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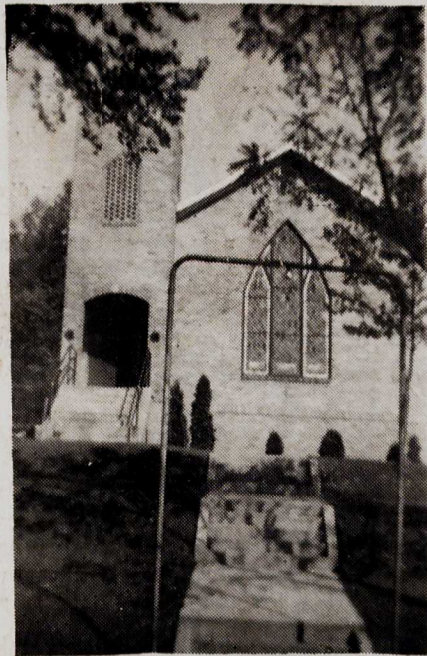
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He Leads Us On

Rev. Henry Johnson

He leads us on in days when sun doth shine
 And all of life is full of joy divine,
 When friends are true and earth a blissful song
 And not a note discordant is, or wrong;
 And when the day is run,
 He still doth lead us on.

He leads us on in ways we cannot see,
 He never fails to lead both you and me;
 E'en though the path be often dark and drear,
 And tempter's voice doth sound to mock and sneer;
 Yet when the night is done,
 We find He leads us on.

He leads us on through life's tempestuous day,
 No angel fair e'er trod more happy way;
 And when the morn eternal to us dawns,
 We'll sing His praises in enraptured songs;
 He ever leads us on,
 Thank God, His will is done.

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Christian Workers' Institute --- 1942

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- January — Erwin, Tennessee
- February — Flat River, Missouri
- March or June — Tulsa, Oklahoma
- May — Jakin, Georgia
- July — Monett, Missouri
- August — North Carolina

(Place to be chosen)

Description of Courses

The courses of study offered in the Christian Workers' Institute have been

arranged in four groups. Upon the completion of any single group, however, a certificate will be awarded the student; and, for the completion of the four groups of courses, a normal diploma will be awarded. Each group of courses offered may be finished in a session of two weeks.

BIBLE DOCTRINE—This course will treat on the doctrine of the Trinity, with special emphasis on the person and mission of Christ, the personality, office, and work of the Holy Spirit, together with the doctrines of salvation and the Church. The method of treatment will not be systematic except as applied to the specific teachings of the Word of God. The student will find this course to comprehend much of that great volume of Christian thought and faith which is essential to stability in personal life and efficiency in service.

BIBLICAL SURVEY—The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the Bible as a whole. An examination of both the Old and New Testaments with a view to recognizing their inter-relationship, literary and historic importance will receive attention. How we came in possession of our Bible, and on what grounds we may be assured of its inspiration and authorship is considered.

EVANGELISM—Soul winning is the privilege of every Christian, and no minister or church worker may be considered efficient, evangelistic, or truly faithful who disregards his obligation to the lost. In this course the student will receive vital training in the use of the Bible in personal, pastoral, and professional evangelism. He will be taught how to deal with all classes of unsaved people.

PUBLIC DISCOURSE—This deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons and gospel addresses. The subject will be presented simply, but with a thoroughness sufficient to meet a universal need among

ministers and Christian workers who have not had the advantage of homiletical training.

MISSIONS—The course in missions is considered of major importance. The subject is treated under four separate headings, and will run throughout all four sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute. In the first session the biblical background of missions will be studied; in the second session brief outlines in world-wide missions will be reviewed; in the third session Free Will Baptists in modern missions will be considered; and in the fourth session the recent awakening and present program of Foreign Missions will receive attention.

Our missionary to India, Miss Laura B. Barnard, is the author of this course.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORGANIZATION. The subject matter presented in this course is contained in the minutes of Free Will Baptist organizations, and in the unwritten customs and traditions of our denomination. Special attention will be given to the variations of customs and practices of local churches and general bodies. The purpose of this course is to bring about uniformity in organization, practices, and program.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE—The promiscuity of youth in modern society lays upon all Christian bodies grave responsibilities. Practically all vocations demand trained men and women. This course is offered in response to a widely recognized need for trained workers in all departments of the church.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION. The Sunday school is fundamentally an

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

Expenses

Regarding the expenses to students who may attend given sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute, it should be understood that a registration fee of \$1.00 is required of all students. The cost of board and lodging will necessarily vary in different places. A local church may sponsor a session of the Institute and provide free lodging to the faculty and student body, while requiring either the total or partial cost of meals. Again, a group of churches, or an association, may sponsor a given session of the Institute with all expenses paid to the student body.

Salaries

The salaries of teachers and their traveling expenses is provided for in a special allocation of \$1000.00 from the Educational Fund of the National Association. This appropriation was made in the July session of our National organization. The salary of teachers has been fixed at \$25.00 per week plus traveling expenses.

Commendation

This phase of the National Educational Program is fraught with unlimited possibilities. It brings an opportunity of competent training for definite Christian service to the people where they are. It is virtually a portable Bible School. Please, local church workers, leaders in general organization, and ministers take advantage of your opportunity. Attend, by all means, those sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute which are held within your reach.

Please address all inquiries to Rev. L. R. Ennis, 709 Park Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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Overcoming
With Christ



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The World
For Christ



Mrs. J. E. Fazier, Tennessee, Editor

Going After the Unenlisted

The month of January has been designated as perhaps the ideal time of the year for a special effort to enroll more members in daily Bible reading, and in the reading of Free Will Baptist papers.

The hope of real success in this undertaking rests definitely with the first vice-president and corresponding secretary of each local auxiliary. Both must be positively behind it, giving directions and support to all the plans for such an undertaking.

"Learn of Me"—Matt. 11:29

If we are to be yoke-fellows, laborers together with God, we must become acquainted with Him, know something of His nature, learn how He works. "Learn of me"—"Search the scriptures for they testify of me"—John 5:39.

Are you diligently studying His Word, learning of His work as it is being carried on in the world today?

In using the Auxiliary Year Book of Programs and the Free Will Baptist papers, attending the auxiliary meetings and mission study classes, it becomes easy for one to obey the command, "Look upon the fields," and to know what is being done and what is yet needed to reap an abundant harvest for our Lord.

You Might Do Likewise

The printed word comes with a quiet, persuasive power. It has no repulsive manner. Attention is not attracted from the truth to the way in which it is delivered. It persistently presents its claims and makes no angry reply. A young man in a town of central New York was distressed at the low state of religion in the place. He bought one thousand tracts and gathered about him a small company of earnest Christians, who prayerfully distributed them. The result was a revival, in which

more than fifty were converted, thirty of whom traced their first impressions to the tracts.

Only a Tract

Yes, only a tract, but what wonders it can accomplish when it falls into the hands of a hungry heart! It is like the seed that falls upon good ground and takes root, springing up to bear much fruit. But the seed in itself is powerless and without value apart from the soil, and it can only be brought into contact with the soil through the sower. Some illustrations of this are the following experiences:

Dr. Cok, a Methodist bishop, gave a tract to a family in Virginia named Cowles. The family numbered thirteen. The tract was instrumental in converting the whole family.

A man saw a tract entitled "Repent or Perish" floating in the river. He took it out, dried it, read it, and was converted.

A man refused to come to meeting, but took a tract and was converted.

A soldier in a hospital found in his bed a tract, read it, and was saved.

A woman in Leabanon, Kentucky, heard Moody preach and resolved to do something for the Lord. She gave a tract to a young man. He gave himself to God. He was Dr. Lorimer, the noted Baptist minister. He led to Christ Russell Conwell, a noted pastor of a large church in Philadelphia.

Some one gave four copies of H. L. Hastings' lecture on the "Inspiration of the Bible" to four infidels at different times. All four were converted and became ministers of the Gospel in four different denominations.

The Lord only knows the value of one tract. In 1819, while waiting to see a patient, a young physician in New York took up a tract on missions, read it, and on reaching home spoke to his wife of the question that had risen in his mind. As a result they went to Ceylon, and later

to India as missionaries. For thirty years the wife, and for thirty-six years the husband, labored among the heathen, then went to their reward. They left behind seven sons and two daughters. The sons married, and with their wives and sisters gave themselves to mission work. Thus far, thirty of that family have given five hundred and twenty-nine years to India missions as a result of this one tract. Their name was Scudder.

Only a tract, you say? Yes, but what marvels it can accomplish! In the hospitals, on the streets of your city, in your offices, at your place of work, in school, in the house next door, in the house across the street—everywhere there are individuals who are waiting for someone to speak a word or they are waiting to be handed a little tract which might start them on the upward road.

For small donations tracts can be ordered from the following:

Bible House of Los Angeles, 702 Knickerbocker Building, Los Angeles, California.

Layman Co., 730 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois. (65c).

Literature Headquarters, Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Missionary Education Movement of U. S. and Canada, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

What Readers Say

Here are a few unsolicited commendations of Woman's Auxiliary Year Book of Programs received in the mail recently:

The best book of programs for the money ever. The helps are wonderful.—A woman in Georgia.

I have not missed a single copy since the first edition. This one is a real gem in its make-up and its information.—A woman in North Carolina.

It makes me a better Christian.—A woman in Kansas.

This new book is grand. We are so enthused over them.—A woman in Alabama.

We are so very much pleased with our new year books. They are the best we have ever had.—A woman in Texas.

These splendid programs and helps are such a great help in our auxiliary that we

are still wondering how we have done without them.—A woman in Missouri.

We have wished for a long time for a larger and more efficient program book. Our wish is fully gratified in our 1941-1942 year book. We thank God for it.—A Tennessee woman.

We appreciate the time, prayer, thoughtful consideration and work that has produced our new year book. It is an answer to prayer.—A woman in Kentucky.

The Year Book is the grandest achievement ever in the field of Woman's Auxiliary literature.—A minister in North Carolina.

It is one of the most interesting and inspiring year books the auxiliary has had.—A state Woman's Auxiliary worker.

My reading it has resulted in heaven sent inspirations for several of the best sermons that I ever preached.—A minister in Missouri.

Especially have I longed and prayed for a book with suggestions that would be practical for all Women's Auxiliaries to be able to use.—A former National Auxiliary president.

I appreciate this year book more than any one thing that has ever come to the Woman's Auxiliary. It is without question the most complete book we have ever had.—A state auxiliary president.

The Auxiliary can never repay for the hour spent in the preparation of this year book which is so inspiringly done. I think the least we can do for such service rendered our national convention gratis is to help in a wide distribution of such literature.—A woman in Illinois.

WHAT do YOU say about this year book? Say it in a practical way by sending an order today to

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Monett, Missouri

JANUARY

J—January always speaks with an urgent voice asking that we "forget the things that are passed and press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". When we think of what He has called us from in our salvation and invited us to in service we are immediately mindful of the effort we should put forth to reach toward His loving ex-

pectations in us, lest we handicap the progress of His purpose of redemption through us.

A—Abiding in Him with complete devotion we will have power to work in His name.

N—No one expects Heavenly power without hearty promotion of work faithfully and well given. "Faith without works is dead." Be as diligent and zealous as possible in your work. Do not try to work without tools. Purchase from the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri, the needed supplies for 1942—A Manual of Methods, The Year Book of Programs, A Standard Wall Chart; and from The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, study course books which you will find listed in the Year Book and prices given.

U—You should be the strategic person in the subscription life of the members of the auxiliary for which you are corresponding secretary, and in the life of the church in which there should be many readers of our church papers.

A-1—This new year's record can be made A-1 if you hereby highly resolve to make it so. Present the Standard of Achievement wall chart to the members, discuss each point, not as a rigid requirement but as a reminder of the different phases of missionary education activity which can be entered into. Let officers and committees and members study their auxiliary manual and know what to do and how to do it.

R—Read as much as you possibly can about missions. From an empty or uninterested, uninformed mind or heart no spark of enthusiasm flies to lodge and kindle new missionary fires in the breast of another. Always read all through the YEAR BOOK OF PROGRAMS. Read THE FREE WILL BAPTIST and THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM. Read mission study books, many of them.

Y—Y is for the youth that Woman's Auxiliary leads and directs. In them are all the rich possibilities for tomorrow, the tomorrow that will yet come, a tomorrow of peace and justice, of love and good will, the tomorrow of the Kingdom of God.

The Hour of Prayer

By Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama

"And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint"—Luke 18:1.

THERE is no duty in Christianity of which our Saviour pressed upon us more frequently than the duty of prayer. To encourage His disciples, and us in them, to fervency, importunity, and perseverance in this duty. He propounds here the parable of the unjust judge, who was overcome by an importunity widow, to do her justice contrary to his own inclinations; from which our Savior argues that if importunity will prevail with a sinful man, to grant petitions offered to him; how much more prevalent will such importunity with an infinitely good God, to relieve the necessities of all those who devoutly implore His help.

The whole purpose of the parable of the unjust judge was to teach that "men ought always to pray and not to faint".

Jesus himself knew nothing of fainting in prayer. He was ever strong in prayer; He prayed much. He prayed morning, evening and even all night. If our Lord prayed morning, evening and night, how much more do we as weak infinite beings need to pray? We have much more business with God in prayer than He did; He had no sins to confess, no want of grace to make known, yet He spent much time in prayer.

In this parable of the unjust judge and the poor widow, the judge did not hear her because he cared for her, or even had any sympathy for her, but because she continued to trouble him. She would not leave him alone until she had received justice. In order to be relieved of her he granted her request.

This widow may represent the Church of Jesus Christ. In this world Christ's church appears to be forgotten; her soul

delivered up as sheep to wolves; she is bereaved of strength, lonely, neglected, plundered and oppressed by the adversary unable to obtain any redress or help, her very prayers apparently unattended to, and such also is the condition of Christian believers. Jesus teaches us this parable that we ought always even in such preverse circumstances to "pray and not to faint".

The judge had the power to avenge the widow. To think that God has no power to answer our prayers is to deny Him. God surely to His children is no less than the human father is to his child. "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more does your Heavenly Father know how to give His

Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we are able to ask of Him.

Then let us pray as a church, deliver us from spiritual sloth, from lack of prayer, of zeal, deliver us from the foes of our work, the adversary, huge and brutal, of drink, of gambling, of impurity, of corruption in public life, for America to turn back to God, and repent of her sins in sack cloth and ashes, for bloody dictators, for our boys in the camps, army and navy that they might look to God for help and strength. God is able to hear our cry, though He has born long with us. None can stay His hand or say unto Him, "What doest thou?"

A Message From 2nd Vice President

Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, North Carolina

It is out of a sincere heart and mind, and not from the standpoint of legality as Second Vice President of the National Auxiliary Convention, that I submit this article for publication, for I doubt seriously that I have the authority to function in this capacity at this time; but I quite often receive letters from our women of various states asking for information concerning our educational program, and concerning organization of our young people in states other than North Carolina.

It is true that I have been stressing the need of vacation Bible schools for our young people, but this requires only a few weeks in the summer (probably two weeks) and our youth must have something to occupy their time and thought the year around if we expect to hold them. To you dear women of other states, I have as the one and only suggestion to offer you for a permanent organization for your young people the Free Will Baptist league manuals and quarterlies which can be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina, and from the Free Will Baptist Gem at Monett, Missouri. The manuals explain in detail how to organize and carry on the league work and the quarterlies furnish most excellent material

for spiritual enlightenment in a simplified form. The junior, intermediate, and senior departments are very necessary and helpful to any church.

In regard to material for vacation Bible school work, the only course that I am familiar with is that published by the Standard Publishing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a five weeks course, very complete in every detail and can be used for three years should you desire only two weeks each year. I understood that Moody's Colportage Institute at Chicago, Illinois, had very good material for this phase of work also. I trust that by next summer our various presses will have vacation Bible school material in stock so we can order from them without any difficulty.

It has been said to me recently that it looked as if the women would have to take the initiative in bringing back unity of heart and mind concerning our National Program, especially concerning the educational phase of the program. I have been asked by higher authority than I to launch an educational financial campaign in the near future, but I am bound to say frankly yet regretfully that there is nothing I can do under the present conditions but to sit prayerfully by and wait for the men

to remove the obstacles that have blocked the way for our women of North Carolina. If this is not done in the near future I feel that my services as Second Vice President are automatically suspended and my successor out of necessity shall be appointed.

I shall continue to pray for a re-establishment of unity among our people everywhere, and for God to completely remove the hindering cause at any cost. Will you join me in this prayer.

Music Department

Organizing the Choir

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SOME of the most important considerations in view of a choir as an organization might be put as follows:

1. What is the main purpose of the choir?
2. Is it to furnish special music only in the morning worship service?
3. Will it be designed to lead the people in the song service, or to lead by proxy for the people, or both?
4. What is to be the style of music the choir will use?
5. How large is the church auditorium in which the choir is to sing?
6. How music-minded are the listeners going to be?
7. How many available members do you have?

In most small churches it is always wise to secure a good quartette, preferably a mixed quartette, and use that as a complete nucleus for the entire choir. In many churches of the small-town city-type church they have used a double quartette to a very great advantage, that is two voices each on each of the four parts of regular four part choir music. Do not confuse this arrangement with the common term "octette". To comprise an octette you must have eight different voices singing eight different parts. Eight part music is, as a rule, not so satisfactory in the small church, even when each member is a trained singer. It subjects to mere cacophony since most trained singers, when placed in a group, still try to predominate. When you have eight such voices all striving for the same ultimatum, the result is anything but de-

sirable. Many of the most appreciative personalities would seem reluctant in expressing his opinion, do not trust too much in the ability of the group. Work hard, and long, and continually at it, you will reap your reward. Remember the eight voice is none-the-less successful by employing a trained singer, and my experience has been that it is best to train just ordinary voices who are conscientious and spontaneous, most of all regular.

I fully believe the double quartette choir is one of the most effective any good choir director may be able to organize. It is one of the most helpful combinations possible for the church service in which solo singing, strong hymn leading and a variety of concerted work is desired. To me it is the church choir ideal, there is no other form quite as appealing to me and certainly



there is no other arrangement so interesting, possessing so many unlimited possibilities, enhanced by smooth co-operation, willingness to work, unbiased or unprejudiced spiritual activity, and worship under any circumstantial consideration.

This sort of an arrangement if well chosen as to blending, will in full combination have sufficient sonority to give a satisfactory interpretation of many of the larger anthem forms. Eight good, well blended and thoroughly trained voices, in such a combination, will give much more breadth of tone, and musical satisfaction generally, than will double the number of ordinary chorus singers. It is not necessary that these singers shall be especially fine soloists in order to obtain the best effects in concerted singing. The greatest care, however, must be exercised in regard to the items of vocal balance, and the actual blend of the voices.

Should you have at the first a representative group of more than eight voices such as we have discussed above, you refer to it as a *CHORUS CHOIR*. Keeping this in mind when purchasing music you will not likely buy music too advanced for your choir. This type of choir can perform extensive lists of the very best class of compositions, music written especially for use in the regular church service. Many of these numbers cannot be rendered adequately except by a well trained chorus as the double quartette lacks in dynamics at a mezza voice quality of vocal atonation. This style of composition is such that several voices on each part are much needed to give it the proper breadth and dignity. In this case all voices are encouraged to sing softly, and yet with the aggregate number of voices there is still considerable depth of tone, with no loud harsh strained voices standing out to spoil the rare beauty of the performance.

When the choir membership is less than sixteen voices, I would recommend having the quartette plan always for best results. There would be three voices each on each of the four parts, and perhaps an extra bass and soprano, making a total of fourteen voices, forming a choir which is unusually hard to compete with if such a group is capable of almost any type of musical service since there are so many compositions

written for just such organizations. That being as you know the most common form of religious music, in four part anthem.

In a chorus choir of say twenty-five singers, the bass should number seven, the soprano eight, and the tenor and alto five each. Here it must again be pointed out that, owing to great differences in voices as to sonority, nothing short of actual test in the singing of an anthem will enable the director to know whether he has secured a good balance of tone. It will usually be found, however, that the bass and soprano must average a larger number of voices than the other divisions if these parts of the compositions sung are to have due effect. Few organizers realize the importance of securing a solid bass. When the bass is sufficiently powerful, and sings with firmness, the music has a solidity highly gratifying to the cultivated ear. There is also much less danger of flattening. Too often chorus choir singing has the effect of a vocal trio, that is soprano, alto and tenor, with the pedal organ filling in the bass which the voices fail to supply.

The classification of voices is a matter of knowledge and skill upon the part of the examiner. The division to which a voice belongs is not to be decided upon the item of compass alone, but rather the natural timbre and level of the voice. This may be recognized by the facility with which the top tones of any voice is emitted; no difficulty will be experienced in enunciating words on the highest notes of ones register, nor in holding a long breath upon them. This is the crucial test, because there are sometimes contraltos that can sing up to the high C, but they cannot pronounce words on the upper notes without effort and great detriment to the voice. Each voice should undergo an examination by the director, and it is probably wise to take each singer privately for about fifteen minutes each. This gives the director a chance to learn the high and low voices and the condition of each voice. He should have a card to record all his findings, defects and all, then when he has all this information in hand he could sit down at his desk and place each voice safely. This being done he can select music within their range. The actual voice test or classifying of voices is best accomplished before any parts

have been assigned. The director must remember that many voices play odd tricks on its owners when they are nervous and is wise if he listens in a cheerful, pleasant, friendly manner. It is most helpful in this connection if the candidate can be made to

feel and act naturally, this will permit the real voice to show itself under the influence of a friendly chat and a pleasant smile and the examiners result will be very satisfactory

See you next month in "The Choir Office".

GENERAL ARTICLES

A Missouri Special Bulletin

Many of you will remember that a resolution was passed at our last Missouri State Association suggesting that each church display a missionary bulletin board. The plan and purpose of which is simply this: That a nice size bulletin board be placed in some prominent place in the church, preferably near the front entrance, on which is to be kept pictures of missionary scenes from our mission fields, pictures of the natives, and anything else of striking missionary interest. We are calling your attention to this to tell you that arrangements have been made for you to secure pictures from the state president and field worker for our state woman's work, Rev. Miss Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kansas. Marie will keep in touch with our missionaries

and will keep a supply of negatives on hand, and from all over the state our churches may order from her. You will be expected, of course, to pay just enough to pay for the reprints and the postage. Marie is willing to donate her work, therefore, we cannot expect her to pay for reprints and postage out of her own means. Write to her for particulars. I hope our churches will take hold of this. It will be a splendid means of creating interest in our foreign mission work. Have some one in the church who may be handy at such make a nice attractive board, and then designate someone to keep it filled with things of interest pertaining to missions.

Rev. Winford Davis,
State Secretary of Foreign Missions.

WANTED

One thousand good Christian men and women, who will donate at least one dollar each, to establish a Free Will Baptist Orphans' Home in Kentucky.

Dear Christian Friends:

If you want to invest a dollar for Christ that will bless the hearts, and give an opportunity to many fatherless and motherless boys and girls that haven't a chance in life; if you want to invest a dollar that will continue to live on and bless many years after you have been placed beneath the sod; if you want your influence to live in the lives of these boys and girls, and to advance the kingdom of our Lord in this world:

Sit down now and place your offering in

an envelope and address it to the Reverend F. S. Vanhose, Paintsville, Kentucky, and it will be one of the greatest investments you have ever made. We hear the Apostle John say: "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and *their works do follow them*" Revelation 14:13.

Beloved, suppose you were a member of a particular church and were called into the funeral service of a mother leaving three small children, and two months later called into the funeral service of the father. What would you do? Suppose you were in the church where the father was called away to leave thirteen children. What

would you do? My friends, these are true facts. Brethren, let us respond to this great and noble cause.

All funds received will be turned over to the state association which will appoint sufficient trustees and committees to select and purchase a suitable site for the orphans'

home.

Brethren, pray for us in this great undertaking.

Yours in the Master's Service,
W. L. Hooper, Moderator,
F. S. Van Hoose, Clerk,
Johnson County Quarterly Conference.

A History of Porter Church

See Front Cover

THE Porter Church was organized September 6, 1817, in a school house on Ward's Run, near the residence of Benjamin Wait, by Elder Rufus Chaney and others. Elias Kelsey was clerk. Transient services were held occasionally, and Rev. David Dudley and Markus Kilborn held services as they passed through. Rev. Chaney was the first preacher of the Free Will Baptist denomination in Scioto County in the year 1816.

The first building was built of brick March 5, 1840. In 1883 the church was rebuilt with a membership of 37. Rev. J. H. Carr was minister.

On May 10, 1937, the church held a short prayer service after which the members present began tearing down the old build-

ing which had been condemned. From that time on work progressed steadily and rapidly and on August 8, 1937, we held our corner stone laying services, with Rev. James Upton giving the address.

On September 17, 1939 we dedicated the structure to the Lord, with Rev. Lawrence Colliver, of Sandy City, Kentucky, and Rev. Wm. Shepperd in charge of the dedicatory services. Rev. John Kemper is the pastor with a membership of 78.

Editor's Note—It was my privilege to see this church in company with the pastor, Brother Kemper. There is a natural gas well within a few feet of the building which has been capped and piped into the church. In the winter, the building is kept warm day and night.

A Note of Commendation

By E. C. Davidson, Sec'y-Treas. of Superannuation, Glennville, Georgia

It is with real enthusiasm that I attempt to express my sentiment with reference to our Unified Program Fund. I think it is the most ideal plan ever adopted by our church, and I am for it 100%. Since the plan was adopted by our National Association I am not making any special appeal for funds for Superannuation but am advocating the support of our program through the Unified Fund.

I want to commend our Executive Secretary, Rev. L. R. Ennis, and Mrs. McAdams for their efficient and untiring efforts in the interest of our church program. I would also like to commend all individuals

who have voluntarily given their assistance in promotion and support of our program. A special word of appreciation is due both of our publishing houses (the *Free Will Baptist Press* at Ayden, North Carolina, and the *Gem* press at Monett, Missouri) for the splendid service they have rendered in the work. I am taking this opportunity to thank the above mentioned, together with each one who has had a part in any way in the support and promotion of our program.

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GOSPEL SERMONS



A New Year's Message From Cuba

By Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba

Phil. 3:13, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

WHILE the new year brings us to the place of inventory we must say with one of old, "It is gone, why write its epitaph."

The old year as it dies presents us with some sadness, many regrets and an abundance of wistful longings. We have not improved our opportunities or measured up to our possibilities, there are times when we all have been very little in our thoughtfulness.

There is no finer resolution for us to make than these words of Saint Paul seeking anew the dwelling place of victory and blessing which is *IN CHRIST*.

This one thing I do

Here, if we go with Him, we set ourselves to concentrated effort, an action with full determination to achieve, not only to do something, but to be something, a credit to our Lord. This is not haphazard aiming but getting to the point. Here we have presented to us the challenge of the tomorrows of our life. We will make them count in blessing and usefulness depending on the force of our resolution. There is a prize and I am going to have it. That prize is *IN CHRIST JESUS*.

Forgetting those things which are behind

Memory is a tremendous factor in our personality. Here we are called to forget. We would rather remember. It is much easier to remember than to forget, to forget past offences, past grievances, past grudges. Forget the fine things, the noble,



the lovely? No, rather forget our stumblings, our past sad failures. We shall become lost in the strength of our resolution to move forward in new wisdom and courage. There is no habit more deadly than regretful brooding over days that are gone and deeds that are beyond the possibility of recall. The joy of the road is in the going on.

Reaching forth unto the things which are before

How rich these verbs are; they are verbs of action. Do you think things are beyond our reach? Education for the ambitious youth; health for those who are broken and suffering; improvement in the setup of our circumstances; victory over those very circumstances; victory in the midst of them. All this is *IN CHRIST*. In the natural, even beauty of face and figure for the ugly duckling today; spiritual achievement, advance in things of the soul, all of these things are in God's prize, which is *IN CHRIST*. We find the secret is abiding *IN HIM*. Here in this verb *reaching*, we have the anticipation of our future prospect. Here is retrospection.

I press toward the mark

Here is energetic action, every nerve and muscle and sinew tensed with determination and exertion. Most of us desire to escape exertion. A big fat native came to me the other day and told me he wanted to become like Charles Atlas, the physical culturist who has a miniture world on his shoulders. I presented the literature de-

scribing the physical cultural course at the price of \$25.00. That took the joy out of reducing for him. I then suggested that I might tell him how to reduce without paying in actual money. He looked at me joyfully, with the thought that it would not cost him anything, but when I said "stop eating" the joy left. No, he loved his rice and starches. There are always some who seek the royal way to learning and wealth, which requires no effort. If we would attain we must press forward. The new year challenges us not to lag behind but rather to press forward. The

high order of our day is not retrogression but progress.

The prize is *IN CHRIST*. We shall find it no where else and how great it is, so great that Paul counted all things as loss to attain it, let no obstacle stand in his way or no inessential detract his fixed attention from the object set before him. Shall we not emulate this great saint of the centuries past. Here in Cuba we are resolved to move on and upward with God's help. Continue to pray that this shall be a great year in the salvation of precious souls.

Sandy Foundations

By Evangelist Elsie Curtis, 1104 South Twelveth Street, Herrin, Illinois

Matthew 7:21, 23.

IN the preceding scriptures, Jesus has given to the multitudes, gathered to hear Him out on the mountain side, what is called "The Sermon on the Mount". They had come from all walks of life, and for many different purposes. Many gathered around Jesus out of curiosity, some to see Him perform miracles, others to be healed or from some selfish motive. The eyes of the Christ saw them pressing in from every side; His ears heard the words they said. But the All Seeing eyes looked past the human exterior, right down into the heart: His ears heard more than the audible sounds. He heard the unexpressed thoughts, and read the purpose and intents of the hearts. Turning to His disciples, He said, "Not all who cry Lord, Lord, are willing to pay the price and enter into the Kingdom."

If any man is not willing to do the will of God he cannot be a true follower of God, for it is not only required that we shall *hear* but that we be *doers* also. What is the will of God?

I. Jesus said, "It is not my will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." To repent means to have a "godly sorrow for sin"; to realize how terrible sin is, and then loath it, hate and turn away from it. David, the Psalmist, said, "I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." He began to pray: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Then from a heart filled with thanksgiving he exclaims, "He brought me up, also, out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praises unto our God." Not many in this modernistic day are willing to acknowledge they are sinners and repent.

II. Paul says "Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." It would seem to be God's will that "denying ungodliness we should live holy in this present world."

To be holy, means to be set apart, to be clean, to be wholly consecrated. If we are set apart *from* the world we are not a part *of* the world. Jesus said "Love not the world; neither the things that are in the world. If any love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

I hear preachers say "I believe in holiness," and step down from the pulpit and put a half plug of Star in their mouth or light a cigarette. I am a woman preacher, and I wonder how you church people would like for me to drive up to hold a revival for you with a cigarette hanging from my lips. Has God one standard of holiness for the men and another for the women?

I hear folks say, "I sure believe in living a consecrated life," and then they can be seen going to worldly places of amusement and spending their money for that which

satisfith not when the church they belong to needs painting, the pastor is poorly paid, and has to work with his hands to make a living for his family and has no time to study the word of God. Then when his message is not as inspiring as they think it ought to be they are loud in voicing criticism of the sermon. May the dear Lord deliver us from shallow professions. "Not every one that sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my Father."

The Psalmist asks a question, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place?"

And the answer, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart". Consecrated hands will not hold the deck of cards or dabble in the dirt and filth of the world.

Jesus said in John 7:38 "He that believeth on me, as the Scriptures hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living waters." James 3:11 asks the question, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If the heart is clean and pure we will not tell questionable stories; we will not delight to roll a spicy morsel of gossip under our tongue. "Not

every one who saith, Lord, Lord, but he that doeth the will of my Father, who is in heaven."

He who expects to go to heaven and enjoy through eternity the glory of the eternal inheritance promised to the faithful, and yet is unwilling to renounce the world, and the sinful things of the world, is certainly building upon a sandy foundation. Jesus likened the multitude gathered on the mountain side, to two men who began to build a house, one built upon a rock and the other upon the sand. The storm came and tested the durability of both buildings. One fell; the one upon the sand. The other stood; the one upon the rock. Only life lived according to the will of God can stand. The life unyielding, unholy, non-consecrated and selfish can only perish, and great will be the fall.

I have made my choice forever

"Twix this world and God's dear son;
Naught can change my mind, no never,
He my heart has fully won.

Take this world with all its pleasures;

Take them, take them, great and small,
Give me Christ, my precious Savior,
He is sweeter than them all.

The Old Year and the New --- And Christ

By Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Kentucky

ANOTHER year is fast becoming history.

It seems just a few short weeks ago when on our knees in an old-fashioned watchmeeting we asked God to watch over us as we faced a new year. The most of that year is gone, and so far God has been with us. As we look back we remember discouraging times when we could not see ahead — we felt like stacking arms and quitting, but we ask God to undertake for us and somehow things have worked all right thus far.

Now we are standing upon the threshold of another year, and if we ever needed Christ we need Him now. Threatening war clouds are hovering all about us and the future is dark. We can not know what experiences lie in wait for us, but we do know if we have Christ in our lives we shall come out victorious.

Especially do our young people need to turn to God in this time for they are the ones that will bring America out of this turmoil she is now in. Again does that saying, "The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow" fit. There will still be suffering when the war has come to a close, and people will have to re-construct their lives. Then will our young men and young women need God to help them that they might not lose faith in mankind, but will stand for the truth and right as they should and trust God to bring our people through it all. There will be times when only God can comfort, and if we have not accepted Him into our lives, what will we do?

It behooves us who are Christians to live closer than ever before. It behooves you who do not know Christ in forgiveness

of sin to come and accept Him now. While we can not know the future we do know that from history there will be many hard times and heartrending experiences, but if we have Christ in our lives it will be easier.

We are going to have to suffer. We might just as well face the fact now, because no nation can go as America has been going in the last few years and escape punishment. But Jesus is our great High Priest who will help us through it all if we will trust Him, and live true regardless of the trials that shall come upon us. "For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted" Hebrews 2:18.

In spite of the fact that the future is dark, there is something about the new year that gives us courage and hope to fight on. Be true, young man and young woman, wherever you are. Do the very thing God wants you to do, and you'll never be sorry. You may not understand why, but remember what Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Take advantage of every opportunity to witness for Christ, for we do not know just how soon God will call things to a close, and it pays to be ready.

As we begin a new year let's determine

to do more than ever for Christ, and remember we can do nothing within ourselves—we must take Jesus with us. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: *for without me ye can do nothing*" John 15:5. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phillipians 4:13.

On The Threshold

I stood upon the threshold of two years,
And backward look, and forward strain
my eyes;
Upon the blotted record fall my tears,
While brushing them aside a sweet surprise
Breaks like a day-dawn on my upturned face,
As I remember all Thy daily grace.
Thou hast been good to me; the burdened past
Thou hast borne with me, and the future days
Are in Thy hands; I tremble not but cast
My care upon Thee, and in prayer and praise
Prepare to make the coming year the best,
Because of noble work and sweeter rest.

—(Author Unknown).

FAITH

By Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Sheldon, Missouri

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" Hebrews 11:1.

THE author of the letter to the Hebrews realized he was dealing with a people who were somewhat confused as to just what to believe. He was dealing with a people who had a great ancestry after the order of Judaism. They could look back and see those outstanding priests and leaders and felt that the Mosaic Covenant was still a good thing to follow. They were proud of such ancestors as Moses, Joshua, and Aaron and their pride caused them to desire to follow in the same footsteps. And now there was actively propagated among them the New Covenant, Christ and Him crucified.

So it was necessary for someone to explain to them the right way. Paul indicates it as the "better" way.

He tells them that Jesus was even better than the angels because God had commanded to let His angels "worship Him". Jesus was better than Moses, Joshua, and Aaron because He was of a higher estate, over all, and our great high priest. Therefore the New Covenant was better than the Old for the New was the completion of the Old.

Today it seems, as a rule, that we are as undecided as those Hebrews were. We fail to see the right thing. We let unbelief creep in. We do not exercise faith in Christ and our lives are clouded just as the lives of the Hebrews were.

Let us, therefore, look into the Word

of God about this wonderful faith.

First of all we see in Eph. 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith.....". Whose faith? Man's faith of course. Therefore faith becomes a paramount virtue. To be saved out of a world dominated by sin is the desire of every heart sincerely seeking the Lord. Faith in the grace of a loving God is the only way to obtain such a great salvation.

If faith is so important then where does it come from? Rom. 10:17 tells us, "So we see faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." So we see faith is not believing a thing without evidence. On the contrary it is based upon the best of evidence—the Word of God. Surely the only book in the world to give a plausible account of man's beginning, of his history from creation to eternity, and that has accurately prophesied every major event of world importance to convince any skeptic of a great loving God.

Now that we believe, without a doubt, that there is a God, is this enough? The answer must be "no". We must exercise our faith in God. The story of the prodigal son is a good example of coming to the Father. He knew that his father had plenty and to spare but he liked to be independent and try going through life on his own. After a while he came to the point that he found he needed help and he began to reason in himself. He made a wise decision and went back to his father, acknowledged his unworthiness, and asked for only a place among the humblest of his father's house. What a wonderful lesson to us. How we need to realize we really are destitute and need the help of our Father in Heaven. We find the publican praying "God be merciful to me a sinner" and he went away justified. Now he believed in God or he would not be calling on His name. He acknowledged God, as God, the very first thing in his prayer. He asked only for mercy. He admitted himself a sinner. How else can any man come to Jesus? God heard his prayer and He will hear ours if we will come the same way. We find two blind men (Matt. 9:27-29) asking Jesus for mercy and Jesus asked them if they really believed he was able to do this. Their answer was a definite "yes",

and He healed their infirmities. So we must admit our faith in God that he is God, then will our burdens be lifted.

Can we take our ease, fold our arms, sit comfortably, and go to heaven? Again the answer is "no". We are expected to be a "living sacrifice". This doesn't always mean that physical suffering is necessary though it might come. It does mean that we have a work to do. James (in James 2) using the key words "ye see" around which to base his conclusion tells us faith without works is dead. What? Do we work our way into Heaven? No, he doesn't even imply that we do. He indicates there must be a work to show the faith. He says when the spirit is taken out of the body the body is dead and therefore useless anymore. So when our faith doesn't inspire works then our faith is just as useless as a body without a spirit. Many ask, "What is my work?" Only as you exercise the faith you have in our Lord will you be able to know just what your work is.

Though man may enjoy all the faith of salvation and know his post of duty, yet he possesses the power to change his mind or yield his belief to other ways of thinking yet he possesses the power to change his mind or yield his belief to other ways of thinking according to the influence and inspiration about him. That is why Jesus said (Luke 22:31-32) to Peter "...Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:..." Surely if Jesus prayed for Peter we ought also to pray much for greater faith that we may endure and overcome the snares of Satan. Peter even had Jesus with him but we must walk entirely by faith. Paul promises (Gal. 6:9) in due season we shall reap if we faint not. John the Revelator received in his message to the church at Smyra the promise of ".....be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life".

What a glorious promise then is ours if we but exercise faith in God and seek His will. As the whole promise hinges on faith we go back and agree with Paul that, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

What do we hope for? We hope for an

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EDITORIAL



THE LITTLE GEM

Our people have persistently called our church paper "The Little Gem" and "Our Little Church Paper" with emphasis on the "Little" despite the fact that some of the brethren have asked the people to refrain from the use of the appellation "Little" when speaking of *The Gem*. I clearly see my brethren's point of view, but "The Little Gem" is not offensive to me for most often things of greatest value come in small packages.

We are beginning Volume 14 with a modern press and a new style in the make-up of *The Gem*. I think everyone will appreciate the production of our modern facilities, and I trust all will like the new style in size and composition.

"The Little Gem" as it really is, will be a 36-page magazine of the same style and quality as this issue. The usefulness of *The Gem* will depend upon YOU as readers and contributors. I would like to see it grow in usefulness and service to Christ and the cause of His Church.

The *Gem* is an organ of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists and is in full co-operation with the National Association and in perfect harmony with the progressive enterprises in all the states. We are at your service, one and all, and we ask you to co-operate with us in making *The Gem* more serviceable to Christ and His church and for His sake.

OUR NEW EQUIPMENT

These lines are being written before we actually use the press we have just installed, but we know we have a real good modern press. For those who know printing machinery, we have a No. 4 Miehle Cylinder Press 29 x 41 inch bed with a Cross Continuous Automatic feeder. The press weighs 15,000 pounds.

Tearing it down in Kansas City, moving to Monett, and rebuilding it in our office has not been a path of roses. We are indeed thankful that it is done.

Our power stitcher and paper cutter are certainly serviceable and adds much to the appearance of our office.



OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Some of our churches have entered the race to help us secure enough new subscribers to raise our subscription list to 2500 by April 1st. That will be one good way of co-operating to make *The Gem* more useful for Christ's sake.

The churches who have entered are:
 Rescue Church Whittington, Illinois
 Monett Church Monett, Missouri
 Bear Point Church Bonnie, Illinois
 East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee
 Porter Church Wheelersburg, Ohio

The race is only begun! There is time for 500 or more churches to enter. While there can be only one church win the Individual Communion Service set offered as a prize, this is a Christian service and will be rewarded both in this life and in the World to Come by our Wonderful Christ.

The *Gem* is our church paper and should be supported by our churches. Therefore, the subscription should be gathered and sent in by the churches to be counted in this subscription race.

January is Literature Month for the Woman's Auxiliary and they can do some wonderful "helping" by helping their churches in this subscription race.

High Lights From Science



Under Ptolemy,
127 A. D., Egyp-
tian astronomers
invented a calendar
that has stood the test
of time. Many records
on papyrus have been re-
covered that tell of their as-
tronomical observations. It was
they who divided the days, weeks,
and months. The extensive and
highly involved commerce of today
depends on the calendar that is avail-
able instantly—in every office. Paper
makes these calendars possible paper
and the outstanding craftsmanship of Amer-
ican printers, lithographers and engravers.

Paper plays a highly important part in this world of ours. Paper has made it possible for us to have most of our modern facilities through drawings, recordings, plans, and discoveries being preserved on paper until other engineers and scientists could enlarge upon and improve the original inventions.

The dead past has been kept alive by historical recordings on paper. Our whole American set-up of education depends wholly upon the production of paper for books, records, etc.

In the realms of religion, paper has played the all-important part. The Book of books, the Holy Bible has been preserved and handed down to us from remote centuries of the past. "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word God" has been the propagating principle set forth by The Book itself. Bibles are printed and distributed in greater quantities than all other books.

Papers and magazines printed and distributed under the auspices of the Church fill a very important place in the morale of civilization.

Church magazines of no greater importance than "The Little Gem" has wielded efficient service in causing brethren in all sections of the country to become unified in their activities in the faith of the saints. Unification of Christian activity has been the secret influence of great revivals which raised living standards and builded all the eleemosynary institutions which have blessed mankind.

Why not subscribe to the *Gem* and ask your friends to subscribe. Free Will Baptists ought to be ashamed of themselves for not supporting their own church paper. after all, the success of our church, with reference to its mission in the world, depends upon the Lord and a willing, working people, and a paper.

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abundant entrance into the glories of the Lord, for an immortal body not subject to pain, sorrow, nor death, for the presence of our Lord, for the association of the saints of all ages, and for a glorious home throughout all eternity. What have we not yet seen? We have not yet seen our Lord and Saviour, we haven't seen Heaven with its streets of pure gold, and we have not seen those who "are of the household of faith".

Yes, faith makes it real to the Christian and through faithfulness it will soon become a reality.

Fact, faith, feeling; these are God's order. He has presented Himself, His works, and His promises in His word. It becomes our part to believe and have faith. As we exercise this faith and meet the terms of salvation then God sends the Holy Spirit to bear witness with our spirit that we are sons of God and joint heirs with Christ. Then what a glorious feeling is ours to enjoy and how this feeling sustains us in time of trial or temptation.

What a glorious gospel is ours of salvation by grace through faith.

God's Plan For Man's Life

By Elder W. A. Sneed, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" 1 John 1:6.

THE greatest mistake that anyone can make is to fail to find the plan of God in their life. To find the plan of God for our lives we only have to look to the scriptures, which is our guide for our faith and practice, and permit ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit into keeping of those things which are spoken for our learning. Jesus taught, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Truly the scriptures give a complete picture of the driving power and living passion of the Lord Jesus to do the will of the Father, and to bring all mankind into complete harmony with the will of the Father. This driving power and the passion of the Lord Jesus Christ must be manifested in the lives of those who have put on Christ. Like Christ we must acknowledge, as brethren, all those who do the will of the Father, "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister and mother" Mark 3:35. If we are to truly follow the Lord Jesus to the Father we must let Him lift our lives to the same high plain of determined will, to walk in the light, as He is the light. There is no approach to the Father only through and by the Lord Jesus Christ. No ordinances that man can offer can bring man to the

Father. Jesus declared, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" John 10:9. "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love" John 15:10. To enter in by Christ we must take upon us the nature of Christ. His entire work was one of service. There never was a lazy moment in His entire ministry. He fed the hungry, He healed the sick, He preached the gospel to the sinner and labored continuously to bring the lost to the Father: No wonder that Paul cried out to the Philippians, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" Phil. 2:5.

Now just a word to the many professed Christians who think that they can live a Christian life completely alone and by themselves. If we are to be in Him we must have the same mind, the same purpose, and follow the directions He gave to manifest a true life in Him. Many have the opinion that they need not to take an active part in church work, since they have accepted Christ there is nothing else to do. There is no room in the kingdom of God for a lazy inactive individual, and why some can expect to do so little, when Christ, whom we are supposed to have put on, did so much, I can never understand. This kind of a Christian does not fill the qualification as set forth in the scripture, to which the Lord admonished us to "search".

"No man, when he hath lighted a candle,

covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light" Luke 8:16. What a challenge to the stay-at-home church member this passage of scripture is, when its analysis is followed out throughout the scriptures. What is meant by the candle? Here it is, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord" Prov. 20:27. Is your candle lit? Is your spirit or soul on fire for God? Is it in the candlestick of the Lord? Then if it is, you are at church every opportunity, letting it shine that others who enter in may see the light. The candle stick represents the church, Rev. 1:20.

You are supposed to be as Christians reflecting the light of the world. "Then spake Jesus unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" John 8:12. What an outstanding warning is our lesson text: "If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." Is your soul (candle) darkened on the Sabbath with some instrument of this world? Do you get more pleasure out of getting a newspaper and taking it easy at home than you would if you went to church? If so, then a danger signal flashes out to you from the above text. Are you more interested in your farm or business, or your home, your car, your radio than you are in letting your light shine in the proper place? If so, take this capsul of scripture and see where you stand. "I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away" John 15:1-2. Can we wonder why Paul said, "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" Heb. 4:1.

Jesus warned of the unproductiveness of Christians when He said, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" John 15:6. How many withered Christians can we call to mind, who let themselves become entangled with the things of this world, and today seldom ever darken the

door of any church? I know of communities where at one time the fire of the spirit of God lit the whole surroundings, who are today withering away, all because Satan taught some that they could live the life and stay away from church; that the church did not need their support. And because of this condition, countless numbers of people have no one to reflect the life of Christ before them that they might be saved. No one willing to bear the burden of others and, ".....fulfill the law of CHRIST". Yet in these same communities there are some who claim to be Christians. "If we say we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." I can picture no darker situation than a professed Christian sitting with folded hands, with a self satisfied look of indifference on his face, when people all about him are doomed.

This message may appear to be a little plain to many, but the time is here when we need the plain truth. What I have said is not for a rebuke other than to awaken the great need of a renewed activity in the lives of all those who claim Christ as their Savior, and with the apostle Paul to warn, "We then, as workers together" with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" 2 Cor.6:1.

Consider the Preacher

The preacher has a good time. If his hair is gray, he is old. If he is a young man, he hasn't had experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he is seen around the streets he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do better. — Selected.



Church Letters - Field Reports



First Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Reporter

We are enjoying the comforts of our new building and are happy to report it is half paid for, and most of the labor was donated. We have a group of people that are willing workers for the Lord.

Since our last report we met with the other churches of the Mission Association at the Camp Ground where a home for Bro. Talbert, one of our aged ministers, was built and furnished, with a grocery shower for both he and Bro. and Sister Carter also residing at the camp ground. A wonderful time was had in the prayer meeting held in one of the dormitories. There were about 35 ministers present. We thank God for these ministers and for Sister Carter who have spent their lives in the service of the Lord. May His richest blessings rest upon them.

The Woman's Auxillary has been organized and we are looking forward to a greater work for the Lord.

There are many families moving here because of the bomber plant and other defense jobs. This church would appreciate if any of you have friends or relatives moving here would give us their name and address so that we might call on them and give them a special invitation to come and worship the Lord with us.

Our Sunday school attendance has dropped some due to the fact that there has been so much sickness among our people. Many children have been sick with measles. However we had 219 present on December 7 as compared to 176 on November 30.

We have had so many visitors from out of town lately that we can't begin to name all of them. We were very glad to have ~~our pastor's sister and family from Missouri~~ and Bro. and Sister Turley's son and wife from California as recent visitors. We are always glad to have visitors and give them a sincere welcome to come back.

Sister Bingham had the misfortune of breaking her arm since we last wrote you, and we are glad to report her recovering at this time. Sister Bingham has proved a great blessing to our church because of her willingness to work with the people. Even though she has been hindered in some works of the church her presence and prayers have been a great help.

We have co-workers that have loved ones in the war torn area and we ask your prayers for them.

Myrtle, Missouri December 2, 1941

Dear Bro. Rollins and all Gem Readers:

I've been wanting to write to our paper ever since I attended the Missouri State Association at Flat River, Missouri.

That was my first time to attend a State Association. I felt very much uplifted spiritually after hearing so many good sermons and meeting such lovely people.

I've just been reading my December issue of the *Gem*. I'm glad the new equipment is being bought and installed. Our church made an offering which will be sent in soon.

I'm very thankful we have good Christian workers who are willing to give to any Christian cause. It seems now most of the world is too busy killing each other to stop and pray. I firmly believe if every church member would reconsecrate themselves to God and pray for peace, all wars would cease.

I'm making preparations to go to Venezuela to join my husband who is working there. I'd like very much to meet our missionary who is there.

I hate to leave all my friends and dear ones, and especially my Sunday school class at the Mill Creek Church at Myrtle, Mo. I've been teaching (or trying to teach) the ~~seniors for twelve years. I think they are~~ a group of the very finest boys and girls to be found anywhere. Most of them have begun teaching other classes and doing other good work.

We are getting ready for the Missouri State Association here at Myrtle next year, and I hope to be back in time for it, if it's God's will.

I'm taking my little two-year-old niece with me, and I want the prayers of all you for our safe return home.

My future address will be:

Mrs. Ella Dotson, % S. O. V.,

Quiri Quire, Venezuela, S. A.

Notes from the Field in Alabama and Georgia

Dear Readers:

It has been my happy privilege during the last two weeks to visit the Alabama State Association, which convened at Cullman, Alabama; and the Georgia State Association at Colquitt, Georgia.

The Alabama Association lasted for two days, and there were many good things done in that meeting. But I think one of the greatest was the move to represent in the National Association, and to endorse and help to put over the Unified Program. We think it the best yet.

Much of the time was given over to the discussion of Bible topics by different ministers. They were very interesting. There are twelve associations in the State of Alabama. Brethren, if all twelve of these will unite in a body, we can do things in Alabama. There were only four represented in the association.

The next session will meet with the Free Will Baptist Church at Pell City, Alabama, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in November, 1942. If you are interested write to Rev. R. P. Ritch, Pell City, Alabama.

We attended the Georgia State Association and it was the best that we have had so far. The association is only five years old, and we see a great future for it. There was more interest, more power, more love, and more money than ever before.

The moderator spoke on Tuesday at eleven o'clock, and Brother L. C. Johnson, from Glennville, Georgia, spoke also. The moderator made a plea to the unsaved and a number were saved that night. When Pentecost is being felt, people can work

in peace and harmony, and this was done.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, returned missionary from India, spoke to us three times during the association, and God's power was manifested. The greatest offerings ever to be given at one time in Georgia for missions was taken. Georgia is also behind the Unified Program. Would it not be fine if all of our leaders could see a unified church of Free Will Baptists marching together in peace and harmony? Many thanks to Bro. Winford Davis of Missouri for that fine article on the co-operation of the Unified Program. This expresses the desires of consecrated leadership, and those who want to stand together, and move forward:

I wish every association in Alabama would send me a minute of your last association. I want to make out a statistical report for the national statistician. Please send them early so that I can have this report made out before July, 1942.

— K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Alabama.

Woman's Auxiliary Report of First Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

The ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, met on November 25, 1941, to organize into a Woman's Auxiliary.

Sister Evelyn Miller, our mission president, called on our pastor, Bro. Bingham, to lead us in prayer and to ask the Lord's divine guidance.

After the prayer, she asked him to preside over the meeting. The mission officers were retained as auxiliary officers. Then Sister Miller took the floor and proceeded to elect the new officers.

The officers are as follows:

President Evelyn Miller
First Vice President Libby Collins
Second Vice President Opal Bingham
Third Vice President Lena Lester
Fourth Vice President ... Bertha Waggoner
Fifth Vice President Cherry Flpps
Recording Secretary Ethel Renegar
~~Corresponding Secretary Madge Phelps~~

We are beginning our work with twenty-three members. Pray for us that the Lord will bless us.

— Madge Phelps, Corresponding Sec'y.

Woman's Auxiliary Work Monett, Missouri

It is with happiness we report the activities of our organization. We have an enrollment of thirty members, with an average attendance of twenty active members.

We are whole-heartedly in accord with the denominational enterprises and are loyally supporting each. We have the penny-a-day banks and the Jehoida chest.

We are trying, to the best of our ability, to follow the Year Book of Programs as closely as possible.

In November, just before Thanksgiving, we were happy to fill baskets to be distributed among those who are less fortunate than we. We are helping to finance improvements being made on our church building.

We have two meetings each month and each meeting seems more interesting than the one before.

We are putting forth every effort to be "up-and-doing" yet keeping humble before God.

We ask admittance into your prayer list that we might have a part in the great work that is to be done.

— Mrs. Doris Rollins, First Vice President

Report of H. M. and Lizzie McAdams National Field Workers

Dear Co-workers:

How the months do fly. It only seems but a few days since we talked with you through the *Gem*. At our last writing we were ready to organize our district convention in Kentucky. We met at Paintsville on Sunday afternoon, November 2nd. A splendid crowd was present from the various churches and the power of God was felt all the way through. The convention was organized according to the manual.

We want to make mention of Brother L. E. Colliver from Sandy City. He made a wonderful talk concerning our Woman's Auxiliary work. Then Bro. F. S. Van Hoose followed with another splendid talk that encouraged our women in a wonderful way. We thank God for these noble ministers that are standing by the work in Kentucky.

We also have other good ministers that are lined up who couldn't be with us at that time.

After leaving Paintsville we visited the Seco Free Will Baptist Church and met Bro. and Sister Walter Hooper, who are fine people of God and very interested in our woman's work. We had services with them and organized the Woman's Auxiliary, with a splendid group. Bro. Hubbard, the pastor, couldn't be with us; but later we had the privilege of being with him in a quarterly meeting, which was a great blessing to us.

After leaving Kentucky we went to West Virginia to organize the Woman's District Auxiliary Convention. On our way we stopped in Logan, West Virginia, and had a wonderful radio service with Brother Blankenship, one of our splendid preachers in Logan. They have a service over the air every Saturday afternoon. At the close of the service we ask if any one wanted to be saved and two lifted their hands. Then we turned the service back to the pastor and he said come on now, and they came and both were saved. A number were shouting as we went off the air. We had a wonderful group of singers that added to the service.

Then we went to the church that night and had another glorious service. Brother Thomas Clay is pastor and a fine man of God. When we ask how many wanted to line up with the National Auxiliary 24 raised their hands, and they took the year books and manuals; also both plans, the chest and banks.

On Sunday afternoon we went to Chesapeake and organized the district convention. The service was indeed wonderful. We feel that the women will do a great work. The pastor of the church, Bro. Herrald, surely did his part to make every one welcome. Bro. D. V. Shaffer also did his best to make the singing a success. Bro. Clay brought the good singers with him from Logan, which added much to the service. God bless the good people of West Virginia. They are anxious to carry out our National program.

After leaving Chesapeake we visited Bro. John Henson's church near Hurricane on Sunday night. The service was deep and

spiritual. They accepted both plans.

We left Monday and visited Bro. Colliver's church again, where we found them still in a wonderful revival. It was our privilege to take the auxiliary workers to the jail for a service; then we took some of the workers into homes. We had two conversions one morning. Oh, how we do need to get a vision of what can be done in personal work in the homes.

After leaving Kentucky we went to Virginia where Bro. W. T. Large and Bro. Kilgore had arranged an itinerary for us. Our first service was with Bro. Large's church in Coeburn, which was glorious. We organized an auxiliary according to the manual and left them rejoicing. Bro. Large and Bro. Kilgore went with us to Momkt. All the churches we visited, Davis Chapel, Ramsey, Big Springs, Wilson's Chapel, Banner, and Steven's Chapel, were delighted with our auxiliary work and the unified program. We surely did move to get ready and these (the local work) organized and ready to organize a district convention before we left.

Then Sunday afternoon we went back to Davis' Chapel and had a grand service and organized; and put a good field worker in office, which will bring in other auxiliaries before our National Convention.

We thank God for such men as Brother Large and Kilgore. One thing we left off and that is the ministers' institute that we attended on Saturday before we left Virginia. It was indeed a grand success and they gave us a nice offering of \$15.00, for which we were very thankful.

All of these states that we have visited are on the upward way. Thanks be to our dear Lord for our work in all these states and the great vision they see concerning our national program.

After leaving Virginia we came to Tennessee where we are at this writing. We visited Bro. Chas Elkins and his people at Johnson City first. They have a splendid new church building and are doing a great work. They had a woman's work but not organized according to our manual. So they took year books and manuals to get lined up with us. They also accepted both the chest and penny banks.

Then Tuesday night we visited another

one of Brother Elkins' churches in Watauga Valley. It is also a new church with a good woman's work. They also accepted the unified program. At the same night, Mr. McAdams visited Bro. Mack Hodge's church up the river and put on both plans. Both of these preachers are fine men. Bro. Elkins is a real sin fighter and has done a wonderful work in this part of the country.

On Wednesday night we visited Brother and Sister Howington's church in Elizabethton. They also have a fine woman's work. After explaining the unified program, they took both chest and banks. This brother is also a splendid Christian man to work with. It was at his church that we had a glorious revival three years ago. We will never forget their dear home. It has been ours since we first met them.

Last night we visited one of Bro. J. I. Francisco's churches in the country. We had a glorious service and organized an auxiliary. We also had the privilege of having Sister Roberson, the field worker of this district, with us. We feel that this dear pastor has a great future and may God bless him and his good wife.

We have a few more churches to visit in Tennessee, then we will start south for the winter. We want to do some work in Texas and other states that we will name later.

Now a few words to you states that have the penny banks: Drop me a card and state the number of banks in your church so I can put the number on the honor roll.

Now a special call to you local auxiliaries: We will need a little more home mission money in our National treasury, so I am asking each local president to bring it before her group of women.

When you send your \$1.00 for the chest send \$2.00 for a few months, until we have enough to meet the needs that call our attention just now. You can start in January. This is home mission work and it is badly needed at this time. You can send more than one dollar if you like. But if a number of auxiliaries will send \$1.00 each for a few months the need will be met.

God bless you and pray for us to have great victory in all of our work.

— H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

New Hope, Arkansas

We are still rejoicing over our good State Association held at Batesville, Arkansas. We enjoyed the trip. Six of our delegates went in our good friend's car (Leonard Moore). He was so careful and considerate of our safety.

The people at Batesville treated us fine. We had a wonderful league day. Miss Eula North of Lamar, Ark., is the state league president.

We have a good league her. Our women are planning for a thanksgiving supper and the proceeds will go to repair our church building.

Since our Association in September, we have had three deacons ordained: C. J. Moore of New Hope, Ollie Jones and Ben McGough of Glenwood. Our churches are going fairly well. We have a women's work at Glenwood and Pleasant Grove. We look for a great year for our Woman's Auxiliary. Sister Edith Brooks Collins of Arkadelphia is our state president.

We are greatly interested in getting a preacher on the air in Little Rock. Bro. Ralph Staten is heard every Sunday, at 7:00 a. m. from Jonesboro, Arkansas. His sermons are fine.

God bless the Gem editor and his wife; also all the readers.

—Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

First Free Will Baptist Church Flint, Michigan

*Rev. Maurice W. Roach, Pastor
Vera Roach, Reporter*

This is the first visit to you from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint.

The Rev. Winford Davis gave a very thorough report of our organization, so I won't go into that. However, I would like to explain a little about our beginning so you will realize why the day we organized was truly a red letter day in our lives.

On June 15, 1941, we started as a mission with 13 present. For our Sunday evening service we had 10. The following Sunday there were about 20 present. Then we dropped back to our 13 again. There were so many times that it looked rather discouraging. Then we would remember the promise of our Master, "I will never leave

thee nor forsake thee"; also, "Lo I am with thee always". In remembering those promises they gave us courage to continue. Last Sunday we had 53 in Sunday school. How God is blessing!

It's true we started with a few as charter members, but we have no apology to offer because of a small number. Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered together," He is in our services and He is blessing. We feel He will prosper us as He sees we have need.

Dear readers, remember us when you pray for our future depends to a certain degree on you. If we are on your prayer list as well as you on ours, we will all go forward in His work.

May God bless and keep you under His care is the prayer of your reporter.

Mission Circle No. 1 of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

As I have been elected Corresponding Secretary for Mission Circle No. 1 of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma, I wish to report our rally that convened with the Jennings church December 5, 1941.

The meeting opened with singing, conducted by Rev. Elva Haley and prayer by Rev. Will Bean. Rev. A. B. Talbert, president of the mission work for both of our circles in this Association, one of our old ministers, and a devout mission worker, read 1 John 3 for a scripture lesson. Rev. Neely Huff, president of our rally, took charge and called for and received letters from the Jennings, Drumright, Olive, Silver City, Tuskegee, Vance Chapel, and Cushing missions. We are thankful to God for the reports of these missions and the work they are doing for the Lord. We, of this Association, feel that in these trying times that the mission work is the life of the Church and the Association, and that we should assemble our selves together more as we see the end nearing.

There were several good talks concerning our work. We were dismissed for the lunch hour with special prayer for the sick by

Rev. H. E. Staires. After a good lunch that was prepared by the ladies of the Jennings Mission we came together for the afternoon session. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. V. McPhail, pastor of the Vance Chapel church. The testimony service was conducted by the president of the Jennings mission, Sister Ethel Brown. Rev. Will Bean took the stand for the preaching service with 1 Kings 20:18 as a text, followed by Rev. H. E. Staires using John 7:38 as his text. These messages were food for our souls. The Free Will Baptist have some of the best preachers in the world.

The night service was devoted to a fellowship meeting with all the ministers present talking for a few minutes. The service was opened by singing and prayer by Rev. H. E. Staires. The testimonial service was conducted by one of our old men, but a young man in the Lord's work, Bro. Krakel. Rev. Elva Haley took the pulpit with John 7:46 as a text; Rev. H. E. Staires, Rom. 7:14; Rev. Neely Huff, Rom. 14:9; Rev. A. B. Talbert, "What think ye of Christ?"

We left the rally feeling that it was good to have been there. Our next rally will be at the Cushing church. We hope to have a better report next time.

— Bessie D. West, Secretary.

Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma

Rev. H. E. Staires, Pastor
Mrs. Bonnie Rowland, Reporter

To the Editor and Gem Readers:

This is my first attempt in presenting to the *Gem* a report of our church, Sunday School, Mission and League activities, because of the fact that I have just been newly elected reporter for our church. But I am looking forward to the real enjoyment of writing to you for our *Gem* and reading the many wonderful reports of other churches.

Our prayer meeting services, held on Wednesday night of each week, are well attended. Our Sunday night services are exceptionally well attended and we are so glad for the many visitors that we have from time to time, and of the souls who are so gloriously saved. We are thankful for the soul inspiring messages that we

feel and know that God has sent to us through our leader and pastor, Rev. H. E. Staires. How faithful, and truly what a blessing he and his good companion have been to our church and to our town! May God bless and continue to use them in His service.

Of Sunday morning, with its Sunday School activities and its eleven o'clock services, I write with joy and with a truly thankful heart. What happiness and great encouragement we always receive at this time. No greater privilege on earth is so sweet as the privilege that we so enjoy of serving our Lord. Our attendance in Sunday School last Sunday was 182 with the record attendance standing at 305. Last Sunday morning a precious young mother gave her heart to God. Her companion had surrendered to God just the night before.

Because of the recent illness of our mission president, Sister Ethel Armstrong, and because of the long endurance of her illness, the mission has not as yet organized as an auxiliary. But the National Auxiliary manual has been accepted for our use when organized. The attendance to our weekly mission meeting is about 18 to 20 workers.

In the league department, we have three league classes, the seniors, intermediates, and the juniors, with approximately 70 members attending league classes. These classes are held regularly each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. During church services we have a wonderful choir of the juniors and intermediates who assist our regular choir in the song services. This participation of our younger league members has greatly encouraged them and has done much to increase their activities in our church.

God has been very good to us. He has blessed and prospered our church in many ways. For this we are humbly thankful and will continue always to give Him our praise.

Without a doubt, because of the serious condition of this conflicting world at this present time, we as Christians realize how great is our need of more prayer and greater service. I can only repeat what we all know within our own minds and feel within our hearts that the effects of this war is

and will be very great. We know that it creates disrespect for life and causes deterioration of the races, because only the physically sound can go into the army. We know that it has an economic, social and moral effect upon our country, but spiritually we are more unified. Our part in the national defense may not be the financial or physical strength that many will supply, but we know our prayers are needed and we know that we are going to do our part. Aren't we?

We earnestly desire your prayers and may God bless all of you.

Franklin County Quarterly Association of Illinois

The Franklin County Quarterly Association met with the Hazel Dell Church, near Sesser, Illinois, where Bro. Tepton Harpool is pastor.

We believe the Saviour was well pleased with His children in every session of this meeting. The Churches were well represented by delegates, ministers and interested Christian workers.

The messages in sermon, song and prayer were soul-stirring and helpful. The spirit of love, one for another, was shown throughout the meeting, and the business session was conducted in pleasing harmony. The meeting and greeting each other in Jesus' name was heavenly.

It was a privilege to have our orphanage superintendent, I. L. Stanley of Greenville, Tennessee, visit us, who told us of the work and blessing of our orphanage. Our hearts over-flowed in gratitude to God for their work. Hearts were touched by a need and many rejoicing hearts in tears brought their offerings to the altar. \$105.30 was given to prove our concern for the spiritual and material welfare of the children God has entrusted to our care. Our Illinois people are glad to share and have a part in the great work of Brother and Sister Stanley.

We were reminded of many scriptures: "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

Gifts came in for foreign missions from the Mt. Vernon church, and a personal gift for education from Brother and Sister Jack Kettelman.

On Saturday night we had ordination service for the ministry. God is blessing His children.

The next Franklin County Quarterly Association will be held with the Rescue church near Whittington, Illinois, from Friday through the fifth Sunday in March.

—Emma Moore, Sec'y-Treas.

First Free Will Baptist Church Porterville, California

Dear Gem Readers:

We have had a good revival in our church since we last wrote to you. Two souls were saved, six baptized, and seven joined the church; two joined by letter. The entire church was revived and blessed. Many shouted praises to God from their hearts.

This is the most consecrated church I have ever lived in. They seem to be united in the great love of God, working and agreeing together with the pastor in unity and in one accord.

The Sunday school is improving, both in number and spirituality. Time did not permit us to finish the lesson last Sunday as the discussion was so interesting. Then Bro. E. Owens and Bro. Emit Clagg gave us two good sermons in the morning. Bro. C. D. Findley gave another uplifting sermon in the evening.

The young people have organized a young peoples' meeting. Brother Herbert Long is president and Sister Fern Findley is the teacher. The older brothers and sisters have a Bible class, which is also very interesting.

I am thankful for the opportunity of attending this spiritual church, where each one wishes to obey the Spirit of our God, and is willing to do their duty as Christians. May each one of us live humble and upright as we should. I pray that more unsaved may be convicted of their sins and be saved.

—Susie Whitaker.

Tri-State Fifth Sunday Meeting
Held at Granby, Missouri
Eld. T. E. L. Curry, Moderator
Eld. Elda Crain, Clerk Pro Tem

The fifth Sunday meeting convened with the Granby Free Will Baptist Church Sunday, November 31, 1941. Truly this was a wonderful meeting. There was shouting in both morning and afternoon services. There were thirteen ministers present.

The Northwest Picher Free Will Baptist Church, the South Picher Church and the Mt. Olive churches were represented. The Mt. Olive church is located near Seneca, Missouri.

Bro. Wolgamott, pastor of the Granby Church, brought the message at the eleven o'clock service. He delivered a good message and God's spirit was present.

A basket dinner was served at noon and my what a feast for our bodies.

Services began at 1:30 p. m., called to order by our worthy moderator, Eld. T. E. L. Curry of Picher, Oklahoma. Prayer was offered by Eld. L. Easterly also of Picher. Ministers preaching in the afternoon about 15 minutes each were as follows: Brothers Noman Green, Bill Johnston, L. Easterly, Perry Whitaker, and Sisters Beulah McKee, Clara Taylor and Elda Crain. Special singing was enjoyed between sermons.

The services closed at four o'clock with an old fashioned hand shake.

The next fifth Sunday meeting will convene with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, between Neosho and Seneca, Missouri, located ten miles west of Neosho on the highway and seven miles east of Seneca.

These meetings are a real blessing for the soul. Come and enjoy the next fifth Sunday meeting together with us. Elda Crain of Miami, Oklahoma is to preach the introductory sermon at eleven o'clock.

Dalton-Riggs

Miss Eileen Eurella Riggs of Hazel Park, Michigan, was united in marriage to Mr. Acil Dale Dalton, also of Hazel Park, on November 30, 1941, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

The wedding took place in the Free Will Baptist Church of Highland Park, Michigan,

with Rev. Raymond Riggs, brother of the bride officiating.

The songs, "Oh, Promise Me," "I Love You Truly" and the wedding march were played by Mrs. Raymond Riggs.

The bride was beautiful in her long white satin gown and veil. She carried a large bouquets of white flowers. The bridesmaids were dressed in pink and blue floor-length gowns and also carried bouquets. A ring ceremony was used, and the church was beautifully decorated with palms.

The couple was accompanied by Miss Genova Riggs and Mr. Albert Dalton, brother and sister of the bride and groom, and Miss Kathleen Regan and James Watson. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Rep. C. E. Riggs.

Immediately after the wedding reception at the bride's parents, the couple left on a wedding trip through the states of Arkansas and Missouri. After the trip they will be at home to their friends in Halzel Park, Michigan.

Henderson-Jenkins

Yellow and bronze chrysanthemums decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eury Jenkins for the impressive wedding ceremony of their daughter, Miss Virginia Jenkins, and Herbert Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Henderson, at three o'clock, Sunday afternoon, November 9, 1941.

The Rev. Winford Davis performed the impressive single ring ceremony in the living room, beautifully decorated with fall leaves in full color with greenery and baskets of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums banked to form an improvised altar, before which the vows were exchanged. Miss Wilma Jenkins was the bridesmaid and Bill Davis acted as best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served the bridal party and immediate relatives. Featured as a center piece on the dinner table was a beautiful wedding cake decorated in pastel shades.

Mrs. Henderson was graduated from the Monett high school. Mr. Henderson was graduated from the Purdy high school, and is employed by the Free Will Baptist Gem.

The young couple is at home at 517 Lincoln Avenue. — From *The Monett Times*.

OBITUARIES

RICHEY—Lola Blanch (better known as Shay) Richey, wife of Eld. Clay Richey, was born February 8, 1907, near Dibble, and departed this life November 5, 1941, being 34 years, 8 months and 27 days of age.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Elder Clay Richey; four sons, Edward Wesley, Roley Clay, Jack Bryant, Ramsey; three brothers, Bill and Woodrow James Alphues; her mother, Mrs. W. W. Ramsey of Blanchard, Okla.; four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Roley Richey, Mrs. John Bowser, Mrs. Clyde Jones all of Blanchard, Oklahoma.

She was converted in 1924 and united with the Free Will Baptist church and was baptized by Eldér L. E. Ward. She was a very devout and active member in her church and home mission work, both in her church and in the State and National Associations. She was an ideal preacher's wife. We know Bro. Clay's life will be lonely without her. Pray earnestly for him and the little boys.

She was loved by everyone who knew her and had a smile for everyone she met.

Her passing is a great loss to her home, church and community but we know it is heaven's gain.

— Vicie Hopkins.

DICKEY—Mary Wilma Dickey was born April 9, 1903, in Washington County Illinois, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickey. She moved with her parents to Missouri when she was a child five months old.

She grew to womanhood in the Hannon community and was married to Wilbur Mayfield April 7, 1925. To this union was born five children: one boy, Francis Laverne, who, had he not been called away in infancy, would now be 16 years old; and three daughters, Mary Lou, Deloris, and Charlene of the home. Beside the immediate family she leaves her mother, Mrs. Julia Dickey of Liberal, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Campbell of Iantha, Missouri and Mrs. Edith Leatherman of Lamar, Mo.; four brothers, a twin brother Wilbur of Kansas City, Mo., Henry Dickey of Springfield, Mo., Charley and Elbert Dickey of

Liberal, Mo.; and a host of friends to mourn her early passing.

She had been in failing health for a number of months but her sudden death was a terrible shock to everyone. She was saved in early life and joined the Hannon Free Will Baptist church and lived a beautiful Christian life. She was devoted to her home and family and her parting words to her mother were, "I hate to go but I am prepared to go". She passed away at the Jane Chinn Hospital at Webb City, Missouri.

IN MEMORY

In memory of our dear husband and father, Rev. W. C. Hill, who passed away January 8, 1940.

You bid no one a last farewell,
You said good-bye to none;
By the beat of the heart and handgrasp
We knew that you were gone.

You did not fail to do your best,
Your heart was true and tender,
You worked hard for the ones you left
And ever will be remembered.

A wonderful husband, father and aide,
One that was better God never made;
A husband so loyal, faithful and true,
One-in-a-million that father was you.

God knew that you were suffering
And the hills were hard to climb,
So he called you to His bosom
And whispered, "Peace be thine".

Sadly missed by his wife and children.
—Mrs. B. McCauley, St. Louis, Mo.

DO YOU KNOW?

The result in believing in Christ's second coming? Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world—"Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:12.



Special Articles



Missouri Treasurers Report

Foreign Mission Fund

Niangua Sunday School	\$4.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission Circle	1.00
Desloge Church	44.94
Hazel Creek Union Church	10.40
Pleasant Grove Church	4.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School	1.00
Amity Church	2.00
Blue Eye Church	1.67
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New Machinery Fund

Lyle Roller, Monett, Missouri	\$10.00
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John Filkins, Novinger, Missouri ..	25.00
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Ora Maberry, Greenfield, Missouri	\$1.00
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Cartersville Church	\$ 1.75
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Merl's Chapel	8.00
Desloge Church	10.04
Macedonia Church	8.48

Educational Fund

Richwoods Church	\$ 6.00
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Mrs. Doris Rollins, Monett, Mo.	1.00

Budget Fund

Cave Spring Association	\$ 3.45
Rev. John B. Rollins	5.00
W. I. Jemes, Niangua, Missouri	15.00

Jehoida Chest Fund

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	\$ 1.00
Hickory Grove Auxillary	1.00
Hannon Church	2.00
Leadington Aux. of Flat River Church	1.00
Monett Church	1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00
Flat River Church Mission	1.00
River Mines Auxillary	1.00

Benevolent Fund

Merl's Chapel (for Tenn. Orphanage)	\$7.00
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— Winford Davis, Treasurer.

LITTLE THINGS

A holy life is made up of a number of small things. Little words, not eloquent speeches or sermons; little deeds, not miracles or battles, not one great heroic act of mighty martyrdom, make up the Christian life. The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, indiscretions, and imprudences; little foibles, indulgences of the flesh—the avoidance of such little things as these goes far to make up, at least the negative beauty of holy life.

— Horatius Bonar.

The Deputation to Cuba

THE National Association, last July, voted to send a deputation to Cuba to investigate the missionary possibilities there. Brother and Sister Willey are there serving as missionaries but this inspection is to determine to what extent we may launch a missionary enterprise in Cuba—our closest foreign mission field.

The party will consist of Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, Chairman of the National Foreign Mission Board; Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. L. C. Johnson of Glennville, Georgia is being sent along by the newly awakened interest in missions by the Georgia State Association; perhaps Rev. Henry Melvin,

Durham, North Carolina, but this arrangement is not completely made; and last, the Missouri State Association is sending Rev. Kenneth Turner with his motion picture machine.

The plan is to sail from Key West on Thur., 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22. Rev. B. F. Rogers is taking his automobile across on the ship so the party will not be afoot when they land over there. This can be done at a very reasonable cost.

The party plans to stay in Cuba about ten days, returning to the States during the week following the first Sunday in February.

We will be anxious to hear their report when they return.

A Library for Sale

THE library of the Rev. Ira Waterman, deceased, has been sent to the Gem Office to be offered for sale. Rev. Ira Waterman was a widely known Free Will Baptist minister who was well versed in knowledge and was very active in the work of the denomination.

The library contains 43 books and is in excellent repair and were sent in by Mrs. McCubbin of Conway, Missouri. The books are here listed:

1. Pulpit and Grave—by Wheeler. A volume of funeral sermons and addresses with points on funeral etiquette etc. 1884
361 pages \$1.25
2. Guide to the Lord's Supper—by Ball. 1852
142 pages 50c
3. A History of the Bible—by Cop. 183 pages 75c
4. Bible Salvation and Popular Religion Contrasted—Rev. A. Sims. 1886
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5. Notes on the Parables of Our Lord—by Archbishop Trench. 416 pages \$1.25
6. The Ideal Ministry—Johnson, 1908. 500 pages \$1.50

7. Truths As I Have Seen Them—Wilson. 1897. Addresses on Spiritual Life. 256 pages \$1.00
8. Faith and Self Surrender—Marteneau. 1897. 122 pages 50c
9. The Preacher, His Life and Work—by Jowett. 1912. 239 pages \$1.00
10. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons—Boardus. 1903. 562 pages \$1.50
11. Healed by Faith—Wallace. A personal experience. 124 pages 50c
12. The Revival and the Pastor—Peck. 1894. 279 pages \$1.00
13. The Homilist—Thomas. 1876. 348 pages 50c
14. Theological Compend—Ellyson. 1908. 190 pages 75c
15. Binney's Theological Compend Improved. 1875. 195 pages 75c
16. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience—by Merrill. 1882. 297 pages \$1.00
17. Banks, Manual of Christian Doctrine. 1916. 391 pages \$1.25

18. Commentary on the Book of Exodus — by Murphy. 1868.
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19. Heavenward Bound — Wadsworth. 1870.
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31. The Road of Jesus — Harrah. 1902.
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37. Heaven and Its Wonders and Hell. 1912.
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38. Heaven and Hell Complete.
Paper binding. 450 pages.
39. The Heavenly Arcania. 1912.
789 pages.

Some of these books are valuable and others are not so valuable. We have tried to price them within reason, and Mrs. McCubbin offers a commission to our denominational enterprises. If anyone desires to own one or more of the books, it might be well to give a second choice for we only have this limited supply.

Eternity's Condemning Conscience

I sat alone with my conscience
In a place where time had ceased,
And we talked of my former living
In the lands where the years increased.

And I felt I should have to answer
The question it put to me,
And to face the question and answer
Throughout an eternity.

The ghost of forgotten actions
Came floating before my sight,
And the things I thought were dead things
Were alive with a terrible might.

And the vision of all my past life
Was an awful thing to face
Alone with my conscience sitting
In that solemn, silent place.

—Moody's *The Power of a Surrendered Life*

Order missionary pictures for your church bulletin board from Rev. Miss Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kansas. See page 11.

DON'TS FOR THE PULPIT

Don't mumble your words. Chew your food but not your language.

Don't preach too long. Better leave the people longing than loathing.

Don't preach old sermons without revision. Grown men look awkward in boy's clothing.

Don't indulge in mannerism. Simplicity is desirable in high places, the pulpit especially.

Don't speak in a monotone. The voice has numerous keys; play on as many as possible.

Don't catch the pulpit twang. Talk to men in as natural tone as you talk with them.

Don't indulge in long pulpit prayers. Always remember the stranger.

Don't introduce politics into the pulpit.

Don't neglect closet prayer. The finest pipes can give forth no music untill filled with the divine breath.

Don't scold your congregation. Attack measures and hit people only when they stand between you and the devil.

Don't harp too much on one string. Variety is pleasing and God's word has given ample choice of themes.

Don't drop your voice at the close of a sentence. Men have as much need to hear the end as the beginning.

Don't fail to stop when your message is over.

— Eunice Edwards, St. Louis, Mo.

The putting away of sin is only the negative side of turning to God. The positive side is the rebuilding of the spiritual altars, the neglect of which led to the transgressions.

— Selected.

CLOUDS

By Katharine C. Shapleigh, Tryon, N. C.

Clouds,
Bright clouds,
Pearl-tinted, glistening,
Drifting across the sky
As heralds of the dawn,
The sun that lights your course
Cannot be far behind.
Come, glorious sun,
I wait, I long
For thee!

Clouds,
Dark clouds,
Heavy and menacing,
Are hanging above my head
With threat of coming rain;
The sun is blotted out;
The mountains seem to weep;
In this dim light
My spirit faints
In me.

Clouds,
God's clouds,
Sunlit or dropping rain,
Are passing across my life,
Frightened with weal or woe.
His love ordained them both;
And on the darkest sky
He draws a bow,
His word of hope
For me.

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE JEW

It is extraordinary how indestructible is the Jew. Six times have they been brought to the verge of annihilation.

1. By the Pharaoh of Egypt . . . B. C. 1775
2. By the Assyrians B. C. 1571
3. By Nebuchadnezzar B. C. 588
4. By Haman B. C. 510
5. By Antiochus Epiphanes . . . B. C. 170
6. By Titus A. D. 70

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— Selected.

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centage of the sales price, so the Sunday schools of our nation are helping themselves by installing this system for bookkeeping and they are also helping the National Convention to serve its purpose in helping Sunday schools in all the states. For the month of October, the National Convention received \$31.70.

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DO YOU KNOW?

When He will return? Acts 3:21: "Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things—which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

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