and any other expenses essential to the prosecution of specific directions, which involve the action of general officers of the National Association.

VII. How Are The Expenses of Promotional Services Paid?

As applied to the Foreign Mission work, missionaries who are home on furlough, and members of the Foreign Mission Board who may be assigned at any time to specific promotional service—all receive their expenses and salaries (if missionaries) from the Foreign Mission Fund.

It should be understood that the Board of Education, the Home Mission Board, and the Board of Superannuation do not conduct promotional programs which incur a direct expense to them under our present financial system. Any one of them, however, has the authority to convene its members at the expense of its own treasury and authorize any distinct promotional project that might be termed expedient; but it is understood that the Executive Secretary is charged with the responsibility of directing all promotional service in keeping with the expressed purposes and policies of the respective standing boards.

The promotional organization which is called upon to advance all departments and enterprises of the National Association is very small and imperfect. It consists of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Crumpler, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, the voluntary service of individuals, and our two publishing houses. There are no salaries paid to any of these except the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Crumpler, and Mrs. McAdams. The salary al-

lowed Mrs. McAdams by the National Association is \$25.00 per month. The National Woman's Auxiliary Convention also allows Mrs. McAdams \$25.00 per month. Should she however receive offerings sufficient to cover her expenses and the complete salary allowed while on the field the obligation stands balanced. This she has been able to do completely since the National Association in Drumright, Oklahoma. Mrs. W. B. Crumpler is the only paid stenographer employed in any of our national work. She receives 40 cents per hour on a part-time schedule, and has earned less than \$25.00 since the National Association.

What is the salary of the Executive Secretary and how is it paid?

The Executive Secretary is employed on a maximum salary of \$50.00

per week. This salary is paid by the churches over which he presides as pastor, churches for which he may hold evangelistic meetings, and out of the General Expense Fund of the National Association. Working on this basis last associational year, he received \$1056.00 from a special allocation of Educational Funds; and for the first three months of the present associational year, his salary (exclusive of salary received from pastorate and evangelistic meetings) has amounted to \$310.00, which has been paid out of the General Expense Fund of the National Association. As to traveling expenses, only those expenses incurred while traveling in the interest of the work of the National Association are allowed. All traveling expenses incidental to pastoral service are paid out of the Executive Secretary's own salary.

July; that a deputation would be sent to Cuba in the near future for the purpose of inspecting the missionary possibilities on the island. This deputation is now being made up. We do not know for certain as yet just when we will go down; but some time before long. This deputation, while passing their own judgment on the needs and possibilities of the Cuban field, are also to bring back first hand information for you, our people. The Missouri State Association is sending Rev. Kenneth Turner along with the party with his motion picture machine. So we hope upon our return he will be able to take you to the Cuban fields through his pictures. You are asked to send in of your funds to help make this possible if you will. Anything for this purpose will be appreciated.

Sister Bessie Yeley is laboring in Venezuela, South America. We should be much in prayer for her that in turn we may some day have a noble work there in the name of the Lord and the Free Will Baptist Church. Sister Yeley has gone out from us with the National Body behind her, and the Ohio brethren from whom she came, praising her highly.

I think it is well that our people, as a whole, bear in mind that our present missionary work and undertakings are strictly in their infancy. Therefore, we cannot hope for too much permanency as yet. But God is wonderfully blessing. Those in the foreign fields have been and are now being told of the Christ and His blessings to man. The means we have given have not all been wasted. If a few souls we are privileged to meet in Heaven who will be there because of what we have given to our foreign Mission cause, then won't we feel repaid a hundred per cent? No estimate can be placed on even one human soul. Oh may we picture vividly those benighted people. May our hearts burn within us for their salvation. How can we withhold.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the way our people have been so beautifully responding in a financial way to this worthy cause. Brethren, do not let your giving retard in the least; but rather strive to increase it. We have done so little after all compared to what we could and should be doing.

Speaking directly now to my home state, I do want to thank you for your loyalty in the past to this great cause. Last year our state asked to give not less than \$700.00 for foreign missions.

Our Missionary Outlook

By Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman National Board of Foreign Missions, Monett, Missouri

Free Will Baptists can reasonably expect to be blessed of the Lord only as we maintain our missionary vision and zeal. The spreading of the gospel is the work of the church. Jesus said, "go ye therefore and teach *ALL NATIONS*". He said further that "God so loved the *WORLD*". It is indeed gratifying that our denomination is experiencing an awakening along missionary lines. May we continue to awake. Give us more missionary minded members, and we will see and experience a more rapid growth.

How grateful we should be that God has given us some missionaries, and some fields of labor. How we should be praying for Him to call more out from among us for the same work. It is too bad that Sister Barnard has found a great open door in India, and there is no one to go back with her and help possess that in the name of the Lord and our church.

We were highly elated last summer because we thought Brother and Sister Warkentin, from Fort Worth, Texas, were going to return with her; but now we learn that government restrictions are such that they cannot sail with their children. Their children are entirely too small to leave in the states, and so there is but one thing to do, and that is

bow in submission. Such conditions, you nor I nor Brother and Sister Warkentin cannot help. Certainly these war conditions are upsetting our missionary plans; but what can we do? Brother and Sister Warkentin fully intended to go, and we are glad for their good intentions. Well, we must not give up. We must not lose interest. We must not slacken our giving. Let us trust that in the meantime a fine group of workers may be sought out and prepared, and ere long the door will open so we can do as we would like to do.

Sister Barnard, of course, has not yet returned, and we do not know just how difficult it is going to be for her to get return passage. But these things can only be left to the Lord. But don't think for one moment Sister Barnard is idle. She is busy continually concerning our missionary interest. Maybe the Lord wants to use her here in the home land for just a little while yet; who knows? It may be this is just a prearrangement for a great work in India latter. Let us trust the Lord in it all.

Brother and Sister Willey are in Cuba, and they are very hopeful for our work there. As Cuba is so near us the difficulties of getting our missionaries over are eliminated. It was voted by the National Board of Foreign Missions at Drumright, last

Thank the Lord we went above the mark. Now let's make it even greater this coming year. We can do it. We will do it. I have all faith we are going to do it. We have three dear young people in our own dear state who have stepped forward and said yes to the call to the foreign land; the Halbrooks from the lead belt. Let us be much in prayer for their health. They are not in sufficient

health as yet to go out. Let us pray God if it is His will to make them strong in body for this great work.

I am interested in all departments of our fine denominational program, and especially am I interested in the foreign mission cause. Brethren, the challenge is before us let us arise and meet it faithfully. Is your church giving regularly for foreign missions? Are you a supporter with your own

means? Brother ministers, do you take up this all important work with your people? Do you preach it to them? Do you have prayer for our missionaries and our missionary program? Are you in sympathy for those who are making the sacrifice in order to answer God's call to a distant land? Can we say "YES" to the above questions? If not, why not? Starving and benighted souls are beckoning to us. Let us not fail them.

Missionary Letters from the Field

Collected by Our Missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard

DURING The Christian Workers' Institute in Monett, Missouri, the class in missions sent letters to the various Free Will Baptist missionaries on the field, and since that time numerous inquiries have come to me with regard to responses to these letters. Brother and Sister Willey have been in the States and in communication with our people, thus satisfactorily replying to the letter we sent to them. And now it is a pleasure to submit the following letters from our own Miss Bessie Yeley in Venezuela, and from Sister Esterbrook in Barbados.

—L.B.B.

Dear Miss Barnard:

I thank you so much for your letter and for the names that you sent (signatures of institute students) and their words of help and comfort. I have already sent to each one of them my fiftieth anniversary circular and I will have a nice letter from each one of them. A few of the names are familiar to me. Rev. Davis I have known of for many years.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of my work here, as I landed in Barbados November 1, 1891. I graduated from the C. T. S. at Chicago in the spring of 1890 and from A. B. Simpson's New York College in the fall of 1891. I was ordained at the Hillsdale College Free Will Baptist Church. The need of the West Indies had been presented in our school and God called me here. I was turned down by an American Mission Board on account of a heart disease which the doctor said might take me off at any time. But I had heard God's call and felt I must go to the mission field. I had no money but I had faith in God. When I said from a camp meeting platform that I would answer the call a gentleman in the audience stood up and said he would

pay my fare. When I landed in Barbados fifty years ago I had twelve dollars in my pocket and no provision for salary except to trust God for my support. He has not failed me. During these fifty years there has never been a dollar salary for any one. The work has been entirely on the faith plan. God gave me Philippians 4:19 when I came here. I have returned home about every five or six years to raise funds for the work. Mid-Missions Board sent us a fine missionary early this year and is sending us two others next month. Our work here is registered as Free Baptist.

My work has been mainly evangelistic, but at the first I had a rescue home for fallen women. I kept this home for several years with good results, until I was ill and went home for six months. When I returned I opened a free school, as there were no free schools here at that time. I had over 200 children in attendance, and three teachers. Later on the Government made all their schools free and as my school was no longer needed I started a boy's home here at Alexandrian Court.

A good many boys have gone through this home. One graduated from Storer College, and then after preaching for several years in Baptist churches he went then to Edinburgh, Scotland, and took his degree there. He then returned to America and is now preaching near Boston where he is also professor in a college. This boy was a little rag-tag whom I picked up on the street. His mother was white, his father a colored man. He is now married to a college girl and has a family of five or six children. Five of our converts went from here to Africa as missionaries. One girl from our rescue home married the prince of the Bassa tribe

of Africa, his father being the king of the tribe. He was educated in America and married my girl there, and they both returned to Bassa Land where my girl laid down her life. She left one son whom his father wrote to say he hoped to train as a missionary in his mother's place. Several of my boys have done well. Evan McGregor, an adopted son, is in the American Army, stationed somewhere in the South. Carol graduated from our large military school in northern New York and is doing good work. A friend in America took an interest in two of the boys and put them through college, and they are now in good positions.

I have built four stone churches. The Egolf Memorial, in Bridgetown, was made possible by dear friends who are both now in heaven. Packers Memorial, in the Parish of Christ church (the country here is divided in parishes instead of states), is a large stone building 50 x 25 feet. This church was built before the Panama Canal. The construction of the canal took a toll of 60 young men from this church. Very few of them have ever come back to the island. Cleveland Memorial is a memorial to my mother, which I built with money raised in the States. It was a beautiful little church 50 x 25 feet. Underneath the platform is the baptistry where many have been buried with Christ. The windows are all stained glass. At the back of the baptistry is the little two-room rest-a-while house where the candidates robe and disrobe. Later on I added a quarter-acre more to the ground and built Cleveland House for the missionaries. It is a beautiful little stone cottage of ten rooms. Large windows, small windows, and bay windows make it beautiful. The garage and kitchen are separable at

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The Willey's Back to Cuba

By T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba

AFTER an absence of four months from Cuba, due to illness, we are back into the activity of the mission field—a ministry of both teaching and preaching.

This week our native preacher boys came in and what a joy to greet them. One of the boys is from a Catholic home which has no sympathy for his stand for Christ and the Gospel.

Before we were in for seige of testing in July, the car must be taken out of the country, and about the same time both Mrs. Willey and I were taken down sick. In ten days I lost fifteen pounds. God put it on the heart, however, of some dear friends of our missionary movement in Indiana to meet the need of transportation. This dear woman who sent the money felt that we were in need; and at the time, through her coedience, we were enabled to leave with just enough money to get us from Key West to Miami.

We went into the hospital in Miami for every possible test. The final word to Mrs. Willey was that she was starved for proper food, vegetables, depleted for vitamins. The climate in Miami was so much like Cuba that there was no improvement. God always leads, if we trust Him, and again He led us into the mountains of North Carolina to work with a dear friend, Rev. Sherman Patterson. Brother and Sister Patterson are doing a great work of faith in the hills of the dear old North State. What a joy it was to be with them in three meetings. God used us as helpers and brought us in touch with a new group of prayer helpers for the evangelization of Cuba.

We had just a small cabin with a spring at the foot of the hill; but, with the cool nights and marvelous vegetables, we had the best tonic in the world and as a result have come back to Cuba heartened for the work before us.

I am happy to report a wonderful and unforgettable meeting with our people at Swanannoa, North Carolina. Tommy and I came into town and found a fine group of people that had been waiting for half an hour for the missionary service. It was our happy privilege to meet a number of warm hearted preachers, Bro. Lowery

from Black Mountain, Bro. R. C. Mumpower and other names I can not recall. One could feel the presence of God in the meeting. Some day, God willing, we want to go back to visit our people in Western North Carolina and take our time about it.

It was amazing the way our people at Swanannoa dug down into their jeans in response to the missionary appeal. The easiest offering was taken there I have ever seen lifted and the shortest missionary message. I sent into Bro. Blackwelder, our Secretary and Treasurer, the offering which was taken that night which was the largest offering for one night's service I have ever conducted. The amount was \$65.00 and I mean that is a banner gift. I am sold on the people of Western North Carolina, not just merely because of an offering, but they some how got next to my heart. Please understand me, this is not a spasmodic thing with them. This church has been on the map for a long time, even though we have neglected them and never visited their church.

Just a word about the horse, "Missionary Genger," which is getting along in years. He is sturdy but I am sorry to say I am not much of a horse trader. He is loosing his teeth, and I could not get badly stuck on a horse trade at \$30.00. I have discovered that, if he ever gets fat and is a credit to my calling, I must get him some soft food or get him some store teeth. Seeing I cannot get him false teeth, I have done the next best thing, namely, I brought with me a hammer mill to grind his food but I am still up against it. I must get a motor to run it or an engine to run it, so if any one has a motor of from two and a half horse power to five, and would like to help, notify me, and we might get it down with our deputation which we are looking for in February.

Our work done in the mountains, we loaded our trailer down with personal effects including apples and apple juice to take with us to Cuba, we swung down the highway with Atlanta as our first stop. Visiting with our relatives and friends, it was while there we had the happy privilege to speak at the Atlanta Gospel

Tabernacle where we were married. Then on to Orlando, Florida, where we spent two happy days with Tommy. God again met our needs, a meeting was arranged for us at the Alliance church where an old school friend, Ted Ritchards, is pastor. Ted's people raised an offering. At this stage we were more than broke for we had gone into debt to get a new tire for the car, but God answers when we believe Him. Coming out of the church Rev. Thomas Moody, a dear man of God, who labored in Africa over the trail of Stanley, handed to me from the back of the car a bill, saying, "Here is a little offering to help you with the tire". Praise the dear Lord! We can trust and pray and praise and shout all the way.

Our little car carried us over a hundred miles on one dollar's worth of gas on the whole trip. One dollar per hundred miles. Arriving in Miami again, we simply presented our needs, one of which was a new battery and repairs on the starter. God used one of his dear women to meet that need with a gift sufficient for our needs.

A great number of our friends came down to the boat to see us off. How precious to have them wave good-by and a *bon voyage* with their prayers back of us.

Arriving in Havana, God took us through customs with great ease. He has promised to do so, He never failed, but sometimes the journey seemed long and dark. "Jesus never fails." On our way up through Folkston we stopped off with Sister Gibson, and our dear folk there, and they turned the house over to us so that Mrs. Willey could rest for a day.

Small misfortunes were our lot on all the trip but they came at a time and place where they could be most easily met. We left my old traveling buddy, Thomas Jr., with a man and his wife who has around him one of the finest groups of teachers, and is doing one of the most unique pieces of work for missions one might ever care to see, Dr. Dubose of the Hampden-Dubose Academy, Orlando, Florida. There are over thirty missionaries' children under his care. The conditions are that we pay a minimum of \$15.00 per month adding our faith to his for additional offerings which might come in to the school. Dr. Dubose and his teachers live by faith. If God lays on your heart to add something to Tommy's support, write Dr. Dubose.

Tommy smilingly and bravely said good-bye. I must be honest and say it was not easy, because Tommy has gone with me over some trying trips; when he was just three and a half, many will remember how he traveled with me to Texas and through Oklahoma and Missouri. His last trips were back into the cane fields with me here in Cuba.

I am believing God will give us many more missionary journeys together in some needy place in quest of souls. Now we have broken the silence, and I am sure many have thought, "What has become of the Willeys?"

Please pray for us that we might
do our best on the firing line for
Jesus.

The Board then returned to the East Nashville church, but unable to obtain an entrance held its final session on the lawn.

On motion all expenses of the present session, including the expenses incidental to the purchase of the school property and the publicity to be given the project were to be paid by the Treasurer.

A motion by Bingham and seconded by Melvin was passed asking our General Secretary to direct an intensive campaign to raise the sum of \$10,000.00 to retire the first annual payment on the school property and begin the operation of the school not later than September, 1942.

On motion our Chairman is asked to contact the vice-president of the Woman's National Auxiliary, who has charge of the Christian Education work, and ask her to promote a financial campaign among the women, the amount to be raised in this campaign to be left to her discretion. Motion passed.

A motion passed to authorize Bro. W. E. Coville to publish leaflets to be circulated in different kinds of correspondence.

By motion Brother Coville is also asked to assume responsibility for the newly purchased property, to secure photographs, cuts and matts to be used in publicizing the property and the school. These photos, with a concise short history of the late Educational movement in the denomination, to appear in the different daily papers of Nashville at the earliest possible convenience.

The Secretary of the Board is asked to prepare a suitable expression of thanks to be presented to the local church for their splendid entertainment of the TWO Boards during their sessions.

It was also ordered that the General Secretary be furnished with a copy of these minutes.

The Board then took its final adjournment subject to be called at the pleasure of the Chairman.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, *Chairman,*
Bryan, Texas.

George D. Dunbar, *Secretary*,
Chuckey, Tennessee.

The Purchase of Bible School Property

By the National Board of Education

See Front Cover

THE National Board of Christian Education of the Free Will Baptist Church in the United States met in called session in the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee on the afternoon of September 23, 1941 at 2:15 o'clock. All of the members were present except Rev. J. R. Bennett of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The meeting was officially called to order by the chairman, Rev. J. R. Davidson, and a special prayer for guidance was prayed by Rev. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Chairman set forth in a few words the purpose and aims of the National Association in securing property for the opening and operation of a NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE for the training of Christian workers generally.

By direction of the Chairman the Board was recessed pending a visit to some proposed property in the West side of Nashville, but to be recalled at his pleasure. Later it was mutually agreed to remain in recess pending certain instructions from the National Executive Committee, which was holding joint sessions with the Education Board.

The Board was reassembled in executive session at 5:00 o'clock P.M. Wednesday. The prayer for guidance was led by Rev. Winford Davis of Missouri. The Board was immediately advised that for an act of insubordination, Rev. J. R. Bennett of North Carolina had been temporarily retired from active service on the Board and that in his stead, Rev. Henry Melvin of Durham, N. C., has been elected. Rev. Melvin was promptly seated as an active member.

On motion by Winford Davis and seconded by Melvin Bingham, it was

voted unanimously that we, the Board of Education of the National Association, hereby offer Mr. W. O. Terrill, owner of a certain piece of property at 3609 Richland Avenue, the sum of \$15,000.00 as a purchase price of said piece of real estate, which property consists of a residence and a lot upon which said property stands 200 feet x 260 feet. The terms and conditions upon which the aforesaid Board of Education makes this purchase offer is as follows: \$5,000.00 cash payment upon the delivery to the said Board of Education a guaranteed title, and the subsequent payment of \$10,000.00 in annual installments of \$3,000.00 per year including interest and principal—it being understood that interest rate shall not exceed 4½ per annum on any unpaid balance, and that the property shall be offered as collateral for the unpaid balance.

On further motion the Board voted to express deep gratitude to Mr. Terrill and his broker, Mr. Hollins, for their very kind and gentlemanly consideration of the interests of the Board in the purchase of this property for the Bible College.

The Board immediately adjourned to the home of Mr. Tirrill, where he and his Broker were awaiting the Board's arrival. Immediately upon the presentation of the offer it was accepted and then a cash contribution of \$1,000.00 was given to the School by Mr. Terrill.

The Board then stood adjourned until Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

At 9:00 o'clock the Board met at the office of Guaranty Title Company, Third Avenue, North Nashville, Thursday morning where all the legal procedure incident to the transfer of the property was transacted.

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"Behold I have set before thee
an open door." Rev. 3:8

Overcoming With Christ



Mrs. J. E. Fazier, Tennessee, Editor

"...they made it known abroad.."

Three calls will come to Woman's Auxiliary members for December. A call to study! A call to pray! A call to give!

The hope of the world is that you, too, like the shepherds of old, will make "known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." Because prayer should be central, let each fourth vice-president plan for the month as follows:

Plan well and early to carry out the suggested activities for December as they are found on pages eight and fourteen in your Year Book. The program for our December meeting which was prepared by our missionaries, Brother and Sister Willey, should be used to make this life-enriching experience.

Free Will Baptist women, *IF THEY KNOW*, will pray and give and go for the Lord Jesus Christ from their very doors to that "uttermost part". But neither the *PRAYING* nor the *GIVING* nor the *GOING* will be done by women who know nothing and care nothing about missions! How can we reach them with the vital information of *WHERE* and *HOW* and *WHO* needs this gospel? How can we stir them as our missionaries are stirred?

Mission study is the answer, for in the study of books on missions the missionaries speak to our minds and hearts, telling us of frightful needs and glorious opportunities on every mission field. But just a few women cannot move the world *AS IT MUST BE MOVED*. At your auxiliary meeting this month, will you lay plans to reach every woman, every boy and girl with definite, vital, intensive study of missions—now, this year—and thus enlist all in your church in the observance of mission study and prayer, and the bringing of a worthy offering as an act of worship and true love. Then in the heart of every child and grown-up there will be a new glow of love for Christ, also gladness that each could keep "*CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST*".

The Grace of Giving in Missions

Mrs. Mabel Willey, Missionary to Cuba

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes, he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich"—2 Cor. 8:9.

Dr. A. B. Simpson, the great modern apostle of Foreign Missions, says, "There are seven ways of giving, the first is the careless way, giving something to every thing that comes along. 2. Giving to get rid of the nuisance of appeal. 3. The impulsive way of giving, giving when you feel like it, when your emotions are aroused. 4. The lazy way of giving. Somebody gets up a fair, or festival, ice cream supper or bean soup supper. This is the lazy and, in the end, the most expensive way. 5. There is the selfish way of giving, giving for your organ, for your Sunday school, for your preacher, or for something you are going to receive back in turn. There are churches all over the land that spend more for frescos in one year than they spend for Missions in one hundred years. 6. There is the systematic way, setting aside a certain per cent of our means, and I am glad to say that is growing among intelligent Christians. 7. Then there is, what we might call the fair way of giving, giving as much for the Lord as we use upon ourselves. 8. Then there is one which makes giving the heroic way, the self sacrificing way, giving more than you can, giving until it hurts, and then giving till it does not hurt."

Paul clearly teaches in the text before us that giving is a grace. People who have not been taught to give have lost a great blessing in their Christian experience. Grace is unmerited favor, something we get for nothing if we exercise the grace of giving, expecting nothing in return there is in the grace of giving a rebounding effect when God enriches us for exercising the God-like quality.

You say but I am poor, I have nothing to give. I wonder if we are that poor after all. Does God require the poor to give? Yes, we are assured

this because it is a grace. When God wanted to honor a servant of his in the Old Testament, He laid upon a poor widow who was scraping the meal barrel out, the support of the prophet Elijah. On the start it looked somewhat unjust to have a husky preacher come in and live on her when she was so poor she was ready to die for something to eat.

In the New Testament we find Jesus commending the poor widow who cast in her two mites. Why? Because there was more love in it, more motive in it, more of God in it, and it was larger than the gifts of the rich preceding her.

The giving of this people was not compulsory but voluntary. They did not have to be pressed, but to the contrary they had to be held back. They were a type of people who would go beyond their means. They were like the children of Israel when the Tabernacle was being built. Moses had to stop the offering.

The secret of their giving was found in entire consecration. "This they did, first they gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by will of God." When you give yourself it is easy to give anything and everything. All true Christian giving begins with consecration.

They not only gave themselves to the Lord but they gave themselves to the cause; to the great missionary program of Paul and his associates.

The secret of consecrated giving is to give hilariously, joyfully. There should be back of all your giving the inspiration of love. Divine love. Divine love will alone make a miser into a spendthrift for God. Back of all we fix our eyes on him who loves us, who was rich but for our sakes became poor.

India's Need

Laura Bell Barnard, returned
Missionary to India

Experience proves that it is much easier to give of material things than to give life in full surrender to the Lord's service. Money is always

needed and I would not leave the impression that it is not badly needed now. As for India, however, the most acute need is for missionaries.

All rejoiced when the Warkentins yielded themselves and took definite steps towards sailing for India. We have felt a certain pride in knowing the Halbrooks are on reserve and that in the Lord's will and time they may be sent to India. It may be that we have felt quite satisfied with these prospects and felt it was enough. Although I was deeply grateful for Brother and Sister Warkentin and delighted to look forward to service with them, I was nevertheless grieved that no others were ready for immediate service. God has worked much faster than we have worked in our missionary program. We asked Him to open the way, and pledged that we would follow. He has opened doors to opportunities beyond anything we had dreamed, and we are not yet ready to enter in.

Now that the Warkentins are hindered from going for the duration of the war, on account of their children, our outlook is dismal indeed. That is, unless others are obedient to the call. What we need now more than money is consecration of life for service in India. God is calling, of this there is no doubt. Where are those who are evading His call? As I have visited our churches in various states I have taken stock of a wealth of material, men and women who are qualified and ought to offer themselves for service. In view of this, I cannot express my embarrassment and my sorrow that at a time like this, there is none to say, "Here am I, Lord". What can our Woman's Auxiliary do for us just now? Find these young people and pray them out to India!

A Light to Lighten the Gentiles

*Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mission Chairman,
Woman's Auxiliary Convention.*

"A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of my people Israel" (Luke 2:32). These are the words of a devout and just man named Simeon concerning the mission of our Lord. He had waited for years in the temple to see the Christ child, the consolation of Israel. The Holy Ghost had revealed to him that he should not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. When he saw him he took the babe into his arms and blessed God, and said, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

At this season of the year we celebrate the birth of the greatest missionary that has ever been born into the world. Jesus came as a light to the blind and dark Gentile world. When we speak of the Gentiles we speak of all those who are not Jews. Christ was the light to the Gentiles, and the glory of the Jews. Simeon knew that this salvation was not confined only to the Jewish race, but was designed for all mankind.

All of the Gentile race was sitting in darkness, ignorance and moral corruption, but Christ came to bring the light of eternal life unto this darkened benighted world. "In him was life and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Through Him the Gentiles were to receive the knowledge of God, of true religion, and of divine things in general, especially of a future estate.

Zacharias in his prophecy concerning Christ compares Him to the

rising sun. "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace" (Luke 1:78-79). Jesus Christ is the true son of righteousness, which in the fulness of time did spring forth from on high to visit a lost and darkened world. The great errand of Christ's coming into the world, and the particular end of His appearing in the flesh, was to give light to those who sat in darkness. It was nothing less than the infinite mercy, and bowels of tender compassion, in God and Christ, which inclined Him to come from on high to give light to those of us who sat in darkness. "Through the tender bowels of mercy of our God, whereby His own and only begotten son spring from on high to visit us here below, who sat in darkness and the shadow of death; and to guide our feet into the way that leads to everlasting life."

Many of us have been led into this glorious light by having heard the wonderful message of the great missionary of all missionaries, but today there are still many, yes multitudes, of the Gentiles who have never heard of the "Day Spring" from on high. Those of us who have received the light are to be witnesses of the light.

In our Woman's Auxiliary work I want us to make this a missionary month. I don't believe we could please our Lord any better than to make a special missionary offering to the greatest of all missionaries, Jesus the light of the world. Let us bring our gifts and lay them at His feet as the wise men of old, that this light may be carried to all the Gentile world, and that those who sit in darkness may see the great light.



GENERAL ARTICLES



An Orphanage in Kentucky

Do you want a Free Will Baptist Orphans Home in Kentucky?

This is an urgent appeal to every Free Will Baptist in the state of Kentucky, to make the Kentucky State Free Will Baptist Orphans Home a reality.

At our recent session of the Johnson

County Quarterly Conference held at Seco, the Reverend F. S. Vanhooose was elected treasurer of the Kentucky State Free Will Baptist Orphans Home funds. We earnestly request the aid of all conferences, churches, Sunday Schools, and Woman's Auxiliaries in Kentucky to assist in

raising all the funds possible, and forward the same to Brother F. S. Vanhooose at Paintsville, Kentucky. These funds will be turned over to the State Association when it convenes in Lousia, Kentucky next June. These said funds will be for the purchase of a Free Will Baptist Orphans home in our state.

We, the Free Will Baptists of Kentucky, propose to request the Kentucky State Association when in ses-

sion at Lousia to elect sufficient committees and trustees which will select a suitable site for the orphans home and secure deed for same.

Our earnest desire and prayer to God is that each Free Will Baptist in Kentucky will give this matter their earnest and prayerful consideration. Not only this, but we also hope that each one will do their Christian best to make this dream of a home to care for our motherless and fatherless children come true in Kentucky. This will mean that every last one of us will do everything within his power to raise every dollar he can to make this home a reality in our state.

We realize that in promoting this work that we are in keeping with

the Scriptures, for the apostle James said that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world" James 1:27.

Jesus also said in Matthew 25: 35, 36, 40, "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Johnson County Quarterly Conference,
W. L. Hooper, Moderator,

Foreign Mission Board at the National Association in Drumright last July.

Upon learning of the noble work of Sister Esterbrook in Barbados, the Association donated subscriptions to both of our denominational papers for Sister Esterbrook, as a token of interest in and deep appreciation of her work.

When the work and challenge of India were presented, a Spirit-filled young couple, deeply moved by the need, laid their lives on the altar and requested our people to pray with them to know clearly whether or not the Lord might be calling them out to the field in India. This act of entire consecration on the part of this young couple was a magnetic power that moved the whole body close to the Throne.

The working of the Spirit throughout was an unforgettable phase of our state session. Particularly in one evening service did the Spirit of God sweep through the house, and about nine young people met the Lord at the Mercy Seat, confessed their sins and received forgiveness and assurance of their salvation. Some professing Christians entered into a new experience of full surrender. A deep sense of conviction was prevalent throughout the meeting.

The State Association will meet next year at Glennville, Georgia.

The Georgia State Association

THE Georgia State Association and Woman's Auxiliary Convention, meeting with New Salem Church near Colquitt, Georgia, November 11 to 13, report a profitable session.

Action was taken to co-operate with the plan to purchase property and construct suitable quarters for a young people's camp. This is in order to further the splendid summer camp work the State of Georgia has already been conducting.

A Field Director was appointed and authorized to perfect a State Sunday School Convention in line with our National Sunday School Convention.

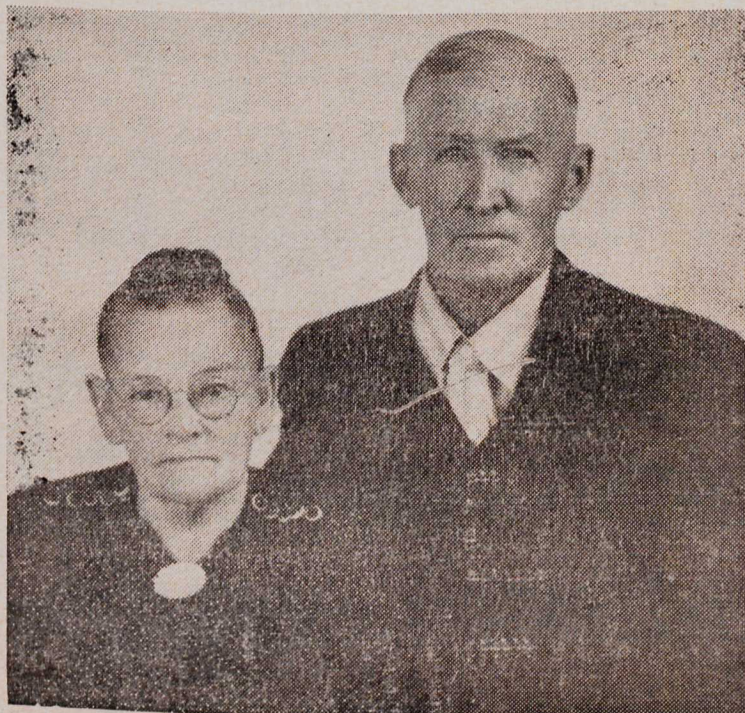
A resolution was passed to support the National Free Will Baptist school program, and Zion Bible School already operating in the state; also to co-operate heartily in the Christian Workers' Institute to be held at Jakin, Georgia, in 1942.

A significant step towards unifying our state work was the election of a state treasurer through whom the churches were urged to operate, and a definite system of allocating funds was adopted, providing for contributions to our national unified program through this central state treasury.

The support of all phases of our national work was urged upon the ministers and their churches.

Foreign missions were given a prominent place in the woman's meeting and the association. A total offering of \$66.12 for the foreign missions treasury was made, bespeaking the deepening interest of Georgia Free Will Baptists in spreading the Gospel "into all the world". Opportunities

for Free Will Baptist work in Cuba were presented and received with much enthusiasm, and action was taken to finance a representative from Georgia to join the delegation of men who will proceed to Cuba early in 1942 for the purpose of surveying the proposed field there and determining to what extent we as a denomination shall undertake missionary work on that island. This is in accord with the action of the



Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Allred in their Golden Wedding Anniversary
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GOLDEN WEDDING

A large gathering of relatives and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allred, 408 South B Street, Rogers, Arkansas, Sunday, October 26, marked the passing of their golden wedding anniversary. Sixty-eight were present for a dinner served at noon in the Allred home.

The dinner table was centered with a huge ornate wedding cake in gold

and white. Autumn flowers in the same colors further added their touch of appropriate atmosphere and decoration. Guests were present from Rogers, La Rue, and Pilgrim's Rest, Arkansas, and Monett, Missouri. A second hand-decorated cake was the gift of Mrs. W. B. Kennan.

Mr. Allred, 71 years old, was born in North Carolina and came to Arkansas in his 10th year. Mrs. Allred, who before her marriage at La Rue,

was Miss Emily May Hawthorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hawthorne, is 68 years old and came to Arkansas from her native state of Alabama when but four years old. Both have lived in the state near Rogers since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred are the parents of three children, Mrs. Henry Boydston and Mrs. Dof Boydston, both of Rogers, Arkansas, and Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri.



GOSPEL SERMONS



Tithing--A New Testament Truth

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

DUE to the fact we never hear any one deny the doctrine of tithing as it is in the Old Testament; but often we hear it denied as being set forth in the New Testament, therefore, we will confine our statements here, principally to New Testament proofs.

However, in the beginning, I would like to treat briefly upon this fact:

The Inseparable Connection Between the Old and the New.

We continually hear folks saying we are not living under the law. Would one who says that dare say that even one of the ten commandments, in principle, was ever done away with? They are just as obligatory upon us, in effect, as they ever were. Not one principle of the law was ever changed; only in custom was the change made. The fact is, we live under the finished law, the law fulfilled, the law made perfect. Christ was the end of the law; not that it ended with Him, but in Him it had a perfect finishing. Love to God, with all the heart, soul, mind, etc., and love to one's neighbor as ones self; upon these Jesus said hangs all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:40). Christ is love, and in His presentation, He manifested that love of which the law was largely void. He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill (or to fill full) Matt. 5:17. The eighteenth verse reads, "till heaven and earth pass one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." When will all be fulfilled? Not until His redemptive work is finished. When will it be finished? Not until our bodies

are redeemed, and that of course will be at His second coming.

Christ did not dissolve the law, He simply added to it or completed it. Even the principle of sacrifice was not done away with. It is true, we do not offer animal sacrifices any more. Why do we not? Because the perfect lamb, "the Lamb of God" has been offered; but yet it is sacrifice, see, and in turn we should offer ourselves living sacrifices.

The Old Testament is *RICH* when interpreted under the light of the New, and without it, the New would be perfectly meaningless to us. So much of the writings of the new are simply references to, and quotations from, the Old. It is all enfolded in the Old and unfolded in the New. The one substantiates the other. If the Old Testament was not beneficial to us, God would not have handed it down to us as a part of our Bible. It is strange, many people *DO TAKE* many statements from the Old; but when we come to the word "tithing" they turn "thumbs down" so to speak. Prophecy for one example. We find as much, if not more, prophecy in the Old than in the New. If we say no to the Old, we are saying no to a lot of rich prophetic truth?

Some say, in the New Testament offerings are asked for, but not the tithe. Let us give you this to think about. God said in Malachi 3:8, that the people had robbed Him in tithes and offerings. Notice the word *offerings*. You are taking an old testament word, offerings, and carrying it over to the New. Listen, if you can take the one word "offerings" from Malachi

3:8 and carry it over to, and under, the new then you can and should take also the word "tithe". On the other hand, if you can't take the word "tithe" because it is of the Old, then neither can you take the word "offering"; because it is just as truly an old testament word. Yes, indeed, it is the same today as in the days of Malachi: the plan is "tithes and offerings". We have given no offering until we have paid our debt to God which is the tithe. True, we should go beyond the tithe; but that does not obliterate the fact and doctrine of the tithe.

Some say many people use the tithe, which to be sure is the minimum, as a way of getting around paying any more than that; just that and stop at that. I say also there are many no doubt but what contend for the "offerings" only, and have that as a way of getting by with paying far less than what their tithe would have been. I think the rule will work both ways there. Many people will make a hundred dollars, we will say for example, and their offering is perhaps a dollar or two. Their tithe would have been ten dollars, and even then they would have only paid their debt to God. I know by experience when one starts tithing the increase in the Lord's purse will surprise you.

We will take no more time on this point; but I want to get now to direct New Testament scriptures.

As Abraham, and the Levites in his lions, paid tithes to Melchisedec so we in turn pay tithes to Christ of whom Melchisedec was a type. Heb. 7th chapter.

Yes, the heading of this particular topic is exactly the teachings of this New Testament chapter on tithing. Long before Moses was even born, or

twenty per cent. It does not mean five per cent. Then what does it mean? Well, what proportion does the Bible set forth? The only proportion the Bible sets forth is the tithe, or one-tenth. Then undoubtedly that is what is implied here. One may give 50% or even more. Of course that is one's privilege and he will be blessed for it; but 50% is not the Bible proportion or else it would have said 50% instead of saying 10%. Some one may say, "Under Grace we owe Him all". If you do, then why don't you give Him all? Now it is true one should have all surrendered to Him, and should be willing for Him to have it all any time He should call for it; but in the face of consistency, we know God intends we eat and wear and have the necessities of life, so therefore He sets forth a proportionate plan of finance, and then of course if we have the love of the Lord in our hearts as we should, we will take pleasure in laying an offering on top of the tithe.

May this prove a blessing to all who may chance to read it is my humble and sincere prayer.

No, the word "tithe" is not mentioned in this verse; but it is implied. It does say "as God hath prospered him". No other guage is found in the Bible by which we may proportion our giving other than the tithe. Let us use this scriptural example. Jesus said in Matt. 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Now communion, the washing of the saint's feet, etc., are not mentioned in word in these verses; but who would try to claim that they are not implied in the statement "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"? So it is in this scripture, "As the Lord hath prospered *you*". It does not mean

Here Paul is referring to the book of Numbers 18th chapter, verses 21 to 28. Please read those verses, which simply tell how the priests and Levites who ministered at the temple and the altar, and not being allowed an inheritance among the people they were supported by the tithes brought in by the congregation. Then verse 14 of 1 Cor. 9th chapter says "EVEN SO hath the Lord (or Christ) ordained (or set forth) that they which preach the GOSPEL should live of the gospel." This *EVEN SO* means the same as



Church Activity & Progress



Woman's Auxiliary Work in St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It is, indeed, a privilege to write a few lines to our *Gem* and its readers, reporting the progress of our Woman's Auxiliary work here in St. Louis, Missouri.

We have just reorganized our auxiliary and elected new officers. We are looking forward for great things to be accomplished in this great work which God has given us to do.

We are thanking God for giving us such a wonderful and spiritual president, Sister Eunice Edwards. Sister Edwards has inspired us to do greater things for the Master, and by God's help we expect to be about our Father's business. Pray for us so that we may be as Paul, the apostle, said to the churches of Galatia in Gal. 6:9 when he said "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." That is our desire, that we may press forward and not be weary in well doing but reap as he has promised us.

Our membership is holding up good and we are having some very spiritual services. We had one soul reclaimed at one of our recent meetings, for which we thank God.

We are studying our Year Book of Programs for Woman's Auxiliary and find them very interesting. We are also visiting the homes and having prayer meetings in an effort to reach the lost, and also praying with the sick.

Pray for us that we may be always in the center of God's will.

—Sister Sylvia Hill, Reporter.

Woman's Auxiliary Work Lackey, Kentucky

We, the Free Will Baptist Auxiliary women want to give you a note on our good work for the Lord. Sister McAdams has been with us and helped us get started. We are so thankful for her and her good work.

On September 22, Sister McAdams was sent to us from the National Association to explain the mission plan put forth by our Woman's Auxiliary Convention. The pastor, Bro.

Roy Bellomy, opened service with a splendid talk, urging the women to co-operate with the Auxiliary plan. Then Brother McAdams gave a short message from Romans 8th chapter. Two prayers were offered before Sister McAdams went into the organization. It was a deep spiritual service, and many good things said in interest of the work.

Then officers were elected and the auxiliary organized according to the national plan. All members purchased a manual to learn more about the duties of all officers and members. The meeting was dismissed with a song and an old fashioned handshake.

We have had several meetings and are having great success with our work. We are thankful for Sister McAdams. She also placed a Jehoiaida chest in our church which is a great help to the church. She also placed the penny-a-day jars in several homes which is proving a great success. Our penny jars brought \$5.00 from September 22 to October 22. This is a small town but the Lord is with us. We ask you Gem readers to send up a little prayer for us that we may be successful and do a great work for the Lord.

—Vednia Daniels, Sec'y.

Woman's Auxiliary Work Aurora, Missouri

Dear Co-workers and Gem Readers: This is my first attempt to write to the *Gem*, and I just want this to be an appeal. Our Auxiliary received such good letters from Bro. I. L. Stanley, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Greeneville, Tennessee, to whom we sent a barrel of canned fruit and also Miss Barnard to whom we sent a box of household articles for use in India.

God has laid it on my heart to ask all who will and are financially able to help in this great cause. Brother Stanley writes me saying they could use a barrel of apples or potatoes, or both. Perhaps some of you could send him a barrel of fruit. He also tells me he could use quilts for three quarter beds, also sheets, pillow slips, dresser scrabs, home made rag rugs, or anything that is of use in the home. It will soon be Christmas

and let us not disappoint these dear little ones. "Then were there brought unto Him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" Matt. 19:13-14.

I would suggest, since freight rates are very high, that if any one should wish to send the money instead it would be acceptable. One barrel of potatoes or apples would weigh 175 pounds. The barrel of fruit we shipped weighed 180 pounds and the freight was \$3.18 to Greeneville. So you see the freight would pay for the apples or potatoes. There may be a difference in what you ship. I am counting on you and more than that God is counting on you. Will we fail Him? No we must not fail Him.

A mother built a temple
With loving and infinite care;
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with *prayer*.

None praised her increasing efforts,
None knew of her wonderful plan,
For the temple the mother built
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

But the temple the mother built
Will last while the ages roll
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a *child's immortal soul*.

—Mrs. Anna Carter.

Report of Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Field Worker

Dear Gem Readers:

Today as I sit here, I think of how good the Lord has been to us as His children. I'm so glad that "I know that my Redeemer liveth" and as I write I want to give you a little report of the work that the Lord has been blessing us with.

During my last appointment at the Hickory Grove Church the Lord's presence was with us and we had good services. We were also happy to organize a league while we were there with twelve members; the most of them being converts of our recent revival which was conducted by Sister Alice Dickey. Do remember this little

band of workers in your prayers as we work together throughout this year.

I have done very little concerning the auxiliary work so far. I've visited two churches (Neola, near Greenfield, Mo.; Independence, near Stockton, Mo.) Weather conditions have made it impossible to accomplish much as field worker this year. I wish to visit as many churches as possible. If any church has a special time they would like for me to come, let me know and I will try to make arrangements to that effect. Auxiliary workers, let's pray much this year concerning this work and I know the Lord is going to hear and answer our prayers. Then, a year from now may we be rejoicing because of the fact that we have been organized into a State Auxiliary Convention.

As I close, I ask an interest in your prayers that I may be in the center of God's will at all times. Christian friends, I think of the scripture, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" John 4:34. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" John 9:4.

In His Great Service,

— Marie Thomas

Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor

Rev. Charles Miller, Reporter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May we give a report of the progress of our work in St. Louis.

On October 18, 1941, the Southeast Missouri League Association met with our church and was gratefully enjoyed by all that attended. The theme was "Christian Citizenship". We had lots of good singing, praying, shouting, and a good time in the service of the Lord.

On Sunday, October 19, we had the pleasure of listening to another wonderful sermon preached by Sister Eunice Edwards. Again the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in our midst.

On October 12th, the church motored out to Merrimac River where we had a baptismal service. The mighty power of God was there. We saw our pastor, Bro. Lewis, baptize his little girl, Rosean, which to me was the sweetest of them all. For God said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such

is the kingdom of heaven."

At present we are in the midst of a Bible school, with Rev. B. F. Brown, of Cassville, Missouri, as teacher. The Spirit has been in every service. We desire to learn more about God and how to lead the lost to Christ.

When our Bible school is over we are planning to have a revival meeting, so when you pray don't forget to pray for our revival meeting, that many souls will be saved; also that the Lord will bless Bro. Zinn, our evangelist, and the many good people that are so good to help us in this great work for the Master. May God's blessings rest upon you all is our prayer.

Revival News Red Bay, Alabama

Dear Gem Readers:

I have just returned from North Carolina where I have been engaged in revival work for six weeks. I first held a meeting at Black Jack Church, near Greenville, North Carolina. This is a large country church with a membership of above four hundred, and they have some of the salt of the earth as members in this fine church. Rev. J. C. Griffin is pastor of this church and is dearly loved by the membership. He is doing a great work for the glory of God. I enjoyed my stay with these good people very much, and God blessed with a great revival.

I went from there to Little Rock church in Lucama, N. C., and found a splendid organization and unusual talent in this church that gives them great possibilities for the future. The Rev. M. E. Tyson is pastor of this splendid group and is very highly appreciated.

From there I went to Union Grove church for a week's meeting and found a wide awake congregation that was anxious for a revival and God heard the prayers of these people and gave us a wonderful revival with thirty-four added to the church during this week and the membership was wonderfully revived. I have never worked with a more appreciative people.

From there I went to St. Mary's in New Bern, N. C., for a ten day's meeting. I found a very active bunch of people here who had been praying and looking forward to a revival for several weeks. Surely this church has some of the finest talents to be found in our denomination. The Rev.

W. B. Everett is pastor of this fine church and is one of the most beloved men that I have ever worked with. God blessed with several confessing Christ and taking membership with the church during this meeting.

From there I came back home and started a meeting in our new church in Vernon, Alabama on the following Sunday, where great crowds were in attendance at each service. For the evening service chairs had to be brought from the basement and placed in the isles to accommodate the crowds. This meeting lasted only five days and nights and was a great success, with ten confessing Christ and taking membership in the church by baptism.

This finished my eight consecutive months in revivals, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed with hundreds of conversions. I have one other meeting in Columbus, Mississippi that is to begin the second Sunday in November, then I hope to rest a few months and settle down to my pastoral duties.

— M. L. Hollis.

Illinois District Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary

The district meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at Union Free Will Baptist church, about four miles southwest of Thompsonville, Illinois, October 24, 1941.

The meeting was opened by singing and prayer. Sister Elsie Curtis read from Psalms 27. We then heard the reading of the last meeting, which was held at the Rescue Free Will Baptist Church last April. Next was the reports of the different auxiliaries. All gave splendid reports. It would be too lengthy to go into detail with all these reports, but these auxiliaries are doing fine work. One auxiliary reported 21 members with all members as tithers. Another reported about 25 souls saved in cottage prayer meetings.

At the eleven o'clock hour, Sister Nettie Mae Bustin, a visiting sister from Jonesboro, Arkansas, gave a very inspiring message. Her Scripture was found in Luke's gospel. She used for her subject, "Sitting at Jesus' feet".

A bountiful dinner was spread at the noon hour which was greatly enjoyed by all.

We came together again about 1:30. Sister Curtis introduced the penny-a-day plan, and it was very favorably received. A collection of \$16.32 was taken for Sister Laura B. Barnard,

one of our missionaries. We pray God's richest blessings upon her and her great work.

Sister Lois Sneed, one of our dear sisters from Rescue Auxiliary, led the praise service. I think most every one in the house had a testimony for the Lord, and His spirit was greatly manifested.

Our next meeting will be held at Webb's Prairie Free Will Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April. This church has not as yet organized an auxiliary, but we are praying that this meeting may prove a blessing and that many might get a glimpse of this great work.

Sister Elsie Curtis, *President*,
Mrs. C. J. Kettelman, *Cor. Sec'y*.

Sandy City F. W. B. Church

Catlettsburg, Kentucky

L. E. Collier, Pastor

Gertrude Bowe, Reporter.

Dear Co-workers:

We are still rejoicing as we again report to you. We are in the second week of our revival, and fourteen precious souls have prayed through to victory. How we praise God for these souls because it is just what we have been praying for—that God would make a break on our young people. It has been said that there has not been such a revival spirit as this at Sandy City in fifteen years. Many others are under conviction and we're trusting they, too, will be saved before this meeting closes.

We have been able to pay off the eighty dollars (\$80.00) borrowed from the bank to go on our lot three months ahead of schedule. The money was borrowed for four months, but through God's bountiful blessings we were able to pay it all in one month.

Brother and Sister McAdams came to our church on our November business meeting. They were with us the first five nights of our revival, and they were a great help to us. While here Sister McAdams completed the organization of a Woman's Auxiliary. Our women did not know very much about the Woman's Auxiliary, but after Sister McAdams explained it our women, without an exception, are very much interested in it.

Sister McAdams also placed both the "Jeholada Chest" and "Penny-A-Day" banks in our church. We have fifty-eight members.

Last Sunday (November 9) thirteen from Sandy City went to Paintsville, Kentucky, where a District

Woman's Auxiliary of Kentucky was organized. We thank God for the Christian fellowship and wonderful Spirit manifested in this service, but we will let our secretary of the District Auxiliary, Mrs. James K. Maynard, report this meeting.

While Brother and Sister McAdams were here we went one afternoon to the county jail for services with the men there. They were very attentive and eagerly took the tracts and a copy of the *Gem* which Sister McAdams gave them. We sincerely hope this will become one of our regular services, for we realize those men need Jesus in their lives.

We are having prayer services two and three times a day in different communities and sections of the city in the interest of our revival. Last night we had representatives of every church in the city in our congregation. We thank God for the Christian fellowship existing in this revival because we know old Satan can't beat it. One night we had some folks from as far as Paintsville and Prestonsburg, Kentucky; also some folks from Ohio.

We will try to stop now and not make this report too long. We want you Christians everywhere to continue to remember us in prayer. May God bless you all.

Highland Park F. W. B. Church

Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines from us again. It is indeed a great pleasure to report the wonderful blessings the Lord has showered upon us the last few months. We only closed one revival in July and then while Bro. Winford Davis was with us went directly into another on the 7th day of September, which lasted until his departure on the 21st. A goodly number were saved and reclaimed. This revival, as it seems to me, meant a lot to the saved part of the congregation as well. Several united with the church, six were baptized, Saturday evening, September 20, in the river, the same as our Lord some 2,000 years ago.

On Sundays our church was not large enough for all present. Pray for us that in the near future we will be able to build on to our present building that hundreds may hear the word of God. We have the room to build to the back of our church. The only thing we need now is sufficient faith in Him to launch out for greater numbers, for how can they be saved

if they do not hear the gospel?

At our last conference we made one step that certainly is in the right direction. The body passed on a resolution to send not less than \$50.00 per year to the foreign mission fund. May this be only a beginning. We are not putting this in as a boast, but that it may inspire some other church or individual to do according to their ability.

The reports we have received from Bro. Riggs, our pastor, while away were very good. We certainly are glad that the Lord has used him in such a way while there. Quite a number of souls were saved in the revivals that he conducted. It is worth a lot for a minister to be able to go into other fields and get new visions and inspirations. May the time come that we, as Free Will Baptists, will be organized in such a way that more co-operation will be received from all units.

At present, we have four churches in Michigan. Soon we will be able to organize an association of our own and work with the National Association. May the Lord soon open the way. There is a number of Free Will Baptist ministers in Michigan. "Only Trust Him." That old song rings in my ears. If only it would ring in all our hearts we could go a long way for Him. We could restore the churches that were lost not so many years ago to other denominations. We could soon have colleges and institutions as we should have. Oh, how we need to educate our teachers and pastors as well, in order to teach the "babes in Christ".

—V. S. Versnick.

First Free Will Baptist Church

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Reporter

As always, we are glad to report the blessings of the Lord. Our new building is nearing completion, and it is a beautiful house of God, and we thank Him for it. Each service is well attended and it's just like a revival; souls are being saved and we are receiving new workers for the Lord. We were glad to have Rev. Hillard visit with us on November 19 and thank God for the good message that he delivered at the eleven o'clock hour. Jesus loves a willing worker and we are able to work for Him wherever we go.

The Lord is blessing with our penny banks and the Jeholada chest.

We are praying much concerning the work of the Woman's Auxilliary. If ever the harvest was white it's now, and we need every laborer available. If we will stay in the center of God's will we can have power to do the great work for Him. There are many in need, but most of all there are many who hunger for the gospel. Many organizations are able to supply with some needs but it takes the people of God to supply the spiritual needs. Those who love the Lord and have power with Him, His Spirit is there. It is the desire of this people to be soul winners for Him.

A number from this church attended the Mission Rally held at the New Home Church where Bro. Benton is doing a wonderful work as pastor. We were made to feel the presence of the Lord throughout the entire service.

The community singing met at our church a few Sundays ago and the house was filled to its capacity and people were standing where ever they could find room. We are never able to seat everyone, even since we have enlarged the building. We thank God that people are able to come and are made able to want to come back.

We invite each of you to come and visit with us and worship the One from whom all blessings come.

A Voice From Ohio Report of H. M. & Lizzie McAdams

Dear Co-workers:

Since we last wrote to our kindred in the Lord, it has been our happy privilege to visit our people in the state of Ohio.

We first contacted Brother and Sister Sheppherd who are well posted on all the state work. We indeed found two dear souls in these saints of God. They are the very salt of the earth. When we drove up to their door, they met us with a smile and said, "Make our home your home while in our midst". After a few minutes visit, Bro. Sheppard made an itinerary for us and Sister Sheppard called Bro. Kemper and made our first appointment with his church at Porter for Monday night.

We went with them Sunday night and visited a glorious revival at Union church which had been in progress for several weeks. It was wonderful to feel the same sweet fellowship in Ohio that we have away down in Texas.

Then Monday night we were made happy again when we met a splendid

congregation at our Porter church. It was a real joy to explain our Auxilliary work and see them want to get lined up with our National program. We had no trouble in organizing with a nice group of members and all officers appointed according to the manual.

Then Tuesday night we visited the Fredrick church, but it was raining and there were not enough out to organize.

Wednesday night we visited the old fashion prayer meeting at Sciotoale church, and after service we explained the Auxilliary work and such a sweet Spirit prevailed. We organized an Auxilliary. Bro. Rankins is pastor at Sciotoale and is a fine man of God. We visited his church at Bloom and several other churches with small crowds on account of bad nights. But we left manuals and year books to be studied after we were gone.

We then visited the Welston church where Bro. F. L. Mitchell is pastor. He couldn't be with us on account of being in a revival at another place, but Bro. Melvin Dunn was there and opened the service and introduced us. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a wonderful way. We organized an auxilliary and met with them the next day and gave a lesson in the manual. It was our privilege to spend the night with Bro. Dunn and also Bro. Mitchell. Bro. Mitchell feels the call to revival work and we feel that God is going to use him in a wonderful way.

On Monday night Bro. and Sister Mitchell went with us to Glen Ray, a small church, but praise the dear Lord we were able to organize.

Then on Tuesday night, Bro. and Sister Dunn accompanied us to our dear old Kyger church, which was almost under water during the 1937 flood. The church needs a revival, and lets pray that the dear pastor will soon see the desire of his heart in the salvation of souls. We spent two nights with Brother and Sister Jacobs, some of the oldest members. They are not able to take on new duties now and the number was small, so we didn't organize there or at Silver Run church. But no doubt later these dear pastors of both churches will be able to organize. The pastor at Silver Run was a splendid young man who gave us a Christian welcome.

We visited the Wakefield and Scioto churches without organizing, but there was good interest at both places and the pastors gave us a warm welcome.

I don't have my address book and I can't think of their names just now.

We then visited Bro. Adams and his church at Long Run and had a glorious service. We thank God for this dear pastor for he told the church he was for the national program. We had a splendid group of women for the auxilliary. We met with them the next day and gave them a lesson in the Manual of Methods. We sure do have some fine women in the church there and we look for a good work by the auxilliary in the future.

We then visited Bro. Hall's church at McDurmont. They have a new church and they are anxious to get started in our woman's work.

Our last visit was with the good pastor of Houston Hallow, Brother Riddlebarger. They are interested but didn't organize.

We then came back to Union church and met a splendid congregation for the purpose of organizing a district auxilliary convention. It was a glorious hour. The first vice president from Garden City, where we had organized on Sunday afternoon, came with a temperance program which meant much just before the election. Bro. Ketter is pastor at Garden City and we really did have a fine auxilliary organized there, and a splendid welcome by the dear pastor's good wife. After the temperance program, we organized the district convention and appointed delegates to the National Association. We feel that we have a splendid staff of officers that will carry on the work according to our manual.

We praise God for the work done in Ohio. Bro. Kemper didn't get to be with us as he was in a revival at Porter. In fact, a number of our preachers were, but we do thank God for the good co-operation of the dear pastors.

Saturday morning found us getting ready to say good-bye to Bro. and Sister Sheppard, who had become dear to us during our work while in their midst. We left late Saturday afternoon and started for Sandy City church at Cattletsburg, Kentucky, to be with Bro. Colliver Saturday night and organize an auxilliary. We found a splendid crowd and a warm welcome. After the work was thoroughly explained we left them to think it over until Sunday afternoon. Then at 1:30 o'clock we opened the service with a foreign mission lecture. So that gave both sides to our missionary program. Oh, how happy we were to get a large number in the

organization. Before we left we had 47 members and the president said they would get the other three and make 50. Bro. Colliver has a real church and they are planning to build soon. They have their lot all paid for. They started their revival Sunday night and had eight conversions up till Wednesday night. Before we left Bro. Colliver explained our work to his people and took an offering on our expenses and received \$30.43. Oh, that all of our pastors had the work at heart as this dear pastor. Our missionaries would all be enabled to work for the Master. We left Thursday and Oh, how we did hate to say good-bye to Bro. and Sister Griffith with whom we made our home, some more saints of God. All we can say is that it will be hard for us to stay away from Bro. Colliver and his good church long.

We came by Bro. Moore and said howdy to him and will return to his church later at Louisa.

We visited Walnut Grove church Thursday night and they have some fine people. Bro. Webb is pastor. The weather was bad and we didn't organize, but we feel they will later with the help of the good pastor.

We visited Bro. Millard Vanhooose' church at Tonis Creek last night and again we had a rainy night with no visible results, though we plan to be here again tonight.

Sunday afternoon, in Paintsville, at 2:30 o'clock, we have arranged with the local auxiliaries to meet and organize a district convention and appoint delegates to the National Association. The Paintsville Auxiliary is going forward in a wonderful way. In fact, all of them are and it makes us so happy to be with our dear pastors and work with them.

At this writing we are in the home of Brother and Sister Millard Vanhooose, real people of God.

We will leave Paintsville Monday for West Virginia where we will organize a district convention. Pray for us that God will use us to His glory and the salvation of souls.

We will give you the honor roll with a new state added:

Penny Banks Chests

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| North Carolina | 832 | 109 |
| Missouri | 158 | 17 |
| Kentucky | 133 | 9 |
| Ohio | 97 | 12 |
| Oklahoma | 88 | 7 |
| West Virginia | 38 | 6 |
| South Carolina | 34 | 4 |
| Georgia | 20 | 3 |
| Texas | 19 | 4 |

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| Illinois | 11 | 8 |
| Florida | 6 | 1 |
| Alabama | 5 | 1 |
| Note—New churches taking banks: Drop me a card as to your number so I can add them to the honor roll. | | |

—H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

Young People's Report First F. W. B. Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Readers of the Gem:

We are glad to report the good work at our Tulsa church. We have around 60 young people who are interested in the activities of the church.

The young folks have just paid out \$10.00 for foreign missions and now plan on giving \$10.00 for the building program of the church. We are progressing nicely in rebuilding the church. We realize it is the goodness of God that we are progressing.

We have prayer at 7:00 P. M. every Sunday for the young people. This prayer service has been and is a great benefit to us which we all enjoy. It is our goal to reach higher heights and deeper depths for our Lord.

Free Will Baptist Church Pikeville, Kentucky

Rev. A. L. Jackson, Pastor
Mrs. Albert Webb, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

It is again I am writing to the Gem so that our friends in Christ may help share some of the wonderful blessings that God has been showing down upon us.

We have had four cottage prayer meetings since we last wrote to the Gem, and I am glad to report the Holy Spirit was felt throughout each of these services. A precious young mother was gloriously saved after ten or fifteen minutes of earnest prayer. There was then much testifying and rejoicing in the Lord.

A young man who had known the sweet fellowship of our dear Savior but had fallen by the wayside wept his way back to Calvary and gave a wonderful testimony of the Father's saving power.

We had two other conversions at the Sunday night service on November 2, a young man and woman. They were baptized and united with the church November 9. God is forever in the saving business if men and women will just give Him the the

whole right-of-way in their hearts.

On the afternoon of November 2 a group from our church met at the Paintsville church for the purpose of helping organize a Woman's Auxiliary District Convention. Your humble reporter was elected district first vice president. There was no preaching service but the sweet Spirit was present and there was testifying and shouting and praising God. Each of us were repaid ten-fold for our trip.

Bro. and Sister McAdams stopped with us on their way to West Virginia. We had two good services together. May God's blessings rest upon them wherever they are!

We are endeavoring to get a district and state Sunday School Convention organized in this section. Brothers James Owens and Gabe Ratliff are on the committee from our church, visiting and inviting the other Sunday schools to co-operate. Where there are no Sunday schools we hope by the help of God to get some organized. We feel that the Free Will Baptist people should have Sunday schools where they have churches. A child's early training shapes his life for later years. The scripture tells us to "Bring up a child in the way in which he is to go and when he is old he will not depart from it." by the grace of God may we teach our children to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and by doing so they will become the very best leaders of our churches in the future years.

Let us, as Free Will Baptists, enlist in this great army for Christ and teach our little ones the blessed hope of Christ the world can't ever take away from them.

Pray that we will continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand and go wherever He leads us.

Green Hill F. W. B. Church Cameron, Oklahoma

Rev. O. D. Wickham, Pastor
Mac Didway, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

It is a pleasure for me to write a few lines to the Gem and its readers, reporting the wonderful progress our church has been making the past few months.

We are looking forward to finishing our house.

We are sorry Rev. W. M. Easton is in ill health, which is keeping him from attending church regularly. We are hoping to see him back in the services soon.

We are very thankful for our

pastor, Rev. O. D. Wickham and his family. Bro. Wickham is a wonderful pastor. We believe he has the Cause at heart.

Rev. O. D. Wickham and his family, assisted by Bro. Cecil Underwood, sang some fine special songs in the church services Sunday night.

Missouri Sunday School Work

Dear Sunday School Workers:

As Director of Organization of the Missouri State Sunday School Convention, I would like to encourage our work as a unit of our great denomination. I believe we, as a denomination, will reach out with all the zeal of a Christian spirit to encourage the teaching of our boys and girls the words of God's eternal truth.

We are asking for a united prayer of all our workers that we may see our work grow in our program of teaching God's word. This should be the desire of every teacher teaching His word.

We are planning a series of articles, beginning in the January issue, on the Sunday school and its influence. Let's think what impression the Sunday school has made on us as individuals.

I am planning to visit all our associations, especially where there is no Sunday school convention. I would like to explain our work to them. Our state president, Rev. Geo. La Shum, said in our November *Gem* he was planning to visit all of our conventions. I am sure he will be an encouragement to your convention. I would say to every convention secretary, send him the date of your convention for he has the work at heart.

Our Madison County Convention meets on the fourth Sunday before each fifth Sunday.

Our St. Francois County Convention meets on each fifth Sunday.

If you are interested in a work in your association, get in touch with our president or myself.

—Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Merls Chapel Woman's Auxiliary Cassville, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been several months since we have sent in a report on our Auxiliary activities, but we are still working for the Lord and He has greatly blessed us in everything we have undertaken for His cause.

In September, we had Brother and Sister Cecil Campbell as visitors or as helpers; as Sister Campbell is a field worker. She helped us to get organized into a Woman's Auxiliary. Their visit was truly a blessing to us and we pray God's richest blessings may rest upon them.

We elected as our president, Mrs. Alta Bush; First Vice President, Mrs. Aletha Tow; Second Vice President, Mrs. Exia Riddle; Third Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Bush; Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Monteen Starnes; Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Zora Flaugherty. Mrs. Alta Jefferson was retained as Secretary and Treasurer.

We are going into this work very prayerfully that through His guidance we might be able to do our little bit in this world for the up-building of His cause. We have been sponsoring the penny-a-day plan and thus far have received about \$55.00.

We are paying \$6.00 on the pledge for the Gem equipment.

The Fourth Vice President has given one lesson on stewardship, and there will be one more lesson this month as we meet twice each month.

We have only had one meeting since we have been organized, but each member is starting into this work with much enthusiasm. We have been working under almost this same plan and was blessed greatly, but we hope to do much more under the present plan.

—Monteen Starnes, Ass't. Reporter

Hector, Arkansas

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I received a copy of the Gem and have read and enjoyed it so much. Especially did I enjoy the editor's page on the history of the Free Will Baptist church. I am glad we have such facts to be reprinted so our people can know the truth on such matters. I have always wished that our people could better understand these facts.

I did not get to attend our Arkansas State Association this year.

If our churches would work together we could do a great work. I feel we need more full time pulpit services. Every church needs a pastor to live with the church and oversee the much needed work. I heartily endorse the National Association, although Arkansas has never become a member.

May God bless the Gem.

—Eld. J. D. Coffman.

CHIPS

From T. C. Ferguson's Sermons

Money makes soft beds to sleep on, but it usually makes hard beds to die on.

Many people never get the truth; they only get what seeps through their prejudiceness.

War is organized insanity.

Nothing short of doing our best will fully satisfy God, and it ought not satisfy you.

God will never hold you accountable for what you can't do, but He will hold you accountable for what you ought to do and can do but don't do.

God has done His best for you. What have you done for Him?

You are your own worst enemy, so quit criticizing other people.

God often smiles on us when it should be frowns.

You can serve Christ by keeping your nose out of other people's business.

Why don't you know more than you do about the Free Will Baptists? It is because you don't read their church papers.

Prayer to God is the soul of man in communion with God.

If you don't like children, don't go to heaven for there are lots of children there. You will be miserable.

If you want to have friends be friendly yourself.

Climb down in yourself and you will climb up to God.

Some people spring their heels far more than they do their knees. Do you?

Missouri Treasurer's Report

Foreign Missions

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| Mt. Zion Church (N. W. Mo.) | \$1.00 |
| True Blue Class Mt. Olive (Neola) Sunday School | 2.00 |
| Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission | 1.00 |
| Leadington Auxiliary | 5.00 |
| Highland Park F. W. B. Church (Detroit) Michigan | 25.00 |
| Flat River-Leadington Auxiliary (for S. A. Esterbrook) | 5.00 |
| Pleasant Grove Sunday School | 2.78 |
| Mine La Motte Sunday School | 1.23 |
| Hazel Creek Union Church | 10.03 |
| Woman's Auxiliary Monett Church (for Miss Barnard's Wardrobe) | 7.00 |
| River Mines Auxiliary (for S. A. Esterbrook) | 5.00 |
| Rock Chapel | 2.00 |
| Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri (for S. A. Esterbrook) | 2.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Justice, Monett | 5.00 |
| Rev. C. R. Dick Eldorado Sp'gs. | 2.00 |
| Monett Church | 11.85 |

New Machinery Fund

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| Rev. Paul Williams, Carterville | \$25.00 |
| Rev. John B. Rollins, Monett | Mo. 57.24 |
| Mr. Tibbets, Blue Eye, Mo. | 1.00 |
| Rev. Winford Davis, Monett | ..10.00 |
| Freedom Quarterly Meeting of Southern Illinois |10.00 |
| Monett Church | 5.00 |
| Rev. Cecil Horner, Stahl, Mo. | .. 2.00 |
| Rev. C. R. Dick, Eldorado Sp'gs. | 4.00 |
| Rev. B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo. | 5.00 |
| Ernestine Turner, Neosho, Mo. | .. 10.00 |
| T. F. Lewis, Freeman, Mo. | 5.00 |
| Lyle Roller, Monett, Mo. |10.00 |

Fund for sending Rev. Kenneth Turner to Cuba with Motion Picture Machine

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| A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo. |\$1.00 |
| Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield | .75 |
| Willard Halbrook, Leadington | .. 1.00 |
| Rev. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo. | 1.00 |
| Rev. Margaret Timmons, Monett | 1.00 |
| Carolyn Farmer, Aurora, Mo. | .. 1.00 |

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| Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla. | 1.00 |
| Rev. Cecil Horner, Stahl, Mo. | .. 1.00 |
| Mrs. Cecil Horner, Stahl, Mo. | .. 1.00 |
| Will Price, Arcola, Mo. | 1.00 |

Jehoida Chest Fund

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| Leadington Auxiliary |\$3.00 |
| River Mines Auxiliary, Flat River | 3.00 |
| Hickory Grove Church, Archie | .. 1.00 |
| Leadington-Flat River Auxiliary | 1.00 |
| Macedonia Church | 1.00 |
| Verdella Church | 1.00 |
| Monett Auxiliary | 1.00 |

Budget Fund

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| John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo. | ..15.00 |
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Educational Fund

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| Leroy Miller, Novinger, Mo. | ...\$10.00 |
| Mine La Motte League | 1.00 |
| Ernestine Turner, Neosho, Mo. | .. 5.00 |

Penny-A-Day Fund

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| Mt. Olive (Neola) Church |\$8.12 |
| Monett Church | 3.51 |
| Third Church, St. Louis, Mo. | .. 5.00 |
| Merls Chapel | 7.75 |

— Winford Davis, Treas.

OBITUARIES

DEVER — Mary Crabtree, fourth child of a family of twelve children of Samuel W. and Belinda Dixon Crabtree, was born in Scioto County, Ohio, February 17, 1853. She departed this life at 10:00 p.m., September 25, 1941, at her late home, being at the time of her death 88 years, 7 months and 8 days.

July, 1878, she was united in marriage to General J. Dever who departed this life more than 43 years ago.

She was the mother of four children, two dying in infancy. The surviving are a son, W. C. Martin of Detroit and a daughter Mrs. L. C. Wade, with whom she always lived.

She was converted when a girl of 15 and became a member of the old historic Providence Free Will Baptist Church, near Stockton, Ohio.

Upon her arrival in Missouri she was so happy to find the church of her choice, where so many of her relatives and old Ohio friends had come to this community and organized what is now the Verdella church. She immediately joined this church. She remained a member of this church until the Hannon church was organized. She, being much older and the church very near her home, became a member and remained a member the remainder of her life. She was the oldest member of the church at the time of her death and was a member of our denomination for more than 73 years.

She was well acquainted with the early history of the denomination and could relate so many trying experiences of the early church and such hardships of the early ministry. Her oldest brother, the late Alva Crabtree of Ohio, became a minister at 16 years old. He died heartbroken when his beloved denomination merged with the Northern Baptists. His vision was so broad that he could see the fall of the church. Grandmother Dever lived to see the rise of the church which gave her great joy.

She came to Missouri in October 1882. She endured the hardships of the early pioneers but was happy until her companion was taken from her. While she always mourned his passing she tried to be useful and continued to make friends with all who knew her.

Besides her son and daughter, she leaves a daughter-in-law, son-in-law, four grandsons, four grand-daughters, eight great grand-daughters, two great grandsons, one sister-in-law, a host of neices, nephews, and many friends to mourn the loss of one who loved them so dearly.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Hannon church with her pastor, Rev. Cecil Campbell, officiating.

CARPENTER — Elijah Carpenter, son of Alan and Louie Carpenter, was born June 10, 1858, and died July 15,

1941, at the age of 83 years, 1 month and five days.

He was married to Darcus McCormack January 28, 1883. She preceded him in death March 24, 1924.

Fourteen children were born to this union; five of them survive him: Mrs. Carter McDonald and Mrs. J. W. Alcorn of Marshfield, Mo., Mrs. J. B. Hannah of Ivanhoe, Calif., Lawrence and Leonard Carpenter of Seymour, Mo. Also two brothers, Isaac Carpenter, Seymour, Mo. and Mitchell Carpenter of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Mahala Todd, Carthage, Mo. and Mrs. Rachel Armstrong, Morris, Okla.; eighteen grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Carpenter was converted many years ago and united with the Free Will Baptist church. He spent the remainder of his life in the service of his Savior.

He was a kind, loving husband and father, who will be missed beyond expression. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. M. Marler. Interment was in the Liberty cemetery at his home church.

— Rosa Hargus, Church Clerk.

McGILL — George McGill, age 56, died November 11, 1941. He is survived by his wife, three sons, four brothers and six sisters.

He was a good Christian and has been a member of the Free Will Baptist church at North Zulch, Texas, for 34 years.

Burial was at Willow Hole cemetery with R. E. Conner, pastor, in charge.

The Oklahoma State Ass'n.

October 20, 1941, 7:30 p.m., Eld. George W. McLain, pastor of Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, introduced the state clerk, Mrs. Winnie McLain, who in turn graciously introduced the state moderator, Eld. E. E. Morris.

Following a spiritual devotional hour of testimonies, special music, and prayer, Eld. Paul Pursell of Tecumseh ably delivered the League introductory message.

Tuesday morning, Rev. Mrs. Hattie Newman of Drumright competently pictured the vast importance of mission work in her mission introductory message.

Tuesday night, Eld. Harry E. Staires of Drumright spiritually preached the associational introductory message.

Thursday morning, Eld. T. H. Dixon of Checotah commemorated those valiant souls who were called by the Great Reaper, in his memorial sermon.

Other ministers who spoke during the association were Elders J. E. Yandell, F. A. McCage, O. D. Wickham, Clay Rickey, V. L. Wilson and Dr. I. W. Yandell. The divine power of God was vibrantly felt in each message. Truly, our souls were made to sit in Heavenly places.

The men's quartet and girls' quartet of the hostess church contributed much to the spiritual feast by their singing. Also the vocal duet from Shawnee, and Eld. B. F. Rogers' vocal solo were divine blessings to the assembly.

Synopsis of the business procedure:

1. The State League and Woman's Auxiliary were organized.
2. A resolution was passed to establish subordinate associational boundaries.
3. Each subordinate association was asked to bring ten dollars to the 1942 State Association; \$5.00 for minute fund and \$5.00 to defray state expenses.
4. Each subordinate associational clerk was requested to make their yearly report on a certified associational form.

Officers and Committees and Preachers elected were:

State League:

President, Eld. Paul Pursell, Tecumseh
Vice Pres., H. E. Staires, Drumright
Rec. Sec., Hattie Smith, Stillwater
Cor. Sec., Marie Burnside, Okla. City

League Board:

Eld. E. E. Morris, Chairman, Ada
Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Clerk, Jennings
Eld. Mrs. Cleo Pursell Tecumseh
Mrs. Glennara Staires ... Drumright
Mrs. Shay Richey Blanchard
State Auxiliary:

President, Eld. Mrs. Hattie Newman
Vice Presidents:

- 1st. Mrs. Shay Richey, Blanchard
- 2nd. Eld. Elnora Gilbert, Jennings
- 3rd. Mrs. Willie Daniels
- 4th. Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Tecumseh
- 5th. Mrs. Dovie La Faye

Rec. Sec., Mrs. Winnie McLain

Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hopkins.

Treas., Mrs. Sadie Fincher, Drumright
Field Worker, Elsie Gilliam, Clemscott

State Officers:

Moderator, Eld. E. E. Morris, Ada
Ass't. Mod., Eld. Melvin Bingham
Clerk, Mrs. Winnie McLain.

Ass't. Clerk, Eld. Mrs. Cleo Pursell
Five Year State Executive Board:

Eld. Harry E. Staires ... Drumright
Eld. F. A. McCage
Eld. J. E. Yandell
Eld. E. E. Morris
Bro. Jack Hopkins

Eld. V. L. Wilson of Shawnee will deliver the league introductory message on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in June, 1942, at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground Site, on the Drumright-Sapulpa Highway.

Eld. Cleo Purcell to preach 1942 mission introductory message.

Eld. G. W. McLain, 1942 associational introductory message.

Eld. H. E. Staires to preach memorial sermon.

The 1942 State Association will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church at Wewoka, Oklahoma, on Monday night before the fourth Sunday in October.

The contributor of this article desires to express the appreciation of the State Association attendants, to the Central Presbyterian church for the use of their commodious dining hall, to the good pastor and his wonderful wife, Eld. and Mrs. Geo. W. McLain, and the members of his zealous church for their Christ-like hospitality and kind graciousness. May God richly reward each of you for your service in making our state association so profoundly spiritual.

—Elnora Gilbert,

Contributor by Request.

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