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The Missionary Deputation to Cuba

WE have made our trip to Cuba and returned safe and sound, assured in our hearts that the Lord's approval is stamped upon our effort in a definite way, and that our tour among the Cubans was, and is, a decided success from every viewpoint. We left Monett about six o'clock Monday morning, January 19th. By saying we, I mean Rev. B. F. Rogers, pastor at Wewoka, Okla., Rev. Melvin Bingham, pastor at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rev. Kenneth Turner, Rev. George La Shum, and myself all of Monett, Missouri. Let me make this explanation: We were expecting Rev. Henry Melvin of Durham, North Carolina to go as one of the party, but just before we left, word came from Bro. Melvin that due to increased matters of business he could not go. So Bro. La Shum decided to go with the party, however, he paid his own expenses on the trip.

We drove from Monett to the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Card, near Ozark, Arkansas, where we spent an hour with them. Bro. and Sister Card, devout servants of the Lord, have recently volunteered their service to the foreign mission work, hence we desired a visit with them. After our visit with them and a season of prayer in their home we went on our way, crossing the river at Vicksburg, and on to Valdosta, Georgia, where Rev. L. C. Johnson of Glenville, Georgia was to join our party. Upon our arrival at Valdosta we found Brother and Sister Johnson waiting; but only to tell us that for certain conditions over which he had no control he could not go with us. It was too bad to have to hear that Bro. Johnson could not join our party. However, after visiting a little while with them we proceeded on our way.

At ten o'clock Wednesday night, January 21, we arrived at Miami, Florida. We called Dr. Lydia Mason (Dr. Mason is a sister to our missionary, Bro. Willey) and found

that she had rooms already engaged for us. So we were not long getting to bed. I don't know what we would have done while in Miami had it not been for Dr. Mason. She took off from her work for a day and showed us around the beautiful city, and helped us make our preparation for sailing, etc. We had a wonderful visit with her and her dear old mother who lives with her. Both of them are consecrated servants of the Lord.

In making our preparations for sailing we ran into but one "snag". In our haste to get started from home we had overlooked the matter of getting a release from our local selective service board. Three of us, Bro. Turner, Bro. La Shum, and myself being draft age had to wire immediately to Cassville, Missouri for our release so as to visit Cuba for ten days. We were very anxious, of course, until the answer came about six hours before sailing time giving us our permission to leave the States.

After getting through the U. S. customs, Bro. Rogers getting his car declared and on board ship, etc., etc., we finally were assigned to our state rooms, and at 7:00 P. M., Friday January 23, the S. S. Cuba began to plow its way on the 236 mile voyage to Havana harbor. The water was unusually quiet, the moon was shining brightly, and you can imagine our thrill as we sailed on our way. None of us, of course, had ever taken a trip on the water of any length before. We sailed under complete blackout. The beautiful S. S. Cuba was painted a dull grey all over. The lights on the outside were all out except one red and one green light. The light bulbs in our state rooms were painted blue. The boat zig zaged a great deal of the way across during the night as a safety measure. One official on the boat told me he was crossing once more and then he was quitting because of the danger. We were of course

conscious of danger; but far greater than that we were keenly conscious of the divine presence and protection of the Lord: for as the poet said, "Isn't God upon the water just the same as on land". We went in prayer and trust. Every evening while driving down as night would draw near we would all lift our hats and engage in a season of prayer; even while the car was bounding on its way. We repeated the same as we returned home. These seasons of prayer were a great blessing to our souls. We kneeled by our bed sides in our state rooms and committed ourselves to Him for safe keeping.

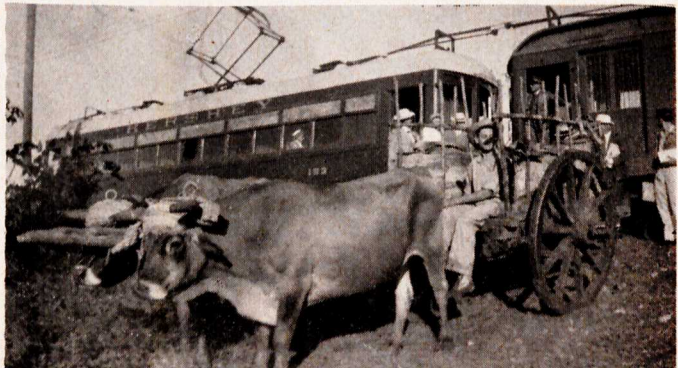
About 7:30 Saturday A. M., January 24, we sighted land on the island of Cuba. About 10:30 our boat pulled in by old Moro Castle into Havana harbor plowing directly through the water where the battleship Maine was blown up February 15, 1898, and on to the docks of the P. and O. S. S. Co. After getting through the customs we found Bro. Willey and Bro. Hugh Pain at the door waiting for us. How comforting it was to find them there! Everything was so strange and foreign to us. We of course could understand but very little of all the clatter going on about us. You can rest assured we immediately laid all our burdens on Bro. Willey and Bro. Pain. They became our spokesmen and saw us on through.

After getting telegrams and mail started back home we drove out through the great capital city of Havana, of from seven to nine hundred thousand population, and on toward the town of Jaruco (pronounced Haruco) some 40 miles inland. Everything, of course, was intensely interesting to us as we made this our first drive into this strange land. It was almost like being in a new world to us. We arrived at Bro. Willey's home in Jaruco Saturday afternoon in high spirits; finding that the good house maid, Julia, and Sister Willey had a good meal prepared for us. Service was announced that night for the young people

at the Mission Church and School. Bro. Turner was selected to bring the message. Bro. Hugh Pain interpreted for him. That was our first introduction in the services where we could not understand the language. They had a very busy schedule for us while we were there. We were in service every night except one, and all day each Sunday.

Early Sunday morning, the 25th, we loaded into cars and started to the convention to be held at the San Ignacia Church, a country church a number of miles farther into the country. We drove the cars to the little town of Hershey, Cuba. There we left the cars and boarded the electric train. After about a thirty minute ride we got off to find a native boy with a yoke of oxen and an ox cart waiting to take us on to the church a mile and a half. Some rode and some walked, taking turns about—taking pictures along the way, cutting off and chewing a piece of sugar cane now and then, and just having a jolly good time. Yes, picture taking was the order from the time we left home until we returned. There were three still cameras and one motion picture machine in the party. Bro. Turner was on the job with his motion picture machine continually, and took several hundred feet. He will have an unusually interesting line up of pictures when he gets them developed. Don't fail to see them.

We arrived at the San Ignacia church and found the people gathering. The church is a little thatched roof building covered



Electric Train and Ox Cart



Bro. Willey and Two Converts

with palm leaves, which is very typical of Cuba. A dirt floor; but a comfortable place to worship. And the dear people it seemed tried to kill us with kindness. We were profoundly impressed with the friendliness of the Cubans. They especially loved the *Americanos De El Norte* (the Americans of the north). A native preacher, of course, preached in Spanish, and Bro. Pain interpreted for the Americans. We had a precious service then dinner at noon. In the afternoon Bro. Willey preached, bringing a powerful message in Spanish. At the close of his message a native Cuban man and his wife came and kneeled at the altar of prayer and wept their way to God. What a glorious service it was. After this Bro. Bingham brought a message of power, the Americans were all introduced, some indoor pictures were taken by Bro. La Shum, and then the benediction. The oxen were yoked again to the cart and we headed back to catch the train. The oxen, and people stringing across the field reminded one of customs and days of which we have heard our grandparents speak. We arrived back to Jaruco for the evening services where Bro. Bert Rogers brought a splendid message. We were all thrilled to, over flowing with the experiences of the day.

Monday A. M. the writer gave a message in the chapel at the Mission School. The party made a trip into Havana taking many pictures along the way. One sight of interest I will mention here was the men digging up human bones in the Havana cemetery. It is a Cuban custom. The grave

ground is rented, and when people get behind with their rent as much as two years the bones are taken up and burned and the ground re-rented to another.

On Monday night an important missionary discussion was held in the home of Bro. and Sister Willey.

Tuesday A. M. Bro. Bingham brought the message in the Mission School, after which we drove to the city of Mantanzas over in the Mantanzas Province on the Atlantic coast, a city of 116,000. There we visited the Woody Orphan Home, which institution is under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Pain. We had dinner with them, a typical Cuban dinner. There we also met another American missionary, Miss Bessie Vander Valk of New Jersey, who is working there with Brother and Sister Pain. We also met an interesting Cuban native, Justo Jiminez (pronounced Husto Himines) who is teaching in the orphanage. After pictures were taken of the 21 children in the orphanage and of the property, we loaded in Brother Rogers' and Bro. Pain's cars and started on what proved to be one of the most, if not the most, interesting journeys while we were in Cuba. We started toward the southern part of Matanzas Province over toward the Carribbean Sea.

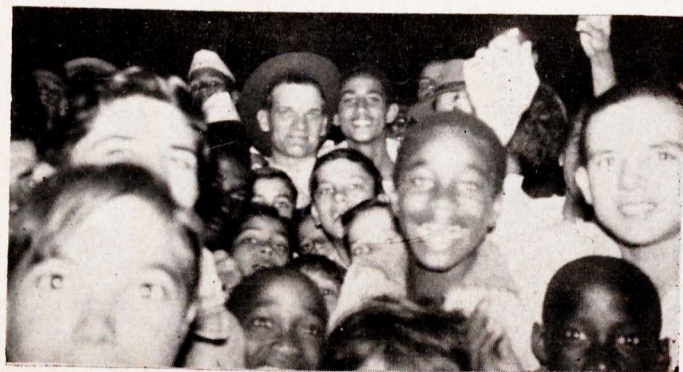
We drove 75 miles on from Matanzas to the city of Jaguey Grande, a city of 14,000 population. When we got to Jaguey Grande we were at the end of the road. We passed through a number of large cities and towns on the way. We found this great district to be wholly unevangelized. No Protestant mission work is being done there in any way. The chief head of the army post and the chief of police in Jaguey Grande assured us of a hearty welcome if we, as a Free Will Baptist denomination decided to open a work in this district. They said that they would be glad to have us establish a work there. I wish each of you could have seen this great district of opportunity with us. We left

that city at dark. On the way back our young Cuban man as we were leaving car, which was the rear car, showed signs of a tire going down just out side the city of Agra Monte, a city of 7,000 people. Bro. Samuel Pain, Justo, Bro. Bingham, Bro. La Shum, and myself were riding in this car. We turned back into town to get the tire repaired, and while three of the party stayed down at the shop with the car, Bro. La Shum and I decided we would take a walk up on main street. The natives discovered we were Americanos and they begin to throng about us, perhaps two or three hundred of them, all trying to talk to us and us to them. We began to hand out Spanish gospel tracts. I wish you could have seen how eager they were, they took them almost faster than we could hand them out. We had some great time there in the street which was literally filled and blocked with people flocking around the Americanos. Finally the three other brethren came up with the car ready to go. We suggested to Bro. Pain that we have a service with them, so he called them to order. We took our stand on the side walk, and sung a verse of the old song, "Are you washed in the blood?" Bro. Pain interpreted it in Spanish. We each then preached a short sermon, after which we finally crowded our way out from the throng and got going again. We had great difficulty getting away from them. But we want you to get this: When we started closing our messages numbers of them cried out in Spanish, "Speak on, speak on". I truly believe they would have stood there until midnight those brown eyes looking eagerly up at us hearing the gospel truth. shall never forget those The longest day I live I eager brown eyes looking up at us and their ears so attentive unto our gospel messages. My God, what a challenge to Free Will Baptists. I wish those words "speak on, speak on" would ring in every Free Will Baptist heart and ear until your pocket books would burst wide open One fine looking

told Bro. Pain these words: "There is only one church here and they are doing nothing for us. We need help." That one church is not a Protestant church. Now let us tell you the best yet of this wonderful experience. As we started on our way we all lifted our hats and begin to have prayer. Dear Justo, a fine Cuban father and husband, had never yet found the Christ. I took him by the hand, and we all prayed for Justo. In a few minutes he was happy in his soul and claiming Christ as his personal saviour. What a happy time. You can rest assured that everyone throughout the mission bounds rejoiced over the salvation of Justo. Just before we left for the states Justo reassured me he was right with the Lord.

We left Agra Monte thanking God for the flat tire which resulted in this wonderful service. We arrived back at the orphanage at 11:00 P. M., then 55 miles on to Jaruco arriving at 1:00 A. M. Sister Willey expressed that we all came in walking on air. We had but little difficulty arriving at the conclusion that in the southeast part of Matanzas Province is where we as a Free Will Baptist people shall start our new work under the supervision and leadership of Brother and Sister Willey. It makes me want to lift my voice in praise to God as I relate those grand experiences.

Wednesday afternoon, the 28th, we went through the Hershey sugar mills, driving on to the town of Santa Cruz over on the



Street Meeting At Night
Geo. La Shum In Background

Atlantic coast for service in the mission there. Each of us ministers brought a brief message being introduced by Bro. Willey, and our messages being interpreted by Bro. Hugh Pain. One soul was saved in this service. It was a very precious service indeed.

Thursday night we enjoyed an open air street service in the town of Jibacoa, far into the country. We preached there through a loud speaker system.

Friday we spent most of the day in Havana making preparation for our trip back to the states, as we learned the boat sailed Monday at 3:00 A. M. instead of Tuesday at 7:00 P. M., as we thought. They continually change the schedule so as to offset the enemy submarines.

Friday night we enjoyed a fine open air meeting in the town of San Jose where again the loud speaker was used. A large crowd was present. Two of our party preached with Bro. Samuel Pain bringing the principle message.

Saturday Bro. Rogers, Bro. Bingham, and Bro. La Shum decided to take the Pan American Clipper Plane back to Miami to spend some time there while waiting for the arrival of our boat Monday P. M. Bro. Turner and I remained in Jaruco to go over with the car on the boat Monday.

Saturday night Bro. Willey, a native preacher, Bro. Turner and I drove to the town of Guines where we had service with the mission. The service was held in an humble Cuban home. I brought a message with Bro. Willey interpreting. We found a fine group of people at Guines.

Sunday was another convention day. This time it was held in Jaruco. It was a glorious day. Early in the morning people begin to gather from Jibacoa, Santa Cruz, San Ignacia, San Jose, Guines, Matanzas and all around. Bro. Turner preached at eleven o'clock. It was a very precious service. The spirit of the Lord was there in a wonderful way, and at the close of his message a fine Cuban young man was saved. A young lady was also seeking, and she found her way to the Lord in the afternoon. In all there were seven souls saved while we were on the inland, Sunday afternoon a native preacher brought a message, after which the writer

brought a message on the "Signs of the Times". We found the people there to be strictly fundamental, truly premillennial, and purely evangelical. These findings were certainly gratifying to us. We also took special notice to the much singing and prayer which characterized the services of these dear people wherever we went.

Late Sunday afternoon every one was saying *Adios* (goodbye). How it did touch our hearts to part with these dear people. We never were treated nicer.

I know this is getting lengthy, but I cannot close without paying tribute to the Pains. Ellen and Martha Woody from North Carolina went to Cuba as missionaries starting their work in March of 1900. In August of the same year Arthur E. L. Pain was wonderfully converted under their ministry. He became the husband of Ellen, was also called to the ministry, and became a powerful missionary; covering the entire island of Cuba establishing many churches. He passed on to his reward four years ago. Dear old Sister Pain is practically retired, though she is yet very active in the local mission there in Jaruco. Several children were born to this union. Among whom were Samuel and Hugh who are carrying on the Interdenominational Mission. Hugh is over the school at Jaruco and the work in Havana Province. Samuel



Fine Cuban Boy Converted

has control over the orphanage at Mantanzas and the work in Matanzas Province. We never found finer men of God to work with. Both of them speak English and Spanish fluently, and are wonders at interpreting. We had our sleeping rooms in the Jaruco mission church and school building, which was an old priest headquarters building of fourteen rooms. Bro. Hugh and his mother also live in this building. We took our meals in the home of Bro. and Sister Willey, three blocks from the building described above.

Sunday night we drove into Havana, and Bro. Turner and I went on the boat and went to bed at nine o'clock. The boat sailed at 3:00 A. M. It was a rough sea all day, and we just had to do some feeding the fish, try as we would to keep from it.

At 4:10 P. M. Monday we saw the hands of our fellow partners and Dr. Mason waving at us from the docks at Miami. It seemed good to land. Upon coming back in we found the United States customs very strict. We were four hours getting through them. We drove to the home of Dr. Mason and her mother where we enjoyed a fine meal.

At 9:30 that night we were on our way toward Missouri and Oklahoma. We stopped in Orlando, Florida the next day and had a visit with little Tommie Willey who is in school there. We conveyed to him as best we could messages and love from his parents, and then we were on our way

arriving at Monett, Wednesday, 11:30 P. M. February 4.

We have returned feeling that our tour has been a decided success. The Lord definitely went before us all the way. He made clear to us what he would have us as a denomination undertake on the island of Cuba. He showed us the district thronging with hungry souls. Now it is up to us. We must furnish Bro. Willey with some native preachers to help him open up in that district. We can get plenty of them, good ones, and at a very small salary compared to what we call salary here. In fact we have one or two already in mind. They will become Free Will Baptist ministers. We must furnish Bro. Willey with a loud speaker system. We must assist the natives in building them some places of worship. They will be grateful for the erection of even a thatched hut. May the Lord open your hearts. Let us earnestly pray the Lord to give us Cuba. Then may we back our prayers with our means. Come on let's double our giving to our great missionary cause. We must close, but you will be hearing from us again about our great prospects and possibilities in the dear, quaint, old fashioned, and *HUNGRY* land of Cuba.

Rev. Winford Davis,
Rev. Bert Rogers,
Rev. Kenneth Turner,
Rev. Melvin Bingham,
Rev. George La Shum.

A Car for Brother Willey

Rev. George La Shum, Monett, Missouri

While we were in Cuba, our missionary, Brother Willey, explained to us his need for a cheap car as he said he had to pay too much tax on his car. He said he would have to pay one hundred dollars in March, and as we all know, that would be very expensive. But he explained, if he had a cheap car, like a Model A Ford, in which he didn't have much money invested the tax would be very little.

I told him I would be very glad to buy him a Model A Ford and get it in good shape, and he could come and get it. So

just the other day I received a letter from him and he said he was coming after it March 1. I have the Ford and we are putting it in first class shape.

I am wondering if we, as a national body of people, would want to *give* this car to him so his tax won't be very high, and I don't see how he could afford to pay for it. And, children of God, the harvest truly is ripe for his work there. If you could all have been with us on the street meeting and saw those eager eyes looking at us and all shouting "speak on we want to

hear more," and some even saying "We want to hear of your Christ but there is no one to tell us of Him." Then too, our missionary whom we have sent in our place can't possibly walk to every place it will be necessary for him to go. So let's give him this car.

After the Missionary Deputation to Cuba returned to America, Brother Willey, our Missionary, wrote the following paragraph in a letter to Brother Winford Davis:

"Villas came in this week with quite a report on the impression you all made around San Ignacio. He said that in every

The cost of the car will be one hundred dollars. I will pay twenty-five dollars of of it. Anyone wanting to help in this worthy cause, please send it to Rev. Geo. La Shum, Monett, Mo., or to the Gem Office. We will see that the car is in good shape and has good tires on it.

church he visited there was a group that mysteriously could understand everything you said, even before Hugh translated it. They said they could have understood you even if you had not had an interpreter. That's something like Pentecost! He said you all would never realize what that visit meant to them, that you fellows were different than any foreign preachers that had ever visited there, that you made them feel like you were one of them."

Pearl Harbor Revenge

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, N. C.

Yes, that is what America desires to do, *retaliate*. The stab in the back by the Japanese brought all division in America into unity, for the one purpose of overpowering and defeating the Japanese, our arch enemies.

Satan has stabbed the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the back, while, we, as Christians were asleep, much like our army and navy was when the Japs attacked us at Pearl Harbor. We have been asleep in our lack of prayer and study, as well as our lack of unity through good organization. This fact should arouse every good Christian to throw our forces together, as one great force, to conquer through *prayer, study, and organization*.

Before launching a campaign against the enemy, the army must study to find the most strategic points for possible attacks, and then take stock of their strength, as to men and equipment. Hence, we, who are fighting in the greatest war in all history, the war against Satan, need to study God's Word; and through study we are led to see the need of reaching a lost world. Better organization will enable us to work as one great unit, for the salvation of lost souls.

Through the National Sunday School Convention, we are sending out the call for better organization in our local Sunday Schools. Through the union meetings, leaders in the local Sunday Schools can be contacted and drawn together to form a district convention, through which the local organizations can receive help and strength to enable them to do more effective work for the Master. Perhaps a single Sunday School may become discouraged, because they are failing to reach the multitudes.

After we have organized our district conventions and partook of the wonderful blessings and derived the numerous benefits therefrom; we will be inspired to gather together in a State Convention, which will touch the Sunday School work throughout the entire state. After this has been accomplished, the state organizations automatically join the National Convention, just as the rivers flow into larger bodies of water and on into the mighty ocean.

Will you accept the great challenge that is being given to us by the world to cast aside all division in the smaller matters, that we may be able to put our shoulders to the wheel as individuals to make ourselves stronger through prayer, study, and organi-

zation? If we will do this, our God will the Holy Spirit, for there is no shortage supply us all the needed equipment through with God and His Power.

Overcoming
With Christ



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The World
For Christ



The Hour of Prayer

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

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel"—Eph. 6:18, 19.

In the preceeding five verses, Paul comes forth in the head of the Ephesian camp, and gives a fresh alarm to the Christian soldiers, and bids them to arm! arm! arm! He names each piece of armour that the soldiers wear, and shows that there is a resemblance between every grace and that piece of bodily armour which the soldiers wear.

After the soldier is fully equipped with all these six graces that he names, Paul then exhorts them to pray always in the spirit, with perseverance and supplication for all saints, and also for him that he might be able to speak with boldness, to make known the mystery of God. Prayer is a necessary duty for all Christians, and is to be used, with all other pieces of spiritual armour, by the Christian soldier. The faithful praying Christian is the best defense any country has, at any time.

Paul, having directed the saints to pray for each other and in general, desires that they pray for himself in particular. The ministers of Christ should be remembered in a special manner in the saint's prayers. Our ministers depend upon God for utterance, and it is the duty of every Christian to be earnest with God to give it to them. We need to pray that they might be able to open their mouths in boldness; in asserting the truth, and in reproving sin, with a wise and prudent, with a meek and humble, with an active and zealous boldness. If church members would pray more for their pastors instead of criticising them, we would have much better pastors. The ministers of the gospel are God's ambassadors; and shall we not pray for the success of our embassies?

As our objective for March, let us pray for our ministers. Pray that God will give them holy boldness, to proclaim the whole council of God without fear of man or respect of person. Pray also that God will give them unusual power to accompany their messages, and to preach in such a manner until sinners will be constrained to come to Him who is life.

A Message From Your Third Vice President

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

Dear Co-Laborers:

This is to remind you of the obligation we took upon ourselves at our last National Convention. Those of you who were there know that we elected Mrs. McAdams as our national field worker. As such, we agreed to pay her twenty-five dollars per

month. To be able to meet our obligations, we must keep money going into the treasury each month.

Mrs. McAdams has given us a plan by which we can do this, that is the "Jehoida Chest Plan". At the end of each month we are to take one dollar out of the funds

that we have gathered through the chest, and send to our National Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee. By doing this we will be amply able to defray this meager salary and help

carry on our work in general. Just think what a nice sum we would have if every Woman's Auxiliary society in the bounds of our National Association would send one dollar per month. Women, let us not be slack concerning our obligation.

NOTICE

The School of the Bible, 1897-1942

Inasmuch as the General Association of Free Will Baptists has inaugurated a College in Nashville, Tennessee, and instituted a Christian Workers' Institute covering, in a large measure the work having been done by the School of the Bible, we have, after due consideration, felt it would be for

the best to discontinue the School of the Bible work and thus leave the field clear in which to carry on the Agencies thus planned.

May God lead in all the work of the denomination.

Signed

-- John H. Wolfe, Dean
Pawnee City, Nebraska
-- G. S. Latimer, Co-Worker
Haddam, Kansas

Music Department

The Official Relationship of the Choir

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

How close should the choir and the music committee function? In many churches, there is a music committee appointed by their officials. Theoretically, it is entirely correct. Practically, it should be simply an emergency committee with authority to interpose, if the music is not functioning properly under the immediate supervision of a physically limited or incompetent pastor. Many of our pastors know little or nothing at all about music, and much less about how to organize the music into an instrument of worship.

Now, if the committee is not itself musical, in the professional sense of the word, it will not greatly matter. It should, however, consist of persons who are tactful and considerate, fertile in resources and plans, not easily discouraged, sufficiently versed in music to know good work when they hear it, and yet imbued with a practical

sense of music that shall assure their co-operation with the plans of the pastor.

Nevertheless, if the pastor is prepared to do his own share of the work and has an



Dr. Harris

energetic, faithful, and discreet choir leader, who will accept responsibility for all phases of the musical service, the music committee there can be dispensed with as a needless piece of machinery. In place of a music committee there may be a "choir patron" who devotes himself to the interests of the choir, socially and otherwise.

The choir should by all means accept the authority of the pastor. It lies in the very nature of the church that the pastor should have authority over the choir and its work. The work of the choir has no meaning or purpose except as it cooperates with the rest of the church under the direction of the pastor. True, there are many instances wherein the pastor, unfortunately, is much the less informed than is its active members and church leaders despite this fact, he is the pastor and if he is a good man, and loves God and his work, that should not prove detrimental to him nor his position as pastor.

Some of our half-handed choirs with a nonetheless Charlatan leader, have a selfish, arrogant attitude, as if they were organizations apart from the church and its work. They should realize that the church is the purpose for their being a choir and their soul duty is to serve the church. They even resent the suggestions of being subordinate to the pastor or to the church officials. You recall Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians, I Cor. Chapter 12, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant....There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." Then, Paul goes on to say that some might have wisdom, some knowledge, others might have faith, while still others might be able to heal, yet all be believers in the same and one God. Further he says, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ....for the body is not one member, but many....But how hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." I like the way he puts the object lesson when he says we cannot all be a tooth, nor an eye, nor a hand, or a foot, and then he says that even those members that seem so

little of importance are extremely important to us for we would suffer much without them. And as he goes on in essence to say, that there should not be any disagreements in the body, no "isms" but all should function its duty well and properly, and that when the body has even one member to suffer, the whole body should lend itself in sympathy with it until it be again restored to normality. Yes, what great and blessed thought, and how applicable to our churches even to-day amidst all modernism.

So choirs, do not think too highly of yourselves, try to realize you are only one member of the many organizations of the entire church. There are the Sunday Schools, the Young Peoples League, the Ladies Aid Society, the Mid-week Prayer period, and the Church Service itself, and all come under the jurisdiction of the pastor, and all are subjected to him, who is the leader, the pastor, the preacher. He has all departments and organizations at heart, he prays for them daily, he visits their meetings, he helps when and where ever he can, and so in every Sunday morning pastoral prayer he should not forget to pray publicly for each of those organizations which represent all together the one body, namely the church. Preachers, make your first morning prayer in all your morning services a prayer of utter devotion to God, conclude with "The Lord's Prayer" and when you pray your pastoral prayer, which should come just after your morning anthem by the choir, make that a prayer of petitions, thanks, praise, and all your requests for the week, for the sick, and needy, for each organization within the jurisdiction of the church of which you are pastor.

CHOIR SHOULD BE LOYAL TO THE PASTOR. The choir should be something more than outwardly subordinate: it should be loyal in heart to its chief. Its members should hold him in high esteem, making much of his favorable qualities, and passing over his failings. Most of all remembering him in their daily prayers.

The choir should be in sympathy with the pastor's plans. The pastor should be trying to deepen the religious life of his people. He should be seeking to attract the unchurched to his services in order to win them for Christ. He should be organ-

izing an evangelistic campaign. He should be striving to build up his mid-week prayer services. He should be seeking to bring the young people into closer and kindlier relations with the church, he should be trying to build up the generous and unselfish impulses among his people by laying stress upon the regular benevolences or on current movements of helpfulness.

Why should not the choir sympathize with these efforts and do what they can privately, as well as by their public singing, to help him in these projects? This sympathetic attitude is like bread cast upon the waters: its results return to bless the singers, directly in the admiration and affection of their pastor, indirectly in the larger fruits of their regular work. They should be helpful to the pastor. They will suggest new plans and methods that will further

the spiritual and social life of the church. They will occasionally offer to sing in the mid-week service. They will listen to his sermons and cheer him by commending them, surrounding him with a genial atmosphere of appreciation and commendation.

The next article "THE PASTOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CHOIR".

Please continue to pray for me, I need God's guidance and your prayers. Praise God he does hear and answer prayer.

Yours in His great Cause,

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris

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Chicago, Illinois.

P. S. Many have sent in their choir problems for solution. If you will send in your problem, I shall discuss the aggravate in a few weeks.

GENERAL ARTICLES

Keep 'Em Flying

Not only planes for defense, but dollars for The Free Will Baptist Orphans Home in Kentucky to defend the widows and orphans of our people from hunger and want. Keep 'Em Flying in to the Reverend F. S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky.

Dear Christian Friends:

This is the second time we are coming to you in the form of a letter, but first of all, we want to express our thanks to everyone who so graciously responded to our first call. The response was encouraging, yet not sufficient for the great need. Much is yet needed to begin the actual building of this home that all of us know is needed and all of us want to see brought to completion.

The world is now engaged in the greatest war of its history, and as a result, when the guns cease to fire and the smoke of battle has passed away there will be left homeless and without care and consideration

of tender hands thousands of widows and orphan children.

We, as Free Will Baptists, must not let it be said of us that we, as representatives of Jesus Christ, have failed to do anything about this tragic condition to come. We must build this Home, we must make it to become a real thing, not in some far off distant day, but in the near future.

Why not now as you read these words set aside that dollar. Make a sacrifice. Be willing to give, not as little as you can, but as much as you can, and as you do remember that you are helping to raise the timbers, you are helping to drive the nails, you are helping to furnish A Free Will Baptist Orphans Home in Kentucky that will stand throughout the years as a serving memorial to the spirit of Jesus Christ in your life, and in the lives of all the other Free Will Baptists over this country who will respond to the call.

Sit down now, and place that dollar in an envelope and address it to the Reverend

F. S. Vanhooose, Paintsville, Kentucky, and speed this worthy undertaking on its way.

Brethren and sisters, continue your prayers for us in this work.

Yours in the Master's Service,
Millard Vanhooose, Moderator,
F. S. Vanhooose, Clerk,
W. L. Hooper, Reporter.



GOSPEL SERMONS



On the March

By W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois

THE most superficial observer of our times must confess that civilization has struck its tents, and the caravan of humanity is on the march. Yes, mankind has at last reached the end of its resources and is on the march, but to where?

Many are the answers given. One is correct—God knows! Yes “God knows”; and, moreover, the Lord has told us that destination. Those who prayerfully read the Book have the infallible answer: ARMAGEDDON. These are dark and deceptive days and we cannot close our eyes to what is going on and delude our selves with the mere hope that somehow all this will pass us by.

This death march and its aftermath will touch all humanity. Stunned by the evil forces that unfold all around them, millions of men and women have become prey to doubt, hopelessness, and despair, but to the Bible student the conditions in the world today comes as no surprise. In fact, what they see about them, they have been led to expect.

Never in our history has there been a more desperate need for a clear understanding of what is taking place in this world and of how it is and will affect us. That Anti-Christ spirit of international anarchy and rebellion against God and true Christianity, is leading the human race to sure destruction, if divine power does not intervene. I am profoundly convinced that it menaces the whole civilized existence of mankind—of every nation and individual. Under such circumstances, good honest people might be misled by “would be” prophets who go beyond what is re-

vealed by our Lord. When people become wise above that which is revealed, and attempt to figure out the exact date of the future events on our Lord's program, they are brought to confusion and embarrassment. In Deut. 29:29, “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us.”

The call of the hour is for mankind to return to God. True Christianity is the only hope for human ills. As never before, we need to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God knew what was coming and has revealed through the Bible certain events that are to take place. And too, He has not left us in darkness regarding the eventual outcome.



Rev. W. R. Spurlock

Perilous Times

These are terrible days in our history. Yes, the most terrible, as I view them, that the world has ever seen. And the sad thought to me is, the majority of the laity and not a few of the ministers seem to be utterly blind to the real nature of this march and where it will lead us.

Only yesterday, the world in general was inflated with the pride of its accomplishments. Men have grasp the reins and turned, as they thought, the heads of their magnificent steeds of air, steam, and electricity to ride into their man made millennium. Men felt they did not need God, therefore, they politely bowed our Lord out of His own world. But alas, the sand suddenly crumbled beneath his feet. At the very gates of their carnal dream, behold, an awful mass of wreckage! The moans of the despairing and the groans of the disillusioned, hundreds of millions duped and degraded by modernism, liberalism, and materialism, fill the whole earth. War clouds have gathered over the world, shadows of hate are lengthening, and lives are being forever wrecked because of a *universal disregard for the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God*. Fear grips the heart of many! Selfishness rules the world and the forces of iniquity are frantically active at this very time. In fact, these very forces brought on this dreadful storm and will continue to urge and agitate until they bring the world to Armageddon.

Unclean Spirits

After the war of 1914-18, the nations said, never again will we permit such carnage to be visited upon the earth. But today we find the nations of earth engaged in the greatest war of history. And from the viewpoint of many they are battling for their existence as nations. Ever since World War No. 1 a number of demonic spirits like frogs have been croaking in the world's deepening night.

At this place I wish to name three powerful forces that, as I see it, are leading (or misleading) the world against Christianity, the Bible and liberty—socialism, Communism, and Fascism. All three of these evil forces are bitter enemies of true Christianity, and if we had the time and space we could furnish proof galore

from their own books and actions. While there is some difference in the croaking of these frog-like spirits, at the bottom they are very much alike. Fundamentally, however, these are alike in purpose and came from the same source. There is no doubt that we are witnessing the greatest upheaval in all recorded history. It is true there has been wars through this age, but never before have there been distress and suffering upon any such scale as at present. How incomprehensible and almost unbelievable has been the speed with which destruction has come. Yesterday a peaceful, prosperous community, to-day a desolate region with thousands of lives snuffed out, and other thousands homeless, destitute, hungry, without positions, separated from loved ones or left to a state worse than death. Nations have been wiped out in a few days or weeks. Despair seems to have settled down upon large sections of the world. The old foundations seem to be crumbling into dust.

World's Light and Preserver

While the fog of infidelity is gathering and clouds are lower and darker, we know the old world still has light and that LIGHT is the true Church, which is the SALT of the earth. If we could but get the despairing, bewildered sons of men to understand that when the LIGHT goes out, NIGHT comes in, there would be some hope. The darkness of materialism and modernism has blinded their eyes. Its darkness even now covers our modern world so thickly that it can be felt. What if Christ should suddenly call out the true Church from this old world? With the LIGHT and SALT taken out, of course the result would be DAKNESS and DECAY. A world without God or Christianity. This is what the Atheistic Jews and Gentiles, who are behind these forces are crying, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?" This is the spirit of anti-Christ.

Coming Storm

This present darkness is only a prelude to the world's last desolation storm. This present struggle might develop into Armageddon as some now believe. No one knows the time which God has decided in the councils of eternity, but we may know

it is near or at the door. Personally, I wish to say here, if the present war proves to be what many Bible Scholars years ago, said would come, and so far as I can see, it has the earmarks, I would expect a lull in this awful struggle. It might be very brief, and during that lull, the international dictator may take advantage of the exhausted nations of Earth, to lay his iron grasp upon the world. Behind that lull, is a more terrible tempest, the Bible calls Armageddon. Behind this last struggle is Christ's manifestation to the world like lightning. The storm clouds are fast gathering for the world's greatest battle. The long pent up winds are beginning to blow, and the stage is being set, and the actors are coming on the scene. Darkness, spiritual darkness, is fast settling down, dreary and dread, over a rebellious world, with increasing blackness.

Our Hope

The distant mutterings of the spirit of anti-Christ, together with the thunderings of God's wrath, are beginning to be heard. The souls of the martyrs under the altar (Rev.6:9,10) cry to the Almighty for vengeance. Christ foretold the condition of the world, at the end of the age, Luke 21:26; "Mens hearts failing them *for fear*, and for looking after *those things* which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven *shall be shaken*." And in verse 25 of the same chapter He said, "And upon earth

distress of nations, with *perplexity* (see the way out) the *sea* (humanity) and the *waves roaring* (unrest among the people). Yes, the sea is tempestuous, the night is dark, and the waves of unbelief are rolling nigh, but my dear friends, there is hope. Luke 21:28; "And when these things begin to come to pass, *then look up*, and *lift up your heads*; for *your redemption* draweth nigh." Then again, Luke 21:34, 35, 36; "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and *cares of this life*, and so *that day* come upon you unawares. For as a *snare* shall it (that day) come on all them that dwell on the face of the *whole earth*. *Watch ye therefore*, and *pray always*, that ye may be accounted worthy to *escape* all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Our Lord knew the future and is not taken by surprise. God is still ruling the affairs of men and nations. He has a message for the world to-day. People who live in a state of rejection of Christ, cannot realize the importance of the prophetic development taking place about them.

In closing, lets read one statement from an Old Testament prophet, Dan. 12:10, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but wise shall understand."

Why Don't You Tithe?

By Mrs. Roy Bush, Cassville, Missouri

HAVE you ever been asked "Why don't you tithe?" And, have you ever searched your heart and mind for the answers or the real reason you don't tithe?

If we are asked, "Do you believe the whole Bible?" we would certainly answer that we surely did. But if one believes in a thing don't they practice it?

Shouldn't corn be planted in the spring and wheat in the fall? Yes, we believe that and practice it.

Tithing is a part of the word of God. We find in Gen. 14:20 where Abraham gave tithes of all to the most High Priest, Melchizedek. Abraham was a friend to

God, he gave God what belonged to Him. God blessed Abraham in a mighty way and made him a father of many nations. Here we find the complete surrendered life in God, even unto offering His son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

God expects a surrendered life of you and me and that includes our material wealth.

In Lev. 27:30 "And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is *holy* unto the Lord." We wouldn't think of taking from a friend what belonged to him and use it for ourselves. If we gave

that friend rent on land or fruit of the tree, we would expect to pay it.

In Mal. 3:8, we read, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." We know what tithes are, it is a tenth of our increase, or the first fruits of our increase. But the word offering means a gift or sacrifice. So the offering is above the tithe.

When Jesus talked to the pharisees and hypocrites in Matt. 23:23-25 about tithes, He explains they had paid their tithes of the mint, and anise and cummin, but had failed in the weightier matters of the law—judgment, mercy and faith—and told them "these things ye ought to have done and not left the others undone". "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

"Woe unto you scribes, pharisees, hypocrites for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess."

So let's give a tithe of the abundance of love in our hearts. Let's love to give so the gospel of Christ may be preached and taught unto all nations.

We have a promise in Prov. 3:9, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Do we believe this?

Again there is a promise in Mal. 3:10. "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you

the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive."

In Numbers 18:20-32 it explains that a tenth should be given of the tithe by the preacher or missionary, or whoever the tithe is given to.

I heard a preacher say not long ago that if he preaches tithing his congregation will say he is preaching for money. But it is a part of the gospel that people do need enlightenment on for "information does bring inspiration".

These are just some thoughts and truths that have come to me and I have found in the word. It is something we can't neglect if we put on the whole armour of God. So let's ask ourselves the questions: "Am I a Christian? If so, Why don't I tithe?"

We find some difference of opinion about the words "as we have prospered" and "the first fruits of all thine increase". Search for the meaning of prosper, and increase, and pray for enlightenment on this subject. "For if a man would have wisdom let him ask it of God." Let's not take another's word for it but search for ourselves. Just as sure as one goes to God earnestly about enlightenment of His word he won't come away empty. I sometimes think it was an all wise God that made us to think differently so we would search out the scriptures for ourselves. If we do this we will not be so easily misled.

After you have thought it all over sit down and write your answer on a paper. Read it aloud to yourself. Is it an excuse? Well! "Why don't we tithe?"

Worshipful Wise Men

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

LAST night, my mind went back over the hills of more than nineteen centuries to a little town that was a despised, mean little town, the home of David; but it was not overlooked by the prophets, as you read in Mic. 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrath, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel;

whose goings forth have been from of old from everlasting."

This was not in a streamlined age where fast going planes, buses, trains, and autos speed you across the land, but it was in that age when they traveled by foot, donkey and camel. I see back there the multitudes of Jews as they turn their faces

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High Lights From Science



Early man communicated by signs. Then the smoke signal and drum signal—each had its own meaning. War or peace, the signal fire and the drum called either to battle or to community meetings. Then the art of picture writing, then letter writing, then printing; until today, news is disseminated swiftly and surely by news paper. News of politics, war, sports, achievements—all for the community. Trade areas have increased, the merchant branches out, his territory increases along with his imagination and ambition. PAPER, the bringer of good news and good business methods, has taught him how to merchandise.

The most effective system of communication requires paper—and the science of printing. In our day of achievements—radio, wireless telegraphy, and telephones—paper and printing is necessary. The radio is the fastest, but the news paper is certainly the most effective and thorough.

In the realms of religion, paper certainly plays a far more important part in communication than any other factor. When an enterprise is accomplished, it is the result of all the people knowing all about it, affected by communication. Information gives the people inspiration, and so they unite themselves for the success of Christian enterprises.

Our own Free Will Baptist denomination certainly could not advance without a system of communication as that found in the printed page.

Missionary interests is the world-wide program of Christ, and to ignore it is sin! The church or denomination which loses its missionary zeal will die.

Benevolence is the program of Christ,

therefore our establishment of orphanages, hospitals, asylums, homes for the aged, superannuation of ministers, etc. are in order, and our neglect of them is sin.

Christian Education is the work of Christ, the greatest teacher of all ages. Because it is the program of Christ, our neglect of it is sin.

It requires a denomination, or a large group of people, to carry out these things for Christ. One person, or one church working alone cannot do these for the glory of God. A mere denomination cannot do it. Only the denomination that is informed, having a perfect understanding can do it.

The perfect understanding is affected by the aid of a church paper. A church paper is indispensable, therefore, to the welfare and prosperity of the church's life. Every church member should be a regular reader of his church paper.

A church paper brings information, and information brings inspiration. A paper is the bringer of good tidings.



EDITORIAL



A Re-organization of the Gem Proposed

The experiences and observations of an over-worked editor has taught him that one man cannot be Head Manager, Foreman, Pressman, and Flunkie, all-in-one, and make a genuine success at either. A small concern, doing a small amount of business, may function in an all-in-one capacity, but it is disastrous to allow a thriving, growing, busy publication (like our own Little Gem) to continue its operation under its present official organization.

Important business matters will be neglected, passed over, and lost while the Business Manager operates a press. The press is stopped while the Manager-Pressman acts as Foreman in seeing forms properly made and all hands are kept busy. The Manager-Pressman-Foreman has to "let things ride" while he edits manuscript for the type-setter (and if the type-setter doesn't have to wait for copy, he is fortunate). Then to climax it all, the Manager-Pressman-Foreman-Editor (the big shot) stops to do the job of a Flunky, and while in the midst of that job, the office girl comes with the announcement, "There are important business callers in the office to see you, Sir." This is a typical day in the *Gem* Office under its present official management.

The recent S O S of the Editor created a great shock among our people which had its reaction in varied forms; from the scornful and indignant "I told you so" to the desperately sympathetic and agonizing prayerful attitudes. Perhaps it was a bit childish. Only remember, the invitation stands open to those who would venture to engage in vigorous activity for 10, 12, and even 16 hours a day over a period of months without any "time out" much of which is under high pressure. Ah! but scorn and indignation will dissolve.

Am I complaining? Oh no, no a thousand times! Business is good, too good for our present set-up. We are only sorry business cannot be cared for properly, promptly, with courtesy and our compliments. That's why we are FORCED to step up to a better

and bigger business organization.

The Missouri Board is asked to consider, and the Board plans to meet and consider a Business Manager whose duty it shall be to transact all business matters and superintend the production facilities of the *Gem* Office. A good man for this position is available. He is trust worthy and capable, and is generally admired by our whole denomination.

The present Editor is asking to be released from his too-much responsibility and assigned to the duty of Foreman and he shall superintend the Works Department, stay back among the machinery and see that production goes on. He shall supervise the labor of the employees, and be generally responsible for first class production.

A third responsibility should be cared for: that is a stenographer who shall edit all manuscript, keep a regular and complete set of books, and make all reports, monthly to the manager and quarterly to the *Gem* readers:

The Missouri Board is meeting at the *Gem* Office on March 13th to consider these proposals.

VOLUNTEERS

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Card of Ozark, Ark., have volunteered as Free Will Baptist missionaries. Upon the council of our National Executive Secretary, our Missionary, and others vitally interested, Brother and Sister Card have gone to the Moody Bible Institute for the necessary training.

After selling their home and personal property, they stopped at the *Gem* Office on their way north. They are consecrated souls, and we bid them God-speed and our prayers are in their behalf for Christ's sake.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd of Flat River, Mo., have also announced their calling as foreign missionaries. They are planning to enter Moody Bible Institute soon.

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to the city to pay taxes and give in the census. I see in this through a blushing young couple taking their honeymoon on a donkey. They reached the city, but hundreds had reached the city ahead of them and all lodging places were full; so this young couple turned aside to rest for the night with the animals and the poor.

While the social and political world slept, that night, in the hush of the night, God's prophetic clock struck and, "She brought forth her first born and laid him in the manger."

Yonder I see the wise men looking in the sky, they see the star we are told about by Moses, Num. 24:17, and out they go, mount their camels and ride away, following the star till it stood over the Christ child. They said, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

May we catch the spirit of these ancient men and come to worship the King.

When we come to worship, we must first offer ourselves, for He says, Matt. 5:23, "Bring your gifts to the altar" and in Rom. 12:1 He says for us to present our bodies a living sacrifice. These wise men fell before Him, and angels bow to Him, but not many Americans are bowing to Him. I believe before this world conflict is over that many more will be giving themselves to Christ. You can't serve God and Mammon; neither can a spring send forth bitter water and sweet. So, we must first give ourselves to Him before we can worship Him.

These wise men went in search of Him to worship, as Ponce de Leon went in search of the fountain of youth. The wise men found their object, but Ponce didn't.

When they came to worship they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In 1 Chron. 16:29, "Give unto the Lord glory due his name: bring an offering and come before him: worship the lord in the beauty of holiness."

When we Free Will Baptists learn that giving our tithes and offerings is a part of worship, we will get further than we have. Don't be afraid to pass the plate

and worship Him. If our people would quit robbing God and go to paying tithes, we could have more money to build more churches and send more missionaries.

I preached several years before the Lord converted me on tithing. The Free Will Baptist people will respond if you will just keep preaching it. It is the Lord's budget system to run His church. I could give you many personal examples, but I refrain.

In Benson's Commentary, he says, "Prayers may be signified by frankincense; gold is as it were, the common measure of the good things of this life, wherewith we relieve wants of others." And as we learn from Pliny and St. John 19:39, there is hardly any other use of myrrh than to preserve bodies from corruption.

Let us think just a little about the person worshipped. They said, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" So they had come to pay homage to their King in His infancy. In Isaiah 95:6, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." They fulfill this prophecy that David gave when they came to worship. In Matt. 4:10 "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve." This was the message of Jesus to the Devil. I see so many times where people fail to worship Him.

How must we worship? Let Jesus answer for Himself. He said to the Samaritan woman: John 4:24 "God is Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." To worship in Spirit we must be born of the Spirit says John 3:5. Herod pretended that he wanted to worship, but he only wanted to take His life. But according to Matt. 2:11 the wise men really worshipped.

We must also worship Him in truth. In John 14:6 Jesus says He is the truth. So He wants an honest truthful heart to worship Him: pay homage and honor to Him.

When we worship we praise Him. In Luke 2:20 "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

Is there any pay in worship? Jesus said

before He left us, "Ye shall find rest to your souls." There are so many tired, troubled souls today who need rest. Listen at David. "Cast thy burden on the Lord and He will sustain thee."

Jesus pictures Himself in John 4 as water of Life and John 6 as bread of Life. So if you are hungry and thirsty stop and read Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, he that hath no money; come, ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without

money and without price."

Let us resolve to give Him our best in this war torn world of hatred and bloodshed. Show to the world "God is love". Only a short time and Christ will take His church out of the world. "Let us work while it's day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Lord give us the Spirit of the wise men to give our bodies, money, and praises to Him.



Church Letters - Field Reports



Quiri Quire, Venezuela February 3, 1942

Dear Bro. Rollins and all Gem Readers, especially my church and Sunday School at Myrtle, Missouri:

I wonder how everybody is getting along at home. We are well physically, but in this time of war I think no body could really feel good. However, I am thankful that things are as well as they are.

We, baby and I, had a nice trip down here, if leaving home and friends could be nice. We flew on one of the large Pan American Clippers. We left Miami, Florida at 7:00 A. M. on Saturday. We were very high, something like 10,000 feet. We could look down on the clouds and they looked like big snowdrifts. I felt afraid at times, but the God that cares for us on the ground can also protect us in the air. One who has never tried it can't imagine what a comfort it is to place yourself and loved ones in the hands of God.

We ate lunch aloft while flying about 200 miles an hour. We arrived at Maracaibo the same evening and spent the night there. Then we left there next morning and got here at 5:00 P. M.

The weather is so warm here that baby Nan had to pull off her shoes and has hardly had them on since.

We live in a tile house built by the Standard Oil Co. There are quite a large family of us. About 20 when we are all at home. We, my husband and I, work for my brother-in-law and his partner. I

am timekeeper and cashier. I've never worked before when I was here and I like it as it helps to pass the time.

Things seem much better here among the American people. I don't see as much drinking as when I was here the other time.

A few days after I got here I heard about two missionaries living in a little town near here, and a few days later I saw them pass here. I couldn't rest until I could go look them up. I thought they might be our missionaries. As soon as I got my immigrant papers fixed up, Shelby and I went to see them. We found the house where they lived and met one of them, the other one was gone to another town for a few days. The one we met was a Mrs. Phillips, a very nice middle aged lady who has spent 10 years in Venezuela doing missionary work. She is very much in love with her work. She is due a vacation home this year, but she is afraid she can't get back down here and is about to decide not to go home until the war is over. She belongs to the Orinocco Missionary, is non denominational. They have a good church house and a church membership of 70. I saw some of the girls about 12 to 15 years old and was very much impressed with them. She said the only church here was Catholic and it had become so unsatisfactory most of the men quit altogether. They have Sunday school in both the country camps here. At one on Saturday morning and at the other on Sunday morning, as well as in the native village. She knows our missionary, Miss

Yeley. Talking to her made me wish I could speak Spanish and help these people as I know she must be doing. Then the thought comes that since I can't do as she does, there are people who speak my language that are away from God that I might help, and anyway I can pray.

We don't hear much about war here only as we listen to news broadcasts from home. This country isn't at war yet and we are as safe as if we were at home. When we hear a report of some heroic deed some of our American boys have done it makes my heart swell with pride, but then I think of the ones that lose their lives—what good will all the glory do them?

I think so often about Bobby Brewer and Clifford Wisehart. They are members of my Sunday School class and boys that help make their community a better place in which to live. I'm praying especially for them to be spared to come home safe and sound. I believe if everybody that claims to be a child of God would pray for peace, and live lives that God wants them to live, we would have peace.

I'm hoping I can be home for the Missouri State Association next September as it meets with my church. Last year was the first State Association I ever attended and I hope I never miss another one.

I'm giving my address and will try to answer any letter I might get. If too many come I will just write to the Gem. If letters are sent by air I will be more apt to get them. It costs 25 cents to send a letter from home to me here.

May God bless all of you and prosper the work of righteousness is the prayer of your sister in Christ.

Mrs. S. L. Dotson

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Quiri Quire,

Venezuela, South America

Rock Chapel Revival near Norwood, Missouri

Brother Rollins:

I would love to report our revival at Rock Chapel. I was called to this church for a meeting, as I had been recommended to them by some one. The church and pastor were strangers to me. I drove over

to the church Sunday evening, January 11, arriving just in time for services. I found one of the finest groups of people I ever met anywhere. I can say that they are some of the real salt of the earth. Their pastor, Rev. Henry Higsby, is a fine man of the General Baptist faith, a man with a burden for the lost.

We continued for two weeks, with fourteen professions and twelve additions to the church, and others to come in later. We had our baptizing Sunday January 25.

They have a new church building here, with a full size basement. It is a building that will demand the respect of every passer by. The Rock Chapel Church is something that the Liberty Association should be proud of. They have a fine group of young people that have their very soul in the Lord's work. They have a fine group of juniors that I enjoyed working with.

The church was revived and many made to shout the praises of God because of the presence of the Holy Spirit. May God bless you good people at Rock Chapel.

Yours in His Service,

—Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.

Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma

Rev. H. E. Staires, Pastor

Mrs. Bonnie Rowland, Reporter

We are ever so happy to again send greetings. Another glorious sabbath day has passed and what a blessed day of service and meditation it has been for us. God has so wonderfully blessed us with this privilege of serving Him—this holy day for meditation, service and study. How can we do otherwise than to continuously praise His holy name.

Since writing last, we have much to review. We have to report that our pastor, Rev. H. E. Staires, has held a revival at Bristow, Oklahoma. God blessed the efforts put forth and many souls were redeemed.

We were so glad to have Bro. W. H. Carter to bring us a truly inspirational message during the Sunday night service that our pastor was absent. Bro. Othel Staires, with his wife and son, visited us that Sunday morning and delivered the message that we all enjoyed very much.

We are having wonderful prayer meeting services each Wednesday night.

The league classes are holding up well in attendance. Members of each class are putting forth every effort to increase their membership. Especially would we like to make mention of our young people who realize their own responsibility and are doing much to encourage the attendance of new members. We have a wonderful group of young Christians. Their activities are outstanding. Their interest in the unsaved, their Christian life before friends and loved ones has proved them to be a blessing and faithful witnesses for Christ.

Our mission ladies have recently organized as an auxiliary, according to the procedure set forth in the National Auxiliary Manual.

On February 11, Wednesday, our regular day at that time for mission work, a special meeting was held for this purpose. We were ever so thankful that Sister Hattie Newman, our state field worker, was present to assist in this organization. Her talk on requirements, efficiency, and the duties to be performed by each officer and member of this organization was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all present. From the very beginning all become enthusiastic and in general optimistic concerning the accomplishments for God that this work can afford. Our pastor and 18 ladies were present. Although this number is comparatively small accordingly, an increase in members is anticipated.

The following officers were elected, some having been retained:

President	Ethel Armstrong
First Vice President	Delia Rhodes
Second Vice President	Leota Fincher
Third Vice President	Elsie Hopkins
Fourth Vice President	Lena Sweet
Fifth Vice President	Lydia Roberson
Recording Secretary	Vera Stanley
Treasurer	Elsie Keeler
Corresponding Secretary ..	Bonnie Rowland

We are looking forward to a much more extensive service for our Lord and earnestly desire your prayers in the behalf of our work.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Johnson County Quarterly Conference of Kentucky

Dear Brethern:

Having just returned from our Johnson County Quarterly Conference, which convened with the Toms Creek Church, and as I think over the wonderful and glorious services throughout the conference, and the love and fellowship that was manifest, my soul is made to rejoice and my cup overflows.

How my heart did burn within me when Brother F. S. Vanhooose made such a good talk about the Free Will Baptist orphans' home. He told of the fine response that our brothers and sisters had made to our appeals, and he pledged himself, by the grace of God, to do everything within his power to make this home a reality in the state of Kentucky. This was followed by talks from Brothers John Dill and Levi Miller and others, who pledged themselves and their finances for this great cause. We thank God from the depths of our heart for Godly men like these.

We will not forget the fine inspiring talk given by Sister Griffeth, district president of the ladies' auxiliary, and the many pledges of the auxiliaries in support of the orphans' home.

Last but not least, how we enjoyed sitting there and hearing our preaching brethren expound the precious word of God in its great power amid much rejoicing.

Beloved I only wish that it had been possible for every one of you good brothers and sisters to enjoy the manifold blessings from heaven with us in that great conference. Thanks be to God. Dear hearts, the time for the great conference beyond this vale of tears is drawing near. A glorious conference for all the redeemed of God that will never break up. Where there will be no sadness or sorrow and all tears will be wiped from our eyes, and we will study war no more. Thank God, over there no mother or fathers' heart will break from news that their son had paid the supreme sacrifice at the front for his country. That is a wonderful country. I want to go there don't you?

We are deeply grateful to the Free Will Baptist and the Free Will Baptist Gem

for their kindness and help in establishing an orphans' home in Kentucky.

Send any offering you may have for this great cause to Rev. F. S. Vanhoose, Paintsville, Kentucky.

Report of Marie Thomas, Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Field Worker

Dear Gem Readers:

We are happy to report victory over Satan in a five week's revival at our Fairview Church, near Chetopa, Kansas, where Bro. W. K. Weston is pastor. There were six professions.

We had splendid crowds throughout the entire services. The Lord's blessing was with us in every service. We truly did enjoy the work there with those dear folks. We are indeed thankful for the good that was done in the church and community during this meeting.

Now just a word concerning our auxiliary work. Since my last report we have organized an auxiliary at our Hickory Grove church near Archie, Missouri, of which I am pastor. Although there are just a few of us there, the Lord is blessing our woman's work. They are all very anxious to do their bit in the Lord's vineyard.

Then on December 30 we were glad to have the privilege of meeting again with the Neola Mission Circle and to reorganize into auxiliary work. There was much interest shown on behalf of the women there to make a real success of this, God's work.

We've had a report from our Hannon Mission Circle following their yearly election in January that they have adopted the auxiliary plan of work. We're so glad to see our women's eyes being opened to the great work that is at our hands' door to do.

We're now on our way to attend our institute at Flat River. We plan to remain in that part of the state throughout the month of March on behalf of auxiliary work. We're praying that we will be able to accomplish much there, not within our own strength, but through Christ Jesus.

Co-laborers in Christ, there is work on every hand to do for our Lord. I think of Phil. 3:14 "Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in

Christ Jesus." Again I say "We must work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work."

God bless all our brothers and sisters in Christ is our prayer. Please remember us as you pray.

Yours in the Master's Service
Marie Thomas

First Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor
Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Reporter

Dear Readers of the Gem:

The Lord is still blessing the Tulsa church and we are glad, indeed, to have our pastor, Rev. Bingham, back with us after his trip to Cuba. He has brought some wonderful messages based on his experiences on this trip. During his absence ministers were supplied who are members of our church. They too brought messages that were food to our souls.

At the time of this writing we are looking forward to the second quarterly conference of the Mission Association of Oklahoma, which convenes Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00 o'clock, with the Woman's Auxiliary in charge of the days' service. The introductory sermon to be preached Wednesday night. We are expecting a large delegation.

We are asked from time to time to pray for unsaved loved ones of our church and we ask each one to pray with us that God in some way will undertake for their souls. We know that God is able to save if only we ask Him with faith believing.

The woman's Auxiliary put on a short program on Sunday night on stewardship under the direction of Sister Bertha Wagoner, who is our fourth vice president.

May God bless each of you and again we say pray for us.

Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church Catlettsburg, Kentucky

L. E. Colliver, Pastor
Gertrude Bowe, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Although we have not reported for some time we are still busy in the great Cause

of the Master. Our services are going along good, although our Sunday School attendance has dropped some. This is to be expected with the bad weather and sickness in the community.

Since Brother and Sister McAdams were with us in November and organized the Woman's Auxiliary, the work has been progressing fine. I'm sure I can speak for all those who are taking active part and say we are certainly enjoying the work. Our last meeting was held January 27, and a special program on "Literature" was arranged. Poems were recited by Margaret Prince, Helen Hicks, Thelma Copley, and a reading, "A Famous Library," was given by Norma Jean Copley. Sister Zella Brown, our first vice president, gave a message on "The Bible and Other Literature Needed to Make Us Approved Workmen". Those present enjoyed Sister Brown's talk very much. Reports of officers were accepted, and the "Standard of Achievement" was marked up. Over twenty-four (\$24.00) dollars was collected in the "Jehoida Chest" for the month of January.

The jailer of Boyd County has given the auxiliary the fourth Sunday in each month for services at the jail. At the last service two men came and stayed for prayer. These services are a real blessing to all who attend, and we count it a wonderful opportunity to be able to carry the message of salvation to those men behind the bars.

At this writing our pastor is in a revival at the Long Run Free Will Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio. Last night (Feb. 19) the choir and two quartets from here went down to sing. A large congregation was present, and we enjoyed being with these good people and their pastor, Brother Adams. Seven have been saved up until this writing.

May the blessings of our Lord rest upon our readers everywhere.

River Mines Auxiliary (No. 2) of Flat River Free Will Baptist Church Flat River, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

As I take the time and pleasure in writing this item about our Woman's Auxiliary

and the fine work our group of women are doing, most of all, we want to thank God for everything, for if it were not for him we could not do anything.

We want to thank God for ever sending Bro. Dodd our way, to help and teach us of this new work for the Lord. We had in our Sunday School lesson this morning that God wanted Simon Peter to launch out and do more for God as he felt the need of doing more work. So that is our aim—to launch out and do more for those that are less fortunate than we are. There is not a large group of us, but every one of us want to do everything we can. The Lord has promised that where two or three are gathered together in the right spirit He will be in their midst. I am thanking God for that wonderful scripture, and I am sure we meet in the right spirit for our auxiliary meetings are so wonderful and so spiritual. You feel as though you have been to church.

Here are a few things we have done since we have been organized: We sent one dollar each month to the Jehoida Chest fund, we have sent five dollars to Sister Barnard, \$2.50 to our building fund towards our orphanage in Kentucky, five dollars to Sister Estherbrook, and a box of toys and Christmas presents to our orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee which were valued at \$25.00, besides boxes of candy, cookies and cakes we sent to our boys in service, and boxes of fruit and trays we have given to the sick here in our towns.

We are meeting with the old folks in the old folks home near Farmington the second Sunday in each month, which brings very much happiness to them.

Our auxiliary is having cottage prayer meetings. Four souls have been saved.

So, we feel if the Lord should come back and take us home before we do any more we have been repaid a hundred times for our time of adopting the new auxiliary, and if the Lord tarries we are going to do more in the coming year than we have in the year passed.

My prayer is that you folks that are tired of the old way and really want to do things for God and the less unfortunate than we are, organize into a Woman's Auxiliary

and see how much more you can do for the Master.

We covet your prayers that we can always be where God can use us.

—Mrs. Marie Sherrill, Cor. Sec'y.

Mission Circle No. 1 of First Mission Association of Oklahoma

The Mission Circle No. 1 of the First Mission Association met in the girls dormitory at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground on February 5, 1942, with an all day rally and fellowship meeting. Delegates came from the following missions: Drumright, Tuskegee, Vance Chapel, Cushing, Silver City, and Jennings. The meeting was presided over by the vice president, Rev. Fay Bookout, prayer by Sister Walker of the Cushing Mission, scripture reading, James 1, by Rev. Sadie Fincher.

The business was conducted by the women as the men were working on the tabernacle. There were several good reports by the different mission presidents, and Rev. Hattie Newman gave an interesting talk on the work we could do among the army camps, giving Bibles and literature. Sister Willa Hallman reported that Rev. J. L. Waltman had organized a church in California. We thank the Lord that our influence is spreading to other parts of the country. We were dismissed for lunch by Rev. Hattie Newman.

The afternoon service was opened by song and prayer by Rev. Elva Haley. Bro. Foust had charge of the devotional, after which Rev. Sadie Fincher brought the message from Dan. 5:6 "And his thoughts troubled him". Rev. Will Bean followed with a message from Acts 24:16 "Conscious". These messages were well received by the listening audience. An old time Free Will Baptist handshake was engaged in after which we were dismissed by Rev. W. H. Carter.

The night service was opened by a wonderful song service and special prayer for the sick by Rev. W. H. Carter. Rev. Neely Huff, president of the circle, had charge of the testimonial service. The preaching service was participated in by fifteen preachers. They were allowed eight minutes each. Rev. Flossie Perkins, Prov. 16:25; Rev. W. N. Huff, Joshua; Rev. Clint Fincher,

Job; Rev. Perkins, James 1:17; Rev. Fay Bookout, Prov. 25:11; Rev. Rex Weatherman, Heb. 1:3; Rev. Sadie Fincher, Ps. 77:9; Rev. Link Vickers, Heb. 4:16; Rev. Hattie Newman, 2 Tim. 3; Rev. D. B. Hellard, Acts 3:2; Rev. Brown, Isa. 1:16, 17; Rev. V. Bradford, Luke 2:44; Rev. H. E. Staires, Luke 15:17, 19; Rev. W. H. Carter, Rom. 5:20; Rev. F. C. Zinn.

—Mrs. Bessie West, Cor. Sec'y.

Turlock, California

To the Gem Family:

I am out here as a missionary from our First Mission Association of Oklahoma. I preached at our church in Los Angeles, and then came on to Turlock. We have rented a building from some foreigners and hope to get some of them saved.

I find a great number of Free Will Baptists out here that are without a church home. I think this is the greatest mission field the Free Will Baptists have ever had. Of course, I can not work and preach like I did when I went to the Drumright oil fields, but if we could support some missionary out here, I am sure we could soon build up a great work.

I hope to visit our church at Porterville. We have a very good church there. Anyone knowing of Free Will Baptists living out here I would be glad to get their name and address.

A Servant and Brother in Christ,
A. B. Talbert,
% J. L. Waltman, Box 243
Turlock, California

Pretty Water F. W. B. Church Sapulpa, Oklahoma

To the Editor and Gem Readers:

This is my first attempt in presenting to the *Gem* a report of our church, because of the fact that I have just been elected reporter for our church. I am really happy to give you the report as our church is really growing.

We are all young; also we have a young minister for our pastor. This is his second year in our church; also his first pastoral experience. Our church is a little church in the country, five miles northwest of

Sapulpa. We have a very small church building, but we have cleaned it up and painted it inside and outside and made new seats. Our membership has increased the last two years from 5 to 52. The Lord has really been blessing us and we are so glad for the souls who have been graciously saved. We are thankful for the good spiritual messages that we feel and know that God has sent to us through our leader and pastor, Rev. Rex Weatherman.

On our first meeting since we organized our Woman's Auxiliary, we met in the home of our pastor and wife for prayer meeting; also gave our pastor a grocery shower. We had a wonderful time. There were 33 present and five of them were unsaved.

We have a good Sunday school with around 50. We had eight visitors last Sunday.

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

— Gladys Cutsinger.

Bear Point F. W. B. Church Sesser, Illinois

*W. R. Spurlock, Pastor
Mrs. Emily Malone, Reporter*

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have just finished reading my February Gem and I always read it from cover to cover. How it blesses my soul to read the soul stirring messages of the different ministers. I know that a man or woman has to be inspired of God to write such wonderful sermons as some that we read in our wonderful little paper—the *Gem*. Sometimes I rejoice for two or three days after reading my paper, for it makes me know that God has still got people who still love Him and are working for Him and the salvation of lost souls.

In these dark days when sin is so abroad in the land and there is so much trouble, sorrow and disappointment we are made to think of and cherish more than ever the wonderful promise of the 14th chapter of St. John which says, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have

told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

God is still blessing our church, with good crowds and good interest in each service. We are praying for a revival at our church in the very near future. Help us pray that God will be glorified and that lost men and women and boys and girls will be saved.

We had services at our church from Christmas on through New Years with a different preacher each night. On New Years eve night we had a watch meeting. The service lasted until about one o'clock. There were 16 preachers present and a wonderful time in the Lord was manifested. This week of services were sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the church. Our auxiliary is doing fine and the women are really doing a wonderful work in our church.

We have services twice a month, the second and fourth Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night with Bro. W. R. Spurlock as pastor. He is now in his third year as pastor at Bear Point and he has really been a God sent blessing to our church and to each and every one of us.

Please pray for us as a church that we will go forward for God. May God bless all of you.

Brilliant and Boston Free Will Baptist Ladies' Aid of Alabama

Dear Editor:

This is our first report this year, as we were a little late in electing our officers for 1942. But we, the Ladies Aid of Brilliant and Boston, just thank God that we are not too late in His sight. We thank our dear Lord that we have our aid and some good workers. We hope to do more this year than we ever have, for we all see the need of prayer. We hope to get a lot of new members.

We have our meeting every Monday at 1:30 o'clock at the church. We have a good program every time. On the last Monday in each month we have our business meeting and the paying of dues.

On January 5th the following officers were elected: Mrs. M. F. Whitman, president; Mrs. Ollie Webb, vice president; Mrs. Jewel Burleson, secretary; Mrs. A. P. Leonard, treasurer and corresponding sec'y. Program Committee, Mrs. W. L. Franks, Mrs. C. J. Palmer, and Mrs. A. P. Leonard. Social Committee, Mrs. Ruby Dickson, Mrs. Joe Hasmer, and Mrs. Andrew Hunt. Flower Committee, Mrs. Claudie Threadgill, Mrs. Vester Hawkins, and Mrs. Muril Warren.

We ask every Gem reader to pray for us that we may have a big year in our work.

— Mrs. A. P. Leonard, Cor. Sec'y.

The Free Will Baptist Church Porterville, California

Rev. Chas. D. Findley, Pastor

As our regular reporter is absent from our *Gem* we will send a few lines to our friends and many Christian workers and let you know that we are still alive in Christ here in California.

Our every-Sunday services are still being carried on with much interest, including Sunday school and preaching, and rejoicing of the young people's meeting each Sunday evening. We are so proud and thankful to our good Master that we have a place to worship God and that we are receivable in the sight of Him.

We have recently bought a place to erect our building and our building fund is greatly increased. We trust that we may not meet with any privation and soon be starting the building.

Some other good reports which we are following up have failed to mention the names of our good deacons which I am telling right now: Bro. Jim Gullet from Kentucky, Bro. Elmer Jones of Oklahoma, and Bro. Hosie Stout from Mansfield, Mo.

We have one young ordained Free Will Baptist minister here who has found a work near Woodville, California at a government camp where many families reside. They have a large Sunday school and have services regularly. This good brother is Emmett Clagg from Oklahoma, a good man of the Lord. Pray for him and his wife

that they might do a good work in the sight of God.

At our prayer and praise service on Tuesday nights, we so often hear some one say, "We thank the Lord that we found this place where we can hear the old time gospel and in the old fashion way." Thank the Lord.

Let us not fail to join our prayers together in faith believing that God will hear and answer and bring piece to our nation; also that He will be with our brave, over-sea boys with a protecting hand and a saving grace to them that call on His name.

We are going to have a few nights' meeting this week as we have been led by the Lord to do so. Pray for us.

— Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Findley
R. 2, Lindsay, California

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

Dear Co-Workers:

Here we are again, and we are having some real spring weather in Texas now. We had a precious meeting with Sisters Anna Reed and Tommie Franklin. It was indeed a joy to work with them again. The weather was very cold and bad while we were with them and we only had four reclaimed, but we feel that the church was blessed and revived.

We then went throughout the East Texas Association. We first visited Bro. and Sister Harper's churches which we enjoyed very much. We made our home with them and they were with us in most every service. We organized auxiliaries, and put the unified program in most of the churches.

We next organized in Bro. E. S. Jameson's churches. These two preachers have a large work. They need more workers to help them. We spent one night with Bro. Jameson and it was indeed a joy to be in both of these homes.

The last night we were in the association, we had a call meeting of the district auxiliary convention with our Good Hope church. This we did to assist the new auxiliaries that just came in. It was a splendid service and we feel that a great

work is in the future for the Woman's Auxiliary.

We also visited in the home of Bro. and Sister C. J. Kester, old friends whom we met years ago in Oklahoma. They are still faithful in the work.

We are now near Huntsville, Texas, in a few nights meeting while we are waiting for Bro. J. R. Davidson to arrange an itinerary for us around Bryan. From there we will go to Florida, Georgia, and Alabama on our next missionary tour. We ask all to pray for a great victory.

A word to our women concerning the wall chart mentioned in the manual. Be sure to order you a chart and try it out. Let's have the best report at the Auxiliary Convention we have ever had. We will give you the honor Roll this month.

HONOR ROLL

	Banks	Chests
North Carolina	905	112
Missouri	158	16
Kentucky	135	8
Ohio	98	7
Oklahoma	88	7
Tennessee	71	9
Texas	65	11
Virginia	65	6
West Virginia	38	6
South Carolina	34	4
Georgia	20	3
Illinois	11	8
Alabama	13	2
Florida	5	1
Total	1706	200

Fredericktown, Missouri February 10, 1942

Dear Gem Readers:

I have just been reading our *Gem* paper and just thinking how wonderful it is that we can make our thoughts known and help share one another's burdens.

A few weeks ago, we found in our Sunday school lesson where the Lord said: "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught". I believe, as a minister of the gospel, the Lord commands us to do that if we hold true to our calling.

As a little preacher who needs the prayers of our faithful Christians, I need them now.

I have just answered my call as an evangelist and have consecrated my life in this work. "The Harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

May we all work harder to spread the old time salvation in our nation. Pray that I will be sent to where I may be a soul winner for God.

Yours in Christ,

—Rev. Loy Smith

The Philosophy of the Singing Master

"I Can Tell You The Time" for "I Remember All About It" when "Jesus Took Me In". "With Jesus I Am Walking" and "I Won't Turn Back" because "It Won't Be Very Long" until "We'll All Be Going Home". "I've Caught A Gleam of Home" so "I Don't Want To Get Adjusted to This World".

Sometimes "This Life Is Hard To Understand" but if we "Let Jesus Lead" "He Will Give You What You Need". "Stormy Billows" may roll but "His Beautiful Love Shines Over Me". "Hand In Hand With Jesus" "I Am On My Way" to "The Home Over There". "I Just Can't Keep From Praying" "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" because "I Want To Be Ready" "When The Clouds Bring Jesus Back".

I'm "Singing In The Heavenly Way" and "I'm Gonna Keep Holding On" for "I Know I'll See Jesus Some Day". My prayer is: "Draw Me Nearer" to "My Wonderful Friend," and "Lead Me Higher" towards "The Pearly White City".

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Rescue The Perishing". "Launch Out" and "Win Them One by One". "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" if "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes".

"Come, Sinner, Come" while "Jesus Is Waiting To Save". "Why Do You Wait" "Still Undecided" "When Jesus Can Save You Today?" "Now Is The Accepted Time" while "Jesus Is Passing By".

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", "Break Thou The Bread of Life" to me; "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt" "Lead Kindly Light",

"I Am Trusting, Lord, In Thee".

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken",
 "Fade, Fade Each Earthly Joy";
 "When I Survey The Wonderous Cross"
 No worldly thoughts my mind employ.

"He Leadeth Me" "Every Day and Hour",
 "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go";
 "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues" to tell the
 world
 That "His Love Is Far Better Than Gold".

— Gertrude Bowe, Cailleburg, Ky.

Blanchard, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers,

A call meeting of the State Auxiliary officers was called for Friday 13th of February to be held at the Central Avenue Free Will Baptist Church at Oklahoma City.

Sister Mable Fain of Ada, Okla. was elected first vice president to take the place of Sister Shay Richey whom God called home November 4. Her influence will be missed so much in our Home and State Auxiliary work.

Sister Willie Daniel sent in her resignation as third vice president. Sister Veleta L. Hileman of Ada, Okla., was elected to take her place.

The Dibble Home Mission Auxiliary Rally met at Oklahoma City on the same day. We met once a month for all day meeting. Have six auxiliaries in the Dibble Association. Meet with different churches and each time one of the churches put on a program. At this meeting we had some visitors from other State Associations. Among them Sister Hattie Newman, our State President. She brought us an encouraging message Friday morning.

Corresponding Secretary
 Vicie Hopkins

"Once His power I wanted,
 Now the Mighty One;
 Once I tried to use Him;
 Now He uses me."

"Holy Spirit, Thine infilling;
 Is the gift for which I pray;
 Thou art willing; I am waiting;
 Fill me with Thyself today."

The Poor Little Prodigal Girl

By Eld. J. H. Roberts, Springdale, Ark.

I have read of the death of martyrs,
 The Story of Peter and Paul,
 The story of Luther and Calvin—
 I respect and honor them all.
 And also old Thomas and Stephen,
 Honest and faithful men.
 I've read the sweet story of Jesus
 And I expect to read it again.
 I've read of the good Samaritan,
 Of charity's lesson begun,
 And my heart goes out in pity
 To the wayward prodigal son.

We are always glad to welcome him,
 So quick to forget and forgive,
 It makes no difference what he has done
 If he only comes back to live.
 We've always prayed for the prodigal boy
 Since e'er the world begun,
 The joy, the glory forgiveness
 Of the wayward returning son.
 But poets seem to forget to write
 Of the saddest thing in the world;
 We are not so eager to welcome back
 The poor little prodigal girl.

Just why she happened to turn out crooked
 She happened to find the right one
 Who had the slick tongue of a Judas,
 And he was our prodigal son.
 Though the boy is upheld and forgiven,
 It is common all over the world
 That we scornfully point out for gossip,
 The poor little prodigal girl.
 There is nothing so truly pathetic
 As the lives of the girls who fall,
 And if we reach down to the bottom
 We will find man the cause of it all.

But he is led back to society
 And nursed with tenderest care,
 Held up to the world as a hero
 And mentioned in fervent prayer.
 While she is cast out from her loved ones,
 Out into the hard cruel world,
 And all point out and scorn her—
 The poor little prodigal girl.
 Now as has been said quite often
 And we will repeat it again,
 That the lowest of fallen women
 Are better than some men.

Missouri Treasurer's Report --- for Two Months

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

True Blue Class (Neola) S. S.	2.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	5.15
Ada Baker, Bermington, Okla.	1.00
Leadington S. S.	3.22
Shibleys Point Church	3.75
Rock Chapel	4.00
Mine La Motte Church	2.13
Monett Church	20.10
Blue Eye Church	1.31
Flat River Church	21.65
Leadington Church	2.25
Happy Creel Cls., Hazel Crk. Union ...	3.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mex.	8.00
Verdella Church	3.00
Mine La Motte S. S.	3.45
Merls Chapel	4.28
Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kansas	1.00
Collection following missionary lecture at Macedonia Church	12.00
Desloge Church	17.52
Wortham Church	2.53
Alsbury Chapel	1.85
Hazel Creek Union Church	17.03
Womans Auxiliary of Neola Church ...	3.00
Collection following missionary lecture at Neola Church	14.31
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin, Greenfield...	2.54

NEW MACHINERY FUND

Rev. Melba White, Plattsburg	10.00
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Lewis Nutting, Grangy, Mo.	1.00
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Flat River Church	4.00
Rev. Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan. ...	1.00
Desloge Church	12.15
Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.	5.00
Wortham Church	1.00

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Mr. and Mrs. John Rollins, Monett ...	5.00
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Leadington S. S.	3.71
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Leroy Miller, Unionville, Mo.	7.00
Green Grove Church	8.69
Hazel Creek Union Church	1.00

S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mex.	8.00
Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.	1.00
Alsbury Chapel	2.04
Neola Church	3.60

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Mrs. Margaret Turner	1.00
Monett Church	7.60
Mrs. Lon Carter, Aurora, Mo.31
Aurora Church	4.95
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Hannon Church	2.80
Desloge Church	6.77
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Macedonia Church	2.00
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Hannon Church	1.00
Neola Church	2.00

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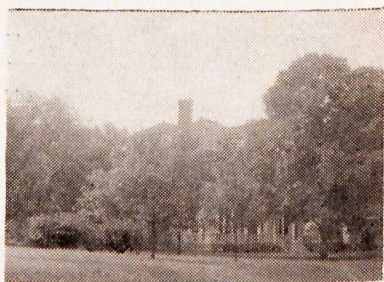
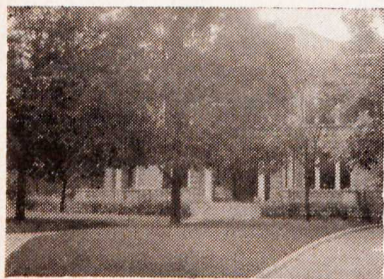
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Special Articles



National Educational Sentiments

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

SURELY many questions are being asked concerning attitudes relative to our educational program of the National Association. I am unable to furnish information from every district in these states from which our representation comes to make up our National Body. However, I feel encouraged when I receive some of the communications which come to me, and I am very pleased to pass on a few paragraphs to the brotherhood.

Along with two nice checks from Doctor John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebraska, come the following paragraphs:

"I am very glad that the purchase of some Bible School property has been made, and that it was decided to locate in Nashville. Now for a good united pull to get the purchase price paid off, and then for an endowment to sustain it."

In the second communication of Doctor Wolke's check, the following was stated: "In as much as the school and the Christian Workers' Institute will be covering practically the work that the School of the Bible has tried to do for the past forty-four years, the School of the Bible has closed its work so that our denominational plans have the full support of all our people."

The next paragraph of interest comes from Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards of St. Louis, Missouri, in which she says: "I was glad to get the Foundation Check, and I assure you that I shall be happy to do my best

in seeing that the one hundred dollars is raised to assure its payment. I do not know whether or not it will be possible for me to attend the Flat River Institute, even though I have already sent in my registration, but if I am never privileged to attend another, I shall always praise the Lord for what I was able to learn at Monett."

The next is a faith stimulant and it comes from Miss Emma Moore of Springfield, Illinois. Her note, with a check attached, bore the following: "A group of our faithful women have bound themselves together in prayer for this great cause, and when they begin to pray something is going to happen."

And our final such paragraph comes from Mrs. Thomas Reeves of Shreveport, Louisiana. She says, "Brother Davidson, I rejoice in the fact that we are to have a Free Will Baptist Bible School in Nashville. We have a boy who is now twelve years old and we look forward + the time that he can enter training in this school. We are looking forward to the time when we can turn in more money for Christian Education, and if in any way we can be of help to you in this worthy cause let us know."

We praise the Lord for these encouraging words from these noble workers from four different states. If all of our people will join in this Christian attitude success is guaranteed. I would suggest to these that



Rev. J. R. Davidson

the Lord will bless our Editor as he labors for our paper and for God.

I do want to report that God has blessed us with a good church and we do thank God for his many blessings.

We also thank God for our good pastor, Rev. McClain, and his good family. The Lord has wonderfully blessed his work here. We have had about seventy-five Christians who united with us to help keep house for God in the past four months.

The Lord has blessed our church with three good quartets and we thank God for them. You can feel Gods' presence when they sing.

We also have a fine group of young folks in our church. Many of them are sending in their subscribers for the *Gem*.

Remember us when you pray and may God bless our churches everywhere.

Corresponding Secretary

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they share their sentiment with others by communicating the same to them.

I feel sure that it would be of great interest, and profit, to publish similar paragraphs from time to time through our papers. Who knows of your concern for this cause? If you want others to know just send your communications to me, and remember, dollar marks are very interesting matters for publication—Just write a nice check and send along with your paragraph.

Let us not forget the urgency of this national emergency, for I am persuaded that if we had dealt honestly with the Lord with finances we would, doubtless, not be called upon to sacrifice our boys, with our money, to defeat an enemy whose attitude might have been changed through a faithful proclamation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. No service can mean quite so much to our government in these crisis as that of a spiritual nature.

**Vance Chapel
Oilton, Oklahoma**

Dear Gem Readers,

Our Women's Auxiliary has decided to meet on each third Wednesday in the month. Our first meeting was at the home of Sister Yeager on February 18. There were sixteen present. Some were visitors.

We took our program from our Yearbooks. We believe it will be very interesting as we get more in the work and understand it more thoroughly.

Pray for us,
Nellie Okerson
Corresponding Secretary

**Central Avenue Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Dear Gem Readers,

This will be my first time to write to the *Gem*. It made our hearts sad when we read the report from our Editor about the paper. It made us wonder if we had done our part? I know we have failed in many ways and I am praying that our churches will get behind our paper and work for it and the cause of our Blessed Lord. We are praying

OBITUARIES

LYKINS— Death and its sadness came a few days ago to the home of Estill Lykins at Seco and removed all that was mortal of the diseased body of Mrs. Flora Lykins, 46, to realms above, after a long, lingering illness.

Mrs. Lykins was a sufferer of cancer for years, but she bore her suffering with a saintly fortitude, just as angel mothers always do, and when the angels hovered near, ready to waft her spirit to the palaces of God, Flora never faltered. She was ready to go and join hands with loved ones gone on before to the Celestial Kingdom. "Blessed Jesus, hold my hand," she was heard to whisper; then she smiled faintly and the last pulse trimmed. It was all over. There can be no doubt among her friends, her church members, the ministers, and all, as to the hereafter for this precious, praying, angel mother. She has heard the plaudit, "Well done thou good and faithful servant". Flora is at rest.

If she could admonish her friends left behind, she would say, "Be ye therefore ready." That home in Heaven is worth more than all the gold, jewels, and treasures on earth—nothing can equal that home in paradise, that this mother in Isreal has inherited by humility, by prayer, by just living, by walks that were never questioned. Besides the husband, six children are left void of a mothers care, a mothers love.

On Sunday; Elders Monroe, Hubbard and Hooper of the Free Will Baptist Church eulogized, in brief, the departed sister, in the presence of hundreds of her friends, after which the body was laid gently to rest in the little Whitaker cemetery to await Judgment Day.

Final burial rites were administered by the Craft Funeral Home, Seco, Ky.

JOHN WESLEY MARBUT— The Golden Gate opened in early evening of February 20, 1942, and the soul of Johnnie soared away to God who gave it: there to await the Roll Call.

He was born January 20, 1854, converted when young, and united with the Free Will

Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, children, grand-children, and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ben Crawford and John B. Rollins.

LINTON— C. T. Linton, of Stella, Mo. passed away in January, 1942. He was the father of our beloved brother, Rev. Frank Linton, of Tunas, Mo. Mr. Linton was a converted man which gave Mrs. Linton and the children much consolation in a time so trying.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. T. Allred and John B. Rollins.

I Would Not Call Them Back, Would You?

Mrs. Kenneth W. Russell, Catlettsburg, Ky.

Do you have loved ones gone beyond?

To be with Jesus fair,

I would not call them back would you?

For we know they are happy there.

Back to a world of pain and woe?

Back to sorrow and tears, oh no!

On Jesus' bosom they sweetly rest

Just to think of it we should be blessed.

But here on earth one comfort we know,

If we live for Christ to them we can go;

There we'll see them all again,

Free from trouble, free from pain.

Oh what a glorious, glorious thought

All this, our loving Savior bought;

Paid the price on Calvary,

Paid for you! Paid for me!

Let's look beyond our vale of tears,

Look to Christ who knows no fear;

We'll see them all beyond the blue,

Again, I say, I would not call them back,
would you?

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