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The Christian Worker's Institute, Flat River, Mo.

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

THE session of the Christian Workers' Institute which closed in the Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Missouri, on February 26 of this year, constituted a distinct victory for Free Will Baptists of the United States. The enrollment of forty students was the highest yet reached. As usual there were many in attendance upon given class sessions who did not enroll, but who nevertheless received enduring benefits from the work. The schedule itself will reveal the intensity with which the work was carried on. Class work began at 9:00 o'clock in the morning, and after a lunch period of one hour from 12:00 to 1:00 o'clock, it was resumed again for the two succeeding hours of the afternoon. Two class sessions were held each evening from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock. In addition to the seven hours of class work daily, the faculty and student body enjoyed a most wholesome fellowship in the dining room of the local church three times daily. With the assistance of a competent chef, the good people of this fine church served three sumptuous meals daily. The faculty and student body were provided comfortable rooms and every essential courtesy in the homes of these fine people of Flat River.

The spiritual manifestations were most inspiring. There were two conversions, one reclaimed, and several reconsecrations; but the crowning event took place on Sunday morning, afternoon, and night at the close of the first week of the Institute. The pastor preached with unusual power on the subject "Unconditional Surrender," and instead of calling upon his audience to comply with the truth which he had so impassionately proclaimed, he called his wife to his side, and there together they surrendered unconditionally to the ruling

authority of Christ and pledged their service by His grace and providence as missionaries to India. Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who doubtless had prayed more for God to move upon our young people with the view of sending them out to foreign lands than anyone else in our denomination, was privileged to witness the volunteering of Brother and Sister Dodd and to take their hands publicly as prospective co-laborers with her on the mission field. The afternoon was properly spent in a missionary rally. Free Will Baptists everywhere may justly rejoice in the offered missionary service of this very fine young pastor and wife. They will enter Bible school for specialized training within a short while. Truly, our opportunity as an evangelical denomination is most challenging. While the war carries on and inflation abounds, it is our opportunity to make ready for an era of progress and service that will prove of greater glory to Christ than the present generation has ever achieved. Missionary passion is rapidly awakening among Free Will Baptists. Offerings to missions have been larger in recent months than at any time since the organization of the National Association. We are really beginning to pray, pay, and prepare for a great era.

Associated with me as members of the faculty in the Flat River session of the Christian Workers' Institute were Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer of the National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Chester Pelt, and Miss Laura Belle Barnard. The efficiency and success with which these devout women served the needs of the student body and local church deserve highest commendation. So grateful were the students and community at large for their beautiful service that they were showered with per-

sonal gifts at the close of the Institute session.

The total cost to the National Board of Education for this session of the Christian Workers' Institute including salaries and traveling expenses amounted to only \$160.68. If we may boast a little, it is in place to say that Free Will Baptists may never expect to get quite so much at such a low cost. We received in offerings from the student body, faculty, and local community \$154.00. Add to this \$40.00 which was received in registration fees and we have a total of \$194.00 as a result of the Institute. This amount is distributed as follows: \$102.00 to the Foundation Fund

of the Bible School, \$52.00 to the Foreign Mission Fund, and \$20.00 to the Christian Workers' Institute fund.

God has manifested His approval in the work done in the Christian Workers' Institute in some very special way in each of the sessions which has been held up to this time. Joyfully do we anticipate His favors upon all pending sessions. Free Will Baptist League, Sunday School, Auxiliary, and revival meetings have become mass movements among Free Will Baptists, and shall we not predict that the Christian Workers' Institute will become likewise a mass movement. A portable Bible school it is. Oh! how greatly it is needed.

Cuban Impression of Free Will Baptist Visitors

By T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba

I wish to write on the Cuban Christians' impression of our Free Will Baptist visitors.

It was indeed a time of inspiration from the moment our representatives arrived on the S. S. Cuba, in Havana, until we bade them good bye at the port. They were truly good sports, even walking through the gummy Cuban mud, or being shaken from side to side on an ox cart which met us at Caldiron of the foot-hills.

We felt somewhat as the French must have felt when the boys under Black Jack Pershing cried at the tomb of LaFayette, "LaFayette, we are here." The committee had a taste of Cuba in the raw, roadless Cuba, muddy Cuba, unspoiled Cuba of the country. The Cuba whose church pews are never other than a split palm log to sit on. The convention to which we went at San Ignacio was a great time of abounding blessings. Great because the Holy Spirit was operating. Two fine young people, a husband and wife fell weeping at the altar and people went to weeping and praying all about the altar.

The people of that section afterward told us, "We love those Americans, they seem like one of us". We heard different Christians say, "We could understand what they said without an interpreter, the Spirit of God spoke to us interpreting the message before the human interpreter translated". Our brethern were translating not only in

a language but in true Christian love and fellowship.

The visit of the Free Will Baptist representatives will never be forgotten. It was said at Jibacoa of the open air meeting by Catholic listeners, "Those Americans bring a message of reality and not pretence".

The period of their visit was intense from the standpoint of missionary activity, every night except one (when we met for a heart to heart conference to talk over the future work in Cuba) was taken up with witnessing on street corners and services in churches. A real work was done.

There was an opportunity for our visitors to observe, first, a field representing the successful labors of the Rev. Arthur Pain Sr., since gone on to his reward to be with the Lord. Second, the new unevangelized field into which we are ready



Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey

now to go with a native worker. Thirdly, they saw the necessity of a strongly manned and supported native ministry, such as we have always advocated: "Cubans to win the Cubans." But be assured, this would be a very far distant hope without the help and instruction of the American Missionary.

We were very happy to have those inspirational messages from each of our visiting preachers. The closing day was a convention at Jaruco. Brother Kenneth Turner brought a profoundly deep spiritual message in the morning. Our people are still commenting on the spirit of our brother and praying very earnestly for his recovery from pneumonia.

What an inspiration to preach to such hungry people! Bro. Winford Davis closed with a message on prophecy giving food for thought, which they will re-think in the weeks to come.

No one in our denomination can understand as do those who came, the heart-pull, the soul-thrill, the spiritual stimula that comes to the missionary in the field of action; gossiping the Gospel to eager ears, ears that hear for the first time the glorious Good News of a great salvation. Would it were possible for every indifferent Free Will Baptist to experience this incomparable thrill of telling for the first time the Evangel of Christ.

Come to Cuba and get a cure for indifference and indolence. The plea for the support of a native preacher to work with us is a reality. Pedro Oliva is a well trained, earnest and powerful preacher, just a young man in his twenties. Mrs. Elleen Pain and Hugh Pain are making a substantial contribution to the foundation

of our work in Cuba by consenting to let this fine young preacher come with us. We are grateful to them and trust that God shall make up to them for their unselfishness.

It is settled that Pedro is ready to go into this new field and is waiting for us to respond with his first months support. The question of native workers is not the big problem with us here. The big problem comes from your side of the waters, the funds for their support. If you will respond we feel safe in saying that within two years we can have at least ten active native pastors preaching in needy places in the island.

I have no doubt that our people will arise willingly and gladly to this need. Pedro is to be married in a few months. This will mean that there shall be two new missionaries. Pedro's fiancée is well trained and will graduate in June from one of the very fundamental Bible schools here on the Island. We want to have their home ready for them to go into either in Agramonte or Juguey Grande as soon as they are married.

The brethern who were with us will rejoice to learn the above. Brothers Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Bert Rodgers of Wewoka, Oklahoma, George La Shum, who was always finding new things of great interest and was picked up as a German spy, Kenneth Turner, and Winford Davis, of each of these brethren we want to say, They won the hearts and undying love of the Cubans. And to each of you who contributed to their trip we want to say thank you and God bless you.

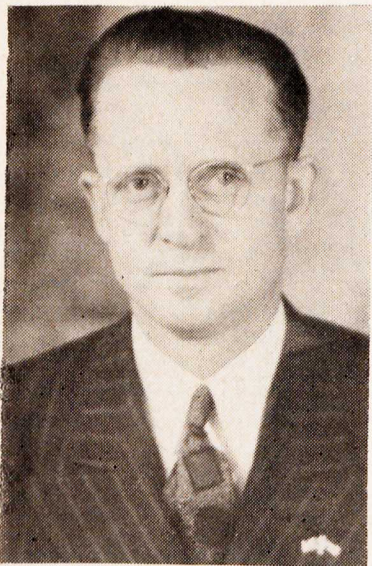
Foreign Missions Making Splendid Progress

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

WE are very anxious that you know of some recent events pertaining to our foreign mission program.

You will recall, in our deputation report in the last issue of the *Gem*, that we mentioned stopping near Ozark, Arkansas, for a visit with Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Card, who have recently surrendered their lives for our work in India. They are such dear peo-

ple, and so ready to go their length for the cause. Since we have returned from Cuba, they have sold everything they had, moved to Chicago, and are planning to enter Moody Institute in April for training. After about two years' training, they will be ready to definitely represent the Free Will Baptists in India. How we do pray that the war clouds will have cleared by



Rev. Winford Davis

that time so we can get our missionaries across without difficulty. Bro. Card possesses wonderful natural as well as acquired ability, is very persistent, is by no means a defeatist, has a wide and varied experience, and we feel that with approximately two years training will make a splendid



Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Card

missionary. Sister Card is no less devoted to the Lord than her husband, has had business training, and will make a splendid helper for her companion. She is committed to the work along by his side. Don't forget to remember them in your prayers while they are in Chicago.

Another glorious experience we recently enjoyed during the Institute in Flat River was when Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd made their surrender for the foreign work. We have known them to be under this call for some time. Bro. and Sister Dodd are among our finest young people. They are highly esteemed by our Missouri people, and by all others who know them. At the close of their year with the Flat River Church this summer, they too plan to enter Moody for perhaps two years' Bible training. Flat River is losing a splendid pastor and wife, but our missionary department is gaining some very prospective workers. Damon and Sylvia, as we know them, will have our prayers and our closest co-operation. Please don't forget them in your prayers. How wonderful that the Lord is calling from among our own church ranks these workers for the foreign fields. It increases my faith in the possibility of yet getting our field opened up in India. Surely the Lord is going to make our entrance



Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd

there possible, else He would not be calling out these workers with India so heavily on their hearts.

As pertaining to recent events in connection with our work in Cuba, we have some good news for you. We have recently heard from Brother Willey that Pedro has been secured as a helper in opening up the new field down in Matanzas Province. You of course want to know more about Pedro. Well, his full name is Pedro Oliva. He is a young man and has been preaching for some time. He is an outstanding choice of Brother Willey who has known him for quite a while. Pedro expects to get married soon to a fine Christian girl by the name of Celia. She is a graduate from the Pain Bible School in Jaruco. Pedro will become a Free Will Baptist preacher, will be baptized, and will no doubt come to the states and be ordained at the setting of some of our associations; perhaps at the National Meeting in Mississippi this summer. We are hoping so if it is the Lord's will.

We have secured the approval of the National Foreign Mission Board on the proposition of undertaking for Christ in the name of the Free Will Baptists in Matanzas, and to give Pedro a salary of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month. There are thousands of people in this district who need the gospel.

The picture you see here is a typical one. Many families like this one are living in their little thatched roof huts covered with palm leaves. They need the Christ first of all and then the refinement, culture, and development which always results in the application of the gospel. While we are waiting for the door to open in India, we can concentrate our efforts for Cuba. As the Lord blesses the efforts of our workers there, we hope to support other native Cuban preachers who will become Free Will Baptists. We are hoping churches will spring up which will require pastors.



A Typical Cuban Family

Let us pray for this field which is opened to us.

We wish to thank all who are giving to this great department of our church, and may there be more and more of us give, for Christ's sake. We, the National Board, desire to use your money just as wisely and as economically as we know how. We will strive for a minimum of overhead expenses at home and a maximum of application of funds on the foreign fields. We need your prayers so much. Don't forget us, our missionaries on the field, and our volunteers. We hope after reading this you will feel as encouraged as we do about our missionary interests.

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Rev. Winford Davis
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Woman's Auxiliary Department

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The Hour of Prayer

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

"I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" 1 Tim. 1:1-3.

IN these verses Paul exhorts Christians to pray for all men, for kings and for all those in authority. To offer prayers like this, there can be no selfishness in our prayers. Too many times do we pray for gifts and favors for ourselves, but forget our fellow man and his needs. We cannot pray acceptably for ourselves, if we pray only for ourselves; this is the noblest exercise of charity, and God has given every Christian, no matter how poor they may be, this great privilege. We reach a higher plane when we habitually think of the welfare and happiness of others, as well as of ourselves, and our petitions are for all men, our rulers and leaders of our nations, our enemies as well as our friends, for those in need, and for all mankind.

Paul urges us to pray more especially for kings and those who have authority over us. The end, or purpose, as the importance, of prayers for rulers is, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. That is, that God may so influence the minds of those in authority as to lead a wise and just government, thus enabling Christians to live in peace, free from turmoil and oppression, and to pursue a life right in the sight of God and honorable in the sight of men. Pray that we may be secured in quiet and peaceable possession of our rights and interests, and that we may be protected in the free exercise of our religion, and in the practice of

godliness; for no ruler can take our religion from us if we resolve to keep it, yet they may disturb us in the quiet and peaceable enjoyment of it. Therefore, it is our Christian duty to pray for kings, and for all those in authority. If prayer for rulers was obligatory under the reign of a Nero, the obligations to it must remain to all ages.

To pray for all men, enemies as well as friends, especially and particularly for rulers and magistrates, is good and acceptable to Almighty God. So then in our nine o'clock hour of prayer, let us remember to pray for those who have authority over us. Pray for our president on down to our councilmen. Pray that they might seek the divine leadership of God in all of their duties. Pray that they might have wisdom to be able to discern between good and bad in this world crisis. Pray that they might set the example of right living for their nation, that they might be real Christians themselves; for when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear rule the people mourn. Do we wonder at the world mourning to-day, when so many wicked rulers are in authority? May God lead us by the Holy Spirit to pray for our leaders.

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By Marie Thomas, Missouri State Field Worker, Arcadia, Kansas

THE Lord is hearing and answering prayer. Our women in Missouri are receiving the vision of the Lord's work and falling in line with our national movement. We thank the Lord for it—but we don't want to stop at this. There is before us a future that holds every phase of our work up to us—our foreign and home mission cause, our Christian education and benevolence program.

We now have auxiliary work organized in Southeast Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, and Indian Creek Associations. We're so glad for these, but we're still praying that we'll

be able to see more of our women following this plan of work.

To you that are now organized, continue your good work. Again I say "We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

The topic of our study in April is this: "Overcoming With Christ Through Our Youth". Let's study this month's program and put into action what we learn. The church of tomorrow is the young folk of today. If our labors are for the interest of our future church, we should in turn be interested in our young folk today. Let's read books and conduct study classes concerning soul winning, prayer or personal service throughout this spring month. "Jesus Calls Us"—Let's answer His call.

The foundation of our Woman's Auxiliary is founded upon Christ Jesus, the Solid Rock. Our auxiliary program is likened unto "a man built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock" Luke 6:48. We're bound to stand as a united force of auxiliary workers. "If God be for us, who can be against us."

We're anxious for the remainder of the state of Missouri be organized into auxiliary work. We're praying to this end. The Lord has work now and in the future for us as "Laborers together with God". The opportunity is at our door. May we not let it pass by. God bless you, each and every one.



Rev. Marie Thomas

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— Ruby Wood, Sec. Treas.



GENERAL ARTICLES



Free Will Baptists in Chicago

By Laura Belle Barnard, Glennville, Georgia

ALTHOUGH the way to India is closed, temporarily, and I am separated from the work that lies nearest to my heart, I am beholding "signs and wonders" in America. Not least of the great things I have observed these past weeks and months is the movement among a small group of

devout Free Will Baptists in the great city of Chicago, which promises to develop into a bonafide Free Will Baptist church in the near future.

Meeting Held In Chicago

On March 3, 1942, Free Will Baptists in Chicago came together as a group for the

first time. The meeting was held in the home of my sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Morawe, 5925 South Normal Blvd. Those present were: Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, Mrs. N. M. Daniels (formerly Mamie Howard), Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lewis and daughter, Mr. Leonard Lewis, Miss Lovelady, Mr. and Mrs. Davis from Des Plaines, Rev. J. A. Card, Rev. Chas. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Morawe, and the writer. We spent some profitable time getting acquainted and discussing our denominational work as a whole. The various phases of our work were presented: pictures of the school property at Nashville were shown, and leaflets of the Christian Workers' Institute program were distributed. Dr. Harris conducted us in an inspirational song service, we engaged in prayer with Bro. Osborne, and then began an excursion to the far-away corners of the earth where Free Will Baptists have had and now have missionary outreach. By means of maps, pictures and curios, the work in India and our other mission fields was visualized, and we caught a vision of the singular opportunities for service that are open to us.

Dr. Harris Named Leader

Conversation during the "coffee and doughnut" period was very fruitful and resulted in the appointment of Dr. Leonard Earl Harris as leader of our group. He will send out literature periodically, arrange for meetings and secure speakers for same, and, in brief, will lead out into the definite organization of a church. All Free Will Baptists in all places who have friends or relatives in the vicinity of Chicago, or who are themselves in that vicinity, are urged to write to Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, 4330 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and give him this information. Among the group present practically every individual knew of others who are now in Chicago. We know there are many others there, and all who will help to put us in touch with our people in Chicago will be doing our whole denomination a real service.

Date Set for Second Meeting

The next meeting in Chicago will be held on April 7. A mailing list is being assembled and Dr. Harris will send out a letter to each individual a little later, announcing the

exact hour and place of meeting, together with any other information there may be to pass on. Be sure to get your name on this list if you are in Chicago, or be sure to get the names of your Chicago friends and relatives to Dr. Harris before the letters go out.

DesPlaines Prospect An Encouragement

The Rev. Chas. Osborne (named above) is now conducting regularly a Sunday School, Sunday night preaching service, and a mid-week prayer service in the name of Free Will Baptists, in Des Plaines, Ill., not far from Chicago. The story of this work is a most interesting one, and in the very near future this Des Plaines group will most likely be welded together in a definite organization. There will therefore be a Free Will Baptist church both in Des Plaines and in Chicago, and one group will be a strength and inspiration to the other. Both groups will organize with the specific aim of coming into our National Association and having a real share in the great program of work for Christ in our Church.

This Step A Challenge

Chicago is a tremendous mission field and offers us a scope which can be limited only by our own vision. This meeting of Free Will Baptists in the Morawe home is sure to go down as a most significant event in Free Will Baptist history. A lively work in this metropolis is bound to advance the pace of our whole denominational work. We cannot possibly overestimate the importance of the step which is now about to be taken. The most encouraging sign noticed in our group was the hearty enthusiasm on the part of every individual. Every one seemed to be simply longing for a church. We want our people everywhere to pray earnestly for our guidance, step by step, in these days that lie just ahead.

Divine Confirmations

On March 3, as we looked forward to our first gathering together, I was asking our Heavenly Father for some word that would be reassuring and would confirm our feeling that He was in it and that He would see us through. How sweetly have these messages from His Word come to me

now and again in my Christian experience, but never more so than on this occasion just before that memorable meeting:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eyes" (Psalm 32:8).

"Thine ear shall hear a voice behind thee saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:21).

These verses were especially encouraging

because those who had been so longing for the organization of a church in Chicago had reached the point where they did not know what to do next and were crying out for guidance. Then the climaxing verse came:

"If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us?" We want to make no move in which our Lord does not go "with us," but here is the assurance that we are moving along with Him and that we have found grace in His sight.

History Brings Encouragement

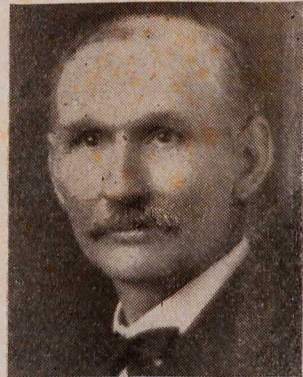
Dr. John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebraska

As we read history, two great facts presents themselves to us: viz., What a great work the Free Will Baptists have done, and what has made the denomination of so much power!

For our consideration of these facts, we must know what a Free Will Baptist is. Locality does not make one, for they are scattered far and wide. We look deeper than an outward appearance or numbers, and discover that there are a few fundamental and abiding facts that make them great.

First is the *FAITH* in the great doctrine of the atonement, that Christ died for *ALL* mankind, making it possible for *ALL* to be saved, *IF THEY WILL*. Christ came, and on the cross sealed the fact that any and all may be saved. With that doctrine, messengers went forth, caring not for personal sacrifice, to carry out their Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world". Faithfulness to the *WORD* has controled them.

The second fundamental fact is that for practically two hundred years, Free Will Baptists have been of *ONE MIND* and *HEART*; that the Lord's Table was for *ALL* of God's children; and that no one had the right to say "Nay," only himself could be the judge as to his right to the Lord's Table. So we have stood as a rock upon *FREE COMMUNION*, until today, it



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has become almost a universal practice in other denominations who were formerly Closed Communionists.

The Free Will Baptists have never moved from their original interpretation of God's Word as to who are subjects for baptism—a saved soul—and that *ONLY* immersion can testify to that faith. On our profession, by that act, we show forth our faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We likewise show to the world that our old nature is dead, and buried, and a new life has risen. We may differ on some points of interpretation of the Bible, but *NEVER* on these *FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS*.

Thus, we can pull together as a unit to

carry the great work, entrusted to us in recent years, toward greater victories. God has opened to us, as a denomination, some great fields, and placed in our hands vital interests to develop: Schools, publications (especially our denominational papers like the *Free Will Baptist* of Ayden, N. C., and the *Free Will Baptist Gem* of

Monett, Mo.), and both home and foreign missions. We can *and must* put our shoulders to the wheels, and with one great united effort, see God's work entrusted to us go forward to a still greater success and to His glory.

WE CAN DO IT WITH HIS HELP

The Re-organization of the Gem Office

By James F. Miller, Kirksville, Missouri

THE writer is made happy to make the following report of the meeting of the Missouri State Executive Board and the Publication Committee which met in joint-session in the Gem Office in Monett on Friday, March 13th.

It is generally known that there was a desire for a change in the management of the Gem Office, especially by the Editor. To determine what change would be best and most satisfactory to all people was the burden of the meeting.

We found our Editor laboring under an embarrassment. We were made happy only when we found that it was possible for us to go to the rescue of the Editor and help him out of his strain, and make it possible for the good work to continue on without causing anyone to suffer.

We found a large supply of printed matter and supplies in the office which, if it could have been sold and turned into money, would have easily erased all this financial strain on the Editor. There is a large number of Treatise which were printed to be sold to Free Will Baptists, but as yet Free Will Baptists have not bought all of them, and the Editor's money is tied up. There is also a number of Sunday School Manuals and other Sunday School literature that will be sold, in time, but that is not meeting the need of the hour.

After a timely discussion, we unanimously agreed to borrow from a fund already in the hands of the state Board a sum sufficient to pay up all outstanding bills. This loan is made to the Editor and is properly secured; it being understood that as the printed matter now in the Gem Office is sold, the money will be turned over to the



Rev. James F. Miller

state Board until the full amount of the loan has been paid.

Brother Rollins continues to serve as Editor and Manager. It was advised and agreed upon that help be given the Editor in securing a pressman and other proper employees so that the duties of the office of Manager-Editor may be properly executed.

The management of the Gem Office is under the supervision of a Board of Directors elected by the State Executive Board and the Publication Committee in joint-session. The duty of this Board of Directors is to direct the affairs of the Gem Office, to advise the Editor, and have power to submit to the state Board and Publication Committee any and all matters that might seem questionable. The Board of Directors is composed of Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Winford Davis, and Rev. W. K. Weston, all of Monett and within daily contact with the Gem Office.

There is no need for anybody to be alarmed about the financial standing of the Gem. We are in good condition, and

with the present set-up of management, and our new machinery, we are better prepared to serve you than we have ever been. We solicit your business. Give us a chance to figure with you. Write the Gem Office,

Monett, Missouri, in care of John B. Rollins, Editor. In case you wish to consult the Board of Directors, write to Rev. O. T. Allred, Chairman, Monett, Missouri. Your letter will be given due consideration.

Free Will Baptists in Michigan

THE organization of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists in and around the great city of Detroit marks the beginning of a great reviving of Free Will Baptists in the state of Michigan.

The Wolverine Association is composed of only four churches: namely, one in Highland Park and one in Hazel Park (suburbs of Detroit), one in Flint, and one in Ecorse.

These four churches may well be characterized by their zeal in the work of our Lord. They are led by pastors who are

certainly as "flaming evangelists," so much in earnestness, so sincere and with deep spiritual experiences. The four pastors are:

Rev. C. E. Riggs,

944 E. Harry St., Hazel Park, Mich.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,

217 Gerald Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

Rev. N. P. Gates,

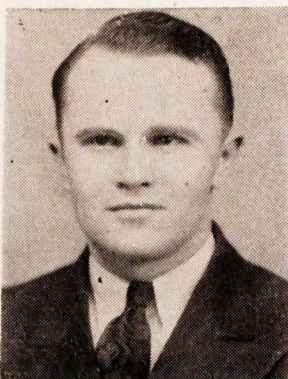
Lock Box 41, Hazel Park, Mich.

Rev. Maurice W. Roach,

1491 Allen Street, Flint, Mich.



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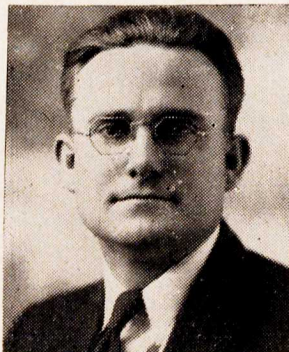
Rev. Raymond Riggs



Rev. N. P. Gates



Rev. George Warren



Rev. Virgil Greenway



Rev. C. E. Riggs

In addition to the pastors, there are three other ordained ministers, namely:

Rev. James Grisham Flint, Mich.

Rev. Virgil Greenway,

2080 Shoemaker, Flint, Mich.

Rev. George P. Warren,

828 Atherton Road, Flint, Mich.

The licensed minister is Rev. V. S. Versnick of Detroit, Michigan.

We are happy to recognize them, and we take great pleasure in bidding them God's speed in the spirited work they are carrying on for Christ. May God bless them.

The Evangelistic Labors of Mrs. Curtis

By Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

SOME of our churches in the southwest part of the state of Missouri have been securing the evangelistic services of Mrs. Elsie Curtis of Herrin, Illinois, during the past fall and winter months. She had her first revival with the Hannon church last fall where Rev. Cecil Campbell is pastor. I personally was not in that meeting; but I heard good reports of it all along. Some of the people from the Neola Church, where I am pastoring, went over to Hannon and heard Sister Curtis, and decided they would like to have her at Neola. I had previously spoken to Sister Curtis about holding me a meeting there, so we had her begin immediately after she closed at Hannon.

We had a fine meeting at Neola. Eleven souls were saved, and the church was

greatly benefitted. In these meetings, she had a young lady with her from Carterville, Illinois, Miss Ivoleen Brayfield, accordionist and singer. She is a splendid singer and excellent with the accordion. Our people learned to love them both dearly, and they will ever have a place in the hearts of our people in these communities.

While they were in the meeting at Neola they went with us to the church at Blue Eye, Missouri for one service, and now we learn that the church there is calling them for a meeting in the near future.

They are at this present time in a revival with the church here in Monett where Rev. O. T. Allred is pastor. A great revival is in progress, a number of souls have been saved and the church is being greatly revived. The meeting will have come to



Rev. Elsie M. Curtis



Miss Ivoleen Brayfield

a close before this goes to press and perhaps the editor can add a note telling you the exact results of the meeting.

We feel that our churches have certainly made no mistake in securing the services of Sister Curtis and Ivoleen. If ever I have heard the gospel preached. I have heard it in these meetings. Sister Curtis is a student, wide awake, and filled to the overflowing with the Holy Spirit. She certainly presents both food for thought and food for the soul in her messages. She

is strictly fundamental and strongly pre-millennial. She has the message for the hour.

If you need a revival you will be making no mistake, we think, in securing the services of this evangelist and singer. However you will be fortunate if you are able to get them as they are very busy.

Our people in southwest Missouri will never forget them and their consecrated efforts put forth for us and in our midst.



Music Department



The Pastor's Attitude Toward the Choir

*By Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, 4330 South
Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois*

THE pastor's attitude towards his choir must be genial. He must inspire confidence and good will. While the choir should feel that he is their preacher, he should feel that they are HIS choir. He should use his authority as head of the church, not as a rigid disciplinarian, but as a kind of friend, winning their respect by his tactfully wise leadership thus gaining influential results from the choir as an organization. This result should lend itself to the worshipfulness of the church services.

The pastor is a living example of what every good Christian is constantly emulating. No person who is not a Christian should be permitted to sing in any church choir. This is a situation to be reconciled by the pastor.

The minister, as well as the choir, should realize that many are those poor worshipping souls who come to church especially to worship God. It is our solemn duty to realize that they do not know how best to obtain the most desired results, so, it behooves us to set the stage and create the right atmosphere making the service inticingly worshipful. It is up to the leader to so



Dr. Harris

plan the service as to make for devotion, reverence, praise and adoration, otherwise many come and sit through the entire service and go away without having fulfilled their purpose. Many times people leave the morning worship hour without once having felt the divine presence of God whom they came to worship. They sadly go away to face another week of routine, perhaps discouragement, burdened heavily without having communed with God. We must strive

to plan the service so as to lend itself to a glimpse of real communion with God. Soft music, periods of quiet, especially between scripture and the pastoral prayer, making for reverence and ardent admiration in all that is done and said, and accounting for each moment of the entire worship period.

Many come with laden hearts, heavy with sorrow, many are sad, sad over perhaps things we would consider very trivial, but to them are severely precious and dear. Give them soft sweet music to listen to, beautiful scriptures well read, each word wellspoken, clearly enunciated with a feeling of sincerity, a prayer well thought-out, stressing the importance of talking things over with their Lord and Master.

The pastoral prayer thoughtfully spoken while soft music preludes the way, either instrumental or perhaps by the choir sung MEZZA VOCE gives atmosphere and spirited background. It will lift even the most downcast person to inspiration, and will at the same time embrace immunity of the entire sanctuary.

In my estimation, there is nothing quite so disturbing, and disconcerting, as to see a choir whose members wear a flipant smile expressing anything other than worship and sincerity, members whispering to each other during the entire service, others just listlessly looking around from one place to another. Quite naturally the pastor is interested in the behaviour of his choir. The choir is in a conspicuous place. All eyes are upon it. No matter how beautiful the arrangement of the organ or the position of the choir loft or how much it may lend itself to the reverence or religious respect, the choir is nevertheless a moving picture and compels attention, so, their behaviour can easily spoil the whole service. On the contrary they can if they but will, make the service a place of power and worship. Just remember that the choir is an instrument of humanity and must, even by force of the pastor, be of one accord.

The choir should remember in respect of the pastor's efforts that the congregation are but small children spiritually, though many are old physically. This being true, the actions and behaviour of the members of the choir are of great importance. Their

dignity and restraint will have a religious value. Their frivolousness and lack of dignity will be an attraction, a cheapening of the service that will ruin its effect for many in the congregation and will disdain the continuity of the whole program for all the rest.

The pastor should include the choir leaders in his public prayers. Surely he should occasionally attend a rehearsal at which time he should give them a short but stirring address, and pray with them. Their financial needs will of course be his care, whether in the budget, or failing in that respect by promoting public offerings in special services, or by private subscriptions.

The initiative in these kindly relations must come from the pastor. He must make the advances; he will supply the interest, the geniality, the basis of reciprocal feeling. If the choir feels that it is the apple of the pastor's eye, that he is as much interested in its work as he is in the Sunday School, or the Young People's work, or in the mid week prayer service, and that he is working for its interests in the official board, among the congregation, before the general public, then, there will be no lack of responsive loyalty and co-operation on its part whatever.

Thank you and may God bless you is my prayer.

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RAPTURE!

The days may yet grow darker
The nights more weary grow
And Jesus may still tarry
But this one thing I know
The Lord will still grow dearer
And fellowship will be
The closer and the sweeter
Between, my Lord and me.

'Tis our dear Lord we wait for
Our Hope! Our Joy! Our Friend!
Himself we long to welcome,
And just beyond the bend
Hidden, perchance to meet us
Before the day is done,
The waiting will be over
And Heaven will have begun.

-- Selected.

High Lights From Science



James Watt, in 1796, after many plans and experiments, perfected the steam engine. In 1799 Watt improved his engine. He left many records and drawings of his engine. Engineers, through constant experimenting, and records left by other inventors, invented the steam Turbine. Dr. Diesel, in 1892 invented the Diesel Engine and from his written records the Diesel has been developed to a highly efficient oil engine. Paper played an important role in the perfection of these engines. Steam Engines, Steam Turbines, and Diesel Engines are today recognized for their efficient and economical operation in high speed luxurious trains, planes, and in generating electrical energy.—All due to the written records left by previous inventors.

It is certainly most surprising what a great part paper played in bringing our civilization to its present modern achievement. It is also most remarkable what a little church magazine will do toward bringing the activities of a large group of Christians to center upon given Christian enterprises.

Christ expects group worship of His people as well as individual heart worship. Believers can best worship Christ, in a group, when they are drawn together. In this modern age, with the modern facilities available (including paper), believers can be brought from many states and countries to worship Him by successfully carrying on Christian obligations and enterprises with perfect understanding and in perfect accord.

The Free Will Baptist Gem is striving to measure up to this ideal in its propagation of a unified work for Christ. The patronage and co-operation of all Christians is solicited for the maintenance of this most noble ideal.

MANUSCRIPT QUALIFICATIONS

In the Week of Prayer conducted by our Woman's Auxiliary, there is a request that prayer be made for our publications, prayer for more readers of our publications, and prayer for better articles to appear in our publications. This is a most noble subject for prayer. We need articles—better articles in our publications.

First of all, we solicit good articles for publication; articles with an enterprise, a missionary zeal, or a worshipful atmosphere. The Christian who is not worshipful, has no missionary passion, or is too lazy to advance Christian enterprises is certainly unworthy of the profession he wears. Active Christians want articles of action and inactive Christians (?) want no articles at all.

We solicit the articles of active Christians for active Christians to read. We desire they come type written, double spaced, and in good logical and grammatical construction. These articles receive our first attention.

We are re-doubling our efforts to give better editorial service than we have been in the past. We ask for your co-operation.



EDITORIAL



THE GEM - 75¢ PER YEAR

Conditions, over which we have no control, have caused us to raise the subscription price of the Free Will Baptist Gem. We have withstood this price raise for many months, but finally have dared to advance.

The circulation of the Gem stands at about 1700, spreading out over 35 states and three foreign countries, serving in a unified capacity in its representation of Christian enterprises in every way possible.

The quality of the Gem has been raised which was made possible by the installation of better and larger equipment. The editorial service is more complete, and we are striving to reduce inefficiency to the minimum.

Beginning on May 1, 1942, the subscription price will be raised from 50 cents to 75 cents per year. We consider ourselves fortunate to offer a religious magazine, with the message and quality of the Gem, at the low price of only 75 cents.

If anyone would like to renew his subscription for 50 cents, or ask a friend to subscribe at 50 cents, it will have to be done before May 1, 1942. That will be a privilege, and we ask our friends and readers to take advantage of it.

PICTURES IN THE GEM

We have some wonderful service in the capacity of pictures. The new equipment makes it possible to secure good work in printing half-tones.

There are more than twenty pictures in this issue of the Gem. I wish every issue could be so animated with a fine set of new pictures. This is possible!

Our photographic engraving service is being rendered by the Stafford Engraving Company, Wheaton, Illinois at very reasonable prices. May this encourage our people to submit pictures for publication.

A "cut" two inches by three inches, with

any screen, costs \$1.00 plus about ten cents postage. There are 85 screen cuts (suitable also for newspapers) and 100 to 120-screen (suitable for publication appearances).

Some of the 85-screen cuts are as follows:

Rev. Windford Davis	Page 6
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Dr. Wolfe	Page 12

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Grandma Henderson	Page 28
Uncle Johnnie Marbut	Page 31

Some of the other cuts are of copper and probably 120-screen, namely Dr. Harris and Jim Miller.

A goodly number of the ladies did not like the picture of Rev. Winford Davis, so he had a new one made. Upon his asking me what I thought of his new one, I replied, "There is one thing wrong—it looks just like you."

To avoid any disappointments, let me advise, please do not send the picture of a human being and expect it to print like the picture of an angel.

We solicit pictures for the front page. A picture of new churches, church groups, convention or quarterly meeting groups, or anything for the advancement of the cause of Christ by creating interest and zeal among His people. A front page cut will cost you \$3.00.

Pictures will not be returned unless requested and postage be sent for the returning.

Pending Session of Christian Workers Institute Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 1st to 12th

By Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

WE are informed that the next Christian Workers' Institute will be held in the Free Will Baptist Church, corner Utica and Jasper Streets, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 1 to 12, 1942. I am wondering if our people of this great middle west realize what an outstanding opportunity is presenting itself to us in this pending Institute. If you have never attended one, then you may not be awakened to their importance and the benefits to be derived from attending them. However, you who have been attending them during the past year, fully realize the truth of this I am stressing just here. Our ministers and Christian leaders throughout the ranks of Free Will Baptists in this entire middle western territory should make it a point to be in attendance at this Institute, beginning at 9:00 A. M. June 1st. We should have representatives there from our young peoples' leagues, our Woman's Auxiliaries, from among our Sunday school workers, our licensed ministers (as well as our older ones), and those aspiring to the ministry, and just any or all who desire to be soul winners for Christ.

This migratory school, as it has been called, moving from place to place, has been proving a real blessing wherever it goes. It is not only a school of tremendous value in instruction and learning but it is like a revival meeting. In fact, they are proving to be revivals. And the revivals which come as a result of these sessions are constructive revivals. They are manifestations as a result of having struck rock bottom. At the close of the Institute, held last month, at Flat River, Missouri, I heard the pastor express publicly that it had been worth as much or more to the church there than any series of meetings held in the name of a revival. Well, a Christian school should be one continuous revival, and I am glad it is true with our Institute work.

Certainly the one thousand dollars set aside by our National Board of Education at the Drumright session of the National

Association, last year, has and is being used to a grand advantage. In a common expression, I would say it is money well spent. It is taking the training and blessing to our people and souls are being fed and wonderfully inspired as a result of it.

Why not begin now to lay out your work and formulate your plans so that you can be in attendance at this Christian Workers' Institute in Tulsa? The entire expense of your room, board, and tuition will be only \$10.00. Could you ask for anything better? Truly it is cheap in price but by no means cheap in value. If we expect our Free Will Baptist work to grow, then we must train and equip, both spiritually and intellectually, for our various departments and fields of labor. You, individual Leagues, Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries, Churches, Pastors, if you have those in your organization who show inclinations for real Christian service, then urge them to attend this Institute in Tulsa. Make up the money and pay their way if need be. The Lord will bless you for it. The writer would regret so much to know he was going to be denied the privilege to attend it. The Lord willing I shall be there.

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ATTENTION!

All officers of the Missouri State Sunday School Convention are requested to be present at a called meeting of the convention to be held at the Mine La Motte Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday April 19, 1942.

George La Shum, Pres.



GOSPEL SERMONS



The Abuse of the Gift of Speaking in Tongues

By Elder W. L. Easterly, Pastor South Picher Church, Picher, Oklahoma

I believe in the gift of tongues. It would be just as reasonable to say that the nine spiritual gifts recorded in 1 Cor. 12 were done away with as to say that the gift of tongues was done away with.

My object for preaching on this subject is to make clear to the minds of people that tongues is no more a sign of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost than either one of the nine gifts. But for a sure sign, read Acts 1:8; Romans 8:16; 1 John 3:14.

Furthermore, I want to say by the authority of God's word that the gift of tongues is a language that is easily understood when used in its place, and if not used in its place it is of no profit and it causes confusion. Again, by the same authority, I will say that the gift of tongues is not given to every one that has the spiritual baptism.

Now let us read Acts 2:1-18. This scripture plainly says that there were Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven, and they heard them speak in their own languages, and it also specifies 17 different languages, and says "we do hear them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." Now go on to Acts 10:44-48 and 11:15-17. We learn that as many as heard the word received the Holy Ghost and spake with tongues, and Peter said then that God gave them "the like gift as he did unto us" so you see that they spoke a language that could easily be understood when spoken in the right place. We have a record of about twelve men, Acts 19:6-7, that the Holy Ghost came on and they spake with tongues, and all the difference we find in those men and the house-hold of Cornelius is that they received the Holy Ghost after they were baptized and the house-hold of Cornelius before baptism, so they must have been easily understood.

Now let us go to 1 Cor. 12 and read the entire chapter. "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." Now this is Paul talking, and he says, "now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit," and he says "to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;" and goes on with nine spiritual gifts, and says "But all these worketh that one and the self same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will". And he goes on and says, "If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" and repeats the same of the ear and eye, and goes ahead to explain that "the eye can not say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." Even in the face of these tremendous truths, some will yet say that if you do not speak with tongues you do not have the spiritual baptism. Oh, the out-pouring of Paul's soul when he said, "I would not have you ignorant."

We learn from 1 Cor. 13:1-3 that the gift of tongues and all other gifts are of no profit without the love of God, but some will say "Can a man have those gifts without the love of God?" Well, Paul says "though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Now we are coming to the 14th chapter of 1 Cor., and I want you to notice that Paul says, "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." This proves that prophecy is preferred before tongues. But some fellows will say "What does that second verse mean, 'For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto man, but unto God: for no man under-

standeth him, howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries? And again, what are you going to do with verses 14, 15, 16. 'For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful?' Now I want to say that this word *unknown* has a two-fold meaning. According to Paul's teaching, it means to speak in the spirit in the language of a foreigner, and when you pray in the spirit you certainly don't utter for to utter means to make articulated sound. To prove this let us go to Rom. 8:26-28. This scripture says "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercessions for us with groanings which can not be uttered." Eph. 5:18-20, "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to your selves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things." Read Col. 3:16. We learn from these scriptures that the things mentioned are by desire of heart, spirit or mind, and not an utterance from the lips or tongue, so that was what Paul meant in verses 2, 14, 15, 16 of 1 Cor. 14.

Now I want to call your attention to the 11th verse of the same chapter. "Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me." Now the meaning of this word *barbarian* is foreigner, the same as to say that you would be a foreigner unto me, and I a foreigner unto you. Now go to Acts 28:1-4, and here we learn that the barbarians were of a different tribe to what Paul was, and in Rom. 1:14, we learn that there is a difference in Greeks and barbarians, and in Col. 3:11, we find they are of a different tribe than the Greeks or Jews, so they must have been foreigners and if so the word *unknown* must have meant a foreign language that could only be understood when spoken in the proper place.

I said in the beginning of my argument that tongues were of no profit unless spoken where they could be understood. The 9th verse of 1 Cor. 14 says, "So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known

what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air." Therefore it would be of no profit. And I also said that there was a confusion. Verse 23, "If therefore the whole church come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?"

Now, I want to call your attention to the 37th verse. "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." Now the verses 27-33. This scripture tells us, "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret."

"But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God." Paul goes ahead to say in the 33rd verse, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace."

Surely after you have given these scriptures a fair study, you will not be ignorant enough to hold to the theory that the gift of tongues is the only evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and surely you will obey the commandments of God if you have the gift of tongues and use them in their proper place. Yes, but some will say, "I can't help talking in tongues," and every time they go to testify they will jabber something that don't even sound like a language. I am going to say again, by the authority of God's word, that this man's religion is vain. James 1:26, "If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

Now let us go to Psalms 39:1. "I said, I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bride while the wicked is before me." We learn from this that David and Paul had about the same mind about tongues when David made this statement and when Paul made the statement about the unlearned and unbelievers, "Will they not say that ye are mad?"

Prov. 17:20, "He that hath a forward heart findeth no good and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief." This

scripture and James 1:26 has about the same meaning. The preacher says in Eccl. 3:7, "There is a time to sow, a time to keep silence and a time to speak." And he agrees well with Paul where he says "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all: yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

Now I want to call your attention again to what Paul said in the 37th verse of 1 Cor. 14: "The things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." Eph. 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which

is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Col. 4:6, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Titus 2:7-8, "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works, sound speech, that can not be condemned, that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

Now if you are honest in heart and have such spirit that you can't help but let your tongue rattle where it is not convenient I pray God that "the thoughts of thine heart may be forgiven thee for I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity."

A Poetical Sermon

Eld. J. H. Roberts, Springdale, Arkansas

As we read the Bible, on its pages,
We learn man's habits, in all ages.
We learn at the very beginning,
Man's heart was prone to sinning.
(When man was in the prime of life,
He yielded to the whims of his wife.
And brought a curse upon his race,
By his sin, and by his own disgrace.
Man by his wife was deceived,
And by her flattery he believed.
And partook of the forbidden food;
For she told him that it was good.
For the devil told her as she passed by,
To eat of that fruit, she would not die.
For this tree of knowledge is a special food,
To eat of it, you will know evil from good.
And as their hearts began to harden,
They were driven out of the garden.
And as man's offspring began to expand,
Out over this great, wonderful land.
And after centuries had gone by,
God descended again from the sky.
And viewing as he did the heart of man,
"I am grieved," said he, "I will destroy
this plan."
The wickedness of man was very great,
And brought on himself, this awful fate.
For all that God could discern or see
Was wicked thoughts of man continually.
But among all this human race,
One man found favor and grace.

Old Noah was as clean as a lark,
And God told him to build an Ark.
Noah went to work as fast as he could,
To build an Ark of Gopher wood.
And the rooms of the Ark, of which,
Must be smeared inside and out with pitch.
According to the design we see,
It must contain rooms one two and three.
And Noah was to bear in mind,
He must collect one pair of every kind.
Of beast, fowl, and every creeping thing
That moved, walked, or flew on wing.
And to be sure and not fail
To see that there was male and female.
And to collect and take in plenty of food;
Of everything that was eatable and good.
A window make near the top of the Ark,
So you'll not be in the dark.
A door you must build in the side,
Make it large, high, and wide.
Noah was told, for his righteous life,
He could take in with him, his wife;
And with all the other lives,
His three sons and their wives.
In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life,
He was safe inside, his family and wife.
In the second month, the seventeenth day,
Of the month, on that same day;
The fountains of the great deep broke up,
And the rain descended, like the pouring
from a cup.
And after forty days, this large boat,

Had enough water around it to float.
The waters drove the people to the mountains high;

Husband and wife had to say good-bye.
And that good-bye, we are sorry to tell.
For those wicked people must have gone to Hell.

The rain still came and the brook and rill
Raised the waters high above the hills.
The Ark, like Jesus, stood between earth and sky,

Preserving the righteous, that shall never die.

But the old Ark bore up and floated along,
No life outside, not even a bird to warble a song.

The waters prevailed one hundred and fifty days,

The old Ark floated about in various ways.

Noah never knew where he was at

Until the Ark rested on Mount Ararat.

Forty days more faithful Noah waited,

Until the waters were more abated.

Noah opened a window, sent out a crow,
Where it went—no one will ever know.

Seven days later Noah sent out a dove,

The little innocent bird that we all love.

At evening the poor little thing

Returned to the Ark on wearied wing.

Seven days later the little dove flew away

And returned at the close of day.

This time it carried a green olive leaf

To appease old Noah's sadness and grief.

Seven days later he sent the dove again,

This time it decided to remain.

In the second month and the twenty-seventh day,

Noah took some of the roof away.

He then looked up at the beautiful sky,

Then on the earth, and it was dry.

Then God remembered his covenant,

And to Noah's rescue, he quickly went.

Then to open the large heavy door

He had closed many days before.

God threw open the door, big and wide

And told Noah to come outside.

And to bring out his wife,

Who had helped to preserve all life.

And bring out thy sons and their wives,

With all the other preserved lives.

Noah came out and stood on the ground

While his family all gathered around,

To watch the long steady string

Of beast, fowl, and every creeping thing;

Emerging from the faithful Ark,

Where they had been so long in the dark.

Then Noah built an altar unto the Lord,

And then he heard God's divine word.

As long as the earth shall remain,

There will be seed time, harvest, and grain.

Summers will bring showers and heat

To bring forth fruits and herbs for meat.

In cold winter, everything is dormant in peace,

God said these things shall never cease.

As long as we have night and day,

These things shall not pass away.

Amen.



Church Letters - Field Reports



Big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting Nippa, Kentucky

I will give a brief report of our Big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting which was held at Toms Creek Church at Nippa, Kentucky.

Elder Millard Vanhooose, pastor of the Toms Creek Church, called the church to order, transacted the business, then turned the church over to the quarterly meeting.

The Clerk, F. S. Vanhooose, called the conference to order. A motion carried to elect Eld. Millard Vanhooose moderator. The moderator named Bro. Adrain Davis

assistant moderator. The delegates were seated and committees were appointed. A motion carried that the business adjourn for preaching, which was done by Bro. Dendricks. The preaching was enjoyed by all present.

The meeting came to order at 2:00 p. m. The messengers were called for and invited to sit together. The moderator asked Bro. Claude Vanhooose to assist the Clerk in reading the letters. Twenty-six (26) letters were read which contained \$86.54

One man was to be licensed to preach, and two were to be ordained. Bro. Fillmore Gamble, C. H. Hall, and Tommy Blanken-

ship were appointed on the ordaining committee.

The same committee gave the charge vote as to where the next quarterly meeting should be. It was decided that it would be held at Paintsville, Ky. on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1942.

A report of the Finance and Business Committees was called for.

Bro. Claude Preston and Bro. Gabe Ratliff of the Finance Committee; and Bro. Scott Castle, C. Z. Cavin, and Irvin Rice decided to give the Phil Cole Church \$20.00, the Harmon Church \$15.00 and the Pikeville Church \$25.00. A motion carried that the Pikeville Church be given \$25.00 more.

Elders Millard Vanhooose, L. E. Collier, and Walter Hooper of the Credentials Committee reported that the credentials of the following men had been canceled: Luther Allen, Lested Boyd, Buel Bates, and Albert Shears.

New business was called for and Bro. F. S. Vanhooose and others made a talk on the Kentucky Orphanage. An offering was taken and \$56.54 was received.

The preaching at 7:00 p. m. was done by Bro. Walter Hooper and Bro. Gibson. We had a great spiritual meeting and adjourned until the next day.

Preaching was by Bro. Willie Horn and Bro. Adrain Davis and all enjoyed the wonderful out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

Eld. Millard Vanhooose, Moderator

Eld. F. S. Vanhooose, Clerk

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Free Will Baptist Church Pikeville, Kentucky

Ecc. A. L. Jackson, Pastor

Mrs. Albert Webb, Reporter

Here we are writing again to the *Gem*. How the time does fly when we are working for the Lord!

In spite of all the sickness this past month, we have been in some great meetings. Our dear pastor has been in very poor health, but God has blessed him and he is back on the job again. God gave us a good messenger each time Bro. Jackson was unable to be present, for which we were very thankful.

A small band of our Sunday School workers went to the Johnson County Quarterly

Meeting at Nippa, Ky., about six miles out of Paintsville, on January 25th. This church has over four hundred members, and no Sunday School. We talked to some of the Elders about organizing a Sunday School, but they said there was no use for that. Something had been done time and again, but failed. It was soon discovered that there were a few people interested in this work. After the conference closed, we called a meeting for 2:30 p. m. at the church. There were about twenty persons present. A wonderful spirit was shown at once. This school was organized with its several officers and teachers, and a collection was taken up for the first quarter's literature.

I believe with all my heart that this new Sunday School will grow and prosper, for these dear brothers and sisters resolved, by the grace of God, that once again a school was started, it would not stop. Of course, there will be many who will oppose the Sunday School and its work, but this is a good test for God's children. If He knew there was no desire in our hearts to go through His testing process, He would not spend the time on us to prove us.

At every turn, there may be some one to question our motive and work, but this is only a sign that we are worth proving. This shows us that the Lord loves us very dearly, and desires to show His mighty power in us, for His worthy name's sake. The Devil cannot stand to see the prosperity of God's work, and he will use all his means to seek to overthrow it. The more Satan tries to hinder, the more God's children lean upon Him and trust Him, and this is a means of drawing them nearer to the Lord — just what the devil does not want.

Oh, what blessedness is it to know that God approves things that even men would disapprove! When He has tried us, we shall come forth as gold. When our labor stands the fire of God's heating process, what need we care what men say or do against us. Yes, it is far better to be opposed than to oppose!

People are often unfaithful to us, but "God is faithful" (I Cor. 1:9). Then "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

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

Dear Gem Readers:

It is again that I will report the progress of our church, here in St. Louis.

I am glad to say that the church, under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Bro. Mark Lewis, is progressing in a wonderful way at the present. We have just put Bro. Lewis on full time with a salary and we feel sure God is going to bless our church more than ever now.

If the ministers of Jesus Christ ever needed to be in the vineyard reaping the great harvest which is ripe already, it is at the present time. Let us pray that God may use the ministers in a great way that we may lead lost souls to Christ in these days of trouble. Let us pray without ceasing as we find in 1st Thess. 5:17, and work harder than ever before for the salvation of souls.

Our Sunday School is growing and our prayer meetings have been very spiritual.

We are looking forward to a revival meeting in the near future and are praying that God may give us a great victory over Satan.

We are also working that sometime in the future we may have a building of our own to worship in. We have a building fund started and it is climbing little by little.

Pray for us that our church may continue to make progress and pray for me that I might preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a greater way and that God may, sometime, open up the way for me to be of greater service to my Master.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

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Woman's Auxiliary Convention of First Mission Association of Okla.

The First Mission Auxiliary met on February 18, 1942, at the Tulsa F. W. B. Church, preceding the Quarterly Conference. Sister Newman preached at the 11 o'clock hour. Subject: What price peace. Following service, lunch was served in the church basement.

After lunch the meeting was opened

by a song, "Where He Leads, I'll Follow," led by Sister Zinn. Sister Bingham led our minds in prayer. A monologue was given by Tulsa Auxiliary officers followed by a special song by Sister Tuttle, who also gave a talk. We then were favored with a song by Sister Zinn, from Bristow, Sister Bingham and her two daughters.

Report was given by each officer of the First Mission Association. Auxiliary letters were read from each church. The Auxiliary voted to meet each quarter preceding the quarterly conference. There were several good talks given by different ones on auxiliary work.

It was voted that we adopt the Religious Education Program written by Sister Elnora Gilbert, which was a wonderful outline.

We then passed a rule that the ladies of the auxiliary who are in good standing be delegates of our conference.

Mrs. Evelyn Miller asked for her resignation as third vice president. Sister Opal Bingham was elected in her place.

Sister Fincher elected to preach at our next conference.

We then had a special number by a quartet.

Motion that we adjourn until the next quarterly meeting in May which will be in Wewoka.

The auxiliary ladies served meals in the basement. We had from 70 to 180 for each meal. The Lord was in our midst as we had a wonderful time.

—Mrs. Phelps, Corr. Sec'y.

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Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church Pocahontas, Arkansas

I have never written to the *Gem* before, as I have only been a subscriber to this fine little paper a short time, but in each copy I read reports of what our churches are doing at other places and I feel like some one ought to write and give a report of our Free Will Baptist Church and Sunday School at this place.

This is a new church organized in August, 1939, with only 19 members. Today we have a membership of about 75. We have a nice church building, and have it almost paid for.

We have a good Sunday School at this place, a Sunday School that any community should be proud of. We have an average attendance of about 75 and have had as high as 135 in Sunday School.

We now have preaching twice a month. Our Pastor, Rev. Ralph Staten, preaches each second Sunday and Sunday night, and our former pastor, Rev. J. W. Million, preaches each fourth Sunday.

We have prayer meeting each Thursday night, and young people's meeting each Sunday night. Our young people's leader is our worthy superintendent, Bro. Will S. White, the influence of whose Christ-like life has meant so much to us all: to our church, our Sunday school, our prayer meeting, and to our community. We have as fine a group of young people at this place as can be found anywhere. These young people are most all Christians. They are fine singers, take a great part in the song service, and also take an active part in other church work, for which we are thankful.

We can truthfully say that we believe our little Free Will Baptist Church here in Pocahontas is doing, and will continue to do, a great work for the Lord. I see no reason why it shouldn't, for we know we have some of as true Christians in this little church as can be found anywhere.

We have just recently closed an old time revival conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs of Highland Park, Michigan. Rev. Riggs is a great revivalist. He preaches heartfelt religion in the old fashion way, and he doesn't compromise with sin in any form. We feel like this revival should always be spoken of as the old time revival, for often during this revival God's people were heard testifying, shouting the praises of God, and saying amen, as people used to do in the good old days gone by. During this 12 nights' revival, we saw 12 souls come to the altar, and give their hearts to God. Others were under conviction but did not accept Christ. Six united with our church the night the meeting closed. We feel if Bro. and Sister Riggs could have stayed and carried the meeting on longer, that much more good could have been accomplished, however we are proud of the

meeting and feel like much and lasting good has been done.

Bro. and Sister Riggs were with us in a two weeks' revival last year, during which time 35 souls were saved. We hardly know how to express our appreciation for Bro. and Sister Riggs, for we sincerely believe they are two of God's chosen people and are out for the salvation of souls, or else they would not have left their home, and their two little boys (ages 4 years and 10 months) in Michigan, and came to Pocahontas, the distance of eight hundred miles, to hold this revival. We also feel that the influence of their Christ-like life has been a blessing to us all while in our town. We hope that we may have them, and also the Free Will Baptist Gospel Quartet, with us in another old time revival in the near future.

We invite Christians of all denominations to come and worship with us in all of our services, for if you have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, you are our brother or sister. If we would all lay down all preudice, malice, and hate, and come and worship together, and live according to the teaching of Gods blessed Word, we would have a much better world in which to live and I am sure we would have a much greater influence for God in leading the lost to Christ.

—Susie Poe.

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Woman's Auxilliary Report Lackey, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

We, the Woman's Auxilliary of Lackey, Kentucky, want you to know we are still on the war path for Jesus. We are growing in spiritual knowledge to the work of God, for we have a promise if we serve the Lord and should be about our Lord's work, and give our time and labor for the needy, God will bless us in store. We have been able to distribute many garments to the orphans throughout the winter; also groceries to the hungry. We have been able to help one another in many ways.

The organization has brought us together in unity and love. We put on a monthly program for the benefit of the community.

Our February program was on prayer. Our sisters made wonderful talks on prayer. We wish there could be a Woman's Auxiliary in every church for it is a strength to the pastor and a brace to the church.

We need the prayers of all Christian people to help us in our task, for if ever we ought to pray it is now. There are so many broken hearted mothers.

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Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 11, 1942

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad to report, again, of still having victory for our Lord.

In our revival this month, several of our young people were reclaimed. It is getting harder, day by day, for not only the young people but older people too, to really render all to God, as there are so many temptations to overcome.

We have an interesting league every Friday evening with good attendance. We still have our prayer services at 7:00 on Sunday evening for the young folk, which has proved a help to all.

We desire your prayers that we will stay true unto our Maker and be of service to Him always.

— Mrs. N. G. Tuttle, Cor. Sec'y.

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Buncombe Ladies' Auxiliary
Near Carthage, Texas

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I take the pleasure in writing this item about our Ladies' Auxiliary and the work we are doing here, we want to thank God for everything He has done for us.

We have our meeting the second Saturday afternoon of each month. Owing to the bad weather, there were only seven present at our last meeting. We have a total of 21 members.

We have contributed a dollar each month to the Jehoiada Chest and 101 pennies for the penny-a-day fund. Three boxes have been given; two valuing \$5.00 each, and one \$1.50. Up until our last meeting there had been nine subscriptions taken for the Gem by our second vice president, Mrs. Ira Harper.

We ask every Gem reader to pray for us that God will continue to bless us in our work.

— Mrs. Nettie Godwin, Cor. Sec'y.

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Flat River Mission Circle
Flat River, Missouri

Dear Sisters in Christ:

We are sending in a picture of one of our charter members of the Flat River Church and Mission Circle No. 1.

Grandma Henderson is now 76 years old. While she has been confined to her bed and to a wheel chair since last July, we miss her on mission days, as she was a faithful worker all these years in the mission as well as in church and Sunday school.



Grandma Henderson

We have a wonderful mission, and feel we are doing a great work for the cause of Christ. We meet once a week, work in the morning, and have our devotional service in the afternoon. We have given some fruit and some flowers to the shut-ins, donated \$10.00 to help put in new seats for the church, and give a special offering every three months to foreign missions. We still are giving \$12.00 a year for church extension.

We have a membership of twenty, all dues are paid up in full, and most of them paid a year in advance. We feel we have a group of ladies that are wide awake and about their Master's business.

We try to keep lost souls on our minds above everything at all times, so pray for us that we will always be interested in leading the lost to the Christ we love so well.

We have a wonderful fellowship together and His Spirit is manifested in our midst each time we gather.

Sister Polston gave us a wonderful talk on mission and auxiliary work last week, which was very enlightening and encouraging and was appreciated.

Remember us when you pray that we may hold the banner of Christ high and be ready when He comes back to earth again.

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Quarterly Meeting of the First Mission Association of Oklahoma

Dear Brethern:

The Lord so graciously blessed during the second quarterly meeting of the First Mission Association which was held February 18, 1942 at the Tulsa church.

The introductory message was brought by Eld. W. H. Carter. The following ministers preached during the conference: Elders Ralph Brown, Will Been, J. H. West, V. L. Wilson, H. E. Staires, W. V. McPhail, R. G. Lane, and B. F. Rogers.

Nine souls found the Lord during the conference. Elder V. L. Wilson was accepted into the First Mission Association. Special music given by Tulsa Boys' Quartet and Bristow church.

The following people were licensed to preach the gospel for one year: Rev. C. E. Keys, Rev. Wieda Joyce Boyce, Rev. J. A. Taylor, Rev. P. W. Inmon, Rev. J. A. Saddler, Rev. Daisy Merchant, and Rev. Rosamae Ross. Rev. Isabelle Hamilton was licensed for life.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Wewoka in May.

—Lula L. E. Moore,
Assistant Associational Clerk.

St. Louis Woman's Auxiliary St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to report our Woman's Auxiliary, here in St. Louis.

We are progressing nicely in our work here and are expecting great things for the Cause of Christ to be done here in the near future.

We have our regular meeting each Tuesday. We often visit a large number of homes in the community and give out tracts and talk to people about their souls.

We believe that in a time like this that the Woman's Auxiliary ought to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world as much as possible, for we know the harvest is truly ripe, but the laborers are few.

Pray for the Auxiliary, here in St. Louis, where the field is large and ripe and all ready to harvest, as we see in St. John 4:35.

Asking the prayers of all God's people everywhere.

Sylvia Hill, Correspondent
Eunice Edwards, President

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First Free Will Baptist Church 837 North Utica Avenue Tulsa, Oklahoma

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

Dear Editor and Gem Friends:

I always look forward to the time to report to the *Gem* and its many readers the blessings of the Lord. The Second Quarterly Conference of the First Mission Association met with us in February, and a glorious time in the Lord was had throughout the meeting.

At the close of the conference, we went into a 14-day revival with Rev. Bert Rogers of Wewoka bringing the wonderful messages. We are thankful that God saw fit to send Bro Rogers this way. Thirteen precious souls surrendered to God, despite the bad weather. We were very glad for the help from the other churches, and invite them back at any time. We feel that this meeting was a great benefit to our church and

community. Many unsaved have requested an interest in prayers, and for these we are asking God to save.

Our Sunday School attendance is climbing again since so many of our people have recovered from illness.

We are looking forward to the Bible Institute to be held at the Tulsa Church in June. We extend a hearty welcome to every one who is planning to attend the school.

The community singing met at our church Sunday afternoon, March 15, with the house filled to overflowing, as usual. We enjoyed the good messages in song and as our pastor told the people, our doors are always open to them whenever they wish to return with the singing. As we enjoyed the songs we were made to think of how free we were while men, no doubt at that very moment, were giving their lives for us to enjoy such as this. And then we thought of how we would enjoy singing with the heavenly choir where no song books will be needed and no sorrow, heart aches or pain will be there. How thankful and humble to God we should be for these great blessings He has promised us. We need to awaken and realize the time in which we are living, and I'm sure when we do, we will find the need of prayer more than ever before.

Our pastor, Rev. Bingham, visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner of Monett, Missouri last week and returned with the good report that Bro. Turner is recovering from his recent illness. We thank God for His love shown to all who believe on Him.

May the Lord bless each of you is our prayer.

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Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church Catlettsburg, Kentucky

*L. E. Colliver, Pastor
Gertrude Bowe, Reporter*

Dear Co-Workers in Christ:

We are glad that we can report to you again that souls are being saved. The revival at the Long Run F. W. B. Church, Lucasville, Ohio, lasted three and one-half weeks with twenty-nine souls being saved. The choir from here went down two nights to

sing. We enjoyed being with the good people there. We also enjoyed having the pastor, Rev. Callie Adams, with us one Sunday night.

Last Friday night, it was our privilege to attend the revival Brother Colliver is now holding at the Antioch F. W. B. Church, Lyra Station, Ohio. Two souls were saved last week.

Plans for the "Week of Prayer" have been completed. We are having a different preacher each night, and we are holding it six nights instead of five. The preachers we have secured are Rev. Butler Hall and Rev. Kelly McGraw of Ashland, Kentucky; Rev. Bill Shepard, Scioto Dale, Ohio; Rev. Bryant Edmonds, Rush, Kentucky; and our own pastor for the Consecration Service.

We are trusting that this "Week of Prayer" will be the beginning of an old-fashioned revival here. We are praying to that end, and earnestly covet your prayers in that behalf.

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Loyal Chapel Woman's Auxiliary Columbia, Tennessee

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Loyal Chapel Church presented an installation program for incoming Woman's Auxiliary officers at the seven o'clock service Sunday evening, February 1, 1942.

The program was a very impressive service. Each officer, dressed in white and wearing a banner of blue and gold designating her office, marched to the platform in order of their office, while the pianist played "Jesus Shall Reign".

When all the officers were seated Annie Ruth Scribner came forward and read Ephesians 6:10-17, followed by a short talk by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Bloss, on "The Whole Armor of God". The officers sang "Ready" and Mrs. Lula Jamerson led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for achievements of the past year.

After the installation of officers, each officer made a short talk on her duty and what she plans to do in the ensuing year to make our auxiliary improve.

The service closed by the officers singing "To the Work". Bro. Robert Parrish pronounced the benediction.

—Willie Mae Fogg, Corr. Sec'y.

Keirsey Free Will Baptist Church**Keirsey, Oklahoma***Rev. Robert Cook, Pastor**Mrs. J. D. Burr, Reporter*

Dear Gem Readers:

It is certainly a blessing to report that we have been blessed in the prayer meetings and church services. There has been seven come into the church and four new converts, and there are others to join as candidates for baptism.

We have prayer meetings every Wednesday night and preaching every 2nd and 3rd Sunday. Our B. Y. P. U. is doing fine and our Sunday school is growing fast. There

are large crowds in attendance. There has been lots of sickness around the community. We would like the prayers for those that are sick.

I am happy to report that our pastor who has been sick is able to go back to his church. We had a wonderful service and the church gave the pastor a pounding, he got many useful things.

We thank God for so many good letters from other churches. We get a blessing out of reading them. We thank God for the true Christians.

We are hoping to have a wonderful revival soon. We desire your prayers, and my God bless you.

OBITUARIES

MARBUT—John Wesley Marbut, son of Washington and Permelia R. Marbut, was born in Barry County, Missouri, December 21, 1854; departed this life at his home eight miles southeast of Monett, February 19, 1942, at the age of 87 years, 1 month, and 28 days.

He was married, when a young man, to Anna Lane. To this union was born two children, Lizzie who preceded him in death by over 40 years, and Finis now living



Uncle Johnnie Marbut

at the home. His wife, Anna, passed on to her reward in the year of 1888, and later he was married to Parolee Kennedy, who has stood by his side all these years, was faithful to him in his sickness and old age, and still resides at the home.

He leaves to mourn his passing, besides

his wife and son, one step daughter, Mrs. Alma Smith of Monett; two sisters, Mrs. I. C. Inman of Monett, Route 1 and Mrs. S. A. Davis of Monett, Route 1; four brothers and three sisters having preceded him in death. He also leaves four grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and ten great grand children.

He was converted to faith in Christ when just a young man, and became a charter member of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. At that time the church stood about a mile below where it now stands. The site is now referred to as old Macedonia. He was a faithful member until his death, and held the office of trustee in the church as long as he lived. However in his last years his hearing became so very bad, and become to be so feeble that he could not attend church so regularly as in former years, and his hearing was so bad that he could not understand when he did attend. But he often remarked that though he could not understand he could "look and live". One of his outstanding talents was his ability in public prayer. Every one liked so much to hear Uncle Johnnie pray. If any one could bring heaven and earth together in prayer it seemed that he could. He was a great influence for God and for good in his community; he having lived in this immediate settlement all of his life. He will be greatly missed in the church, among his many relatives, by the community at large, and last but not least by those

who yet reside at the old home. Uncle John will not have to sit over in the corner any more, handicapped by a loss of hearing, and in later life by a dimmed eyesight, hardly able to talk with his loved ones as they came and went from the home; but he is at home with Jesus where the infirmities of the flesh are no more. Isaiah said "The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, the lame man shall leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing".

All that loving hands could do was done for him in his age and sickness, and now we bow in submission to the Father's will knowing that He doeth all things well.

Funeral service was conducted at the old Bethel church by Rev. B. F. Crawford, assisted by Rev. John B. Rollins. The body was laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery nearby to await the glorious resurrection of the dead when the bodies of the saints shall come forth.

Written by one who will keenly miss his presence: A pastor and nephew.

—Rev. Winford Davis.

THOMAS — Daniel Webster Thomas was born near Monett, Missouri, October 2, 1895 and departed this life February 27, 1942 at the age of 46 years, 4 months and 25 days.

He was converted when about 24 years of age and has lived a quiet but devoted Christian life.

During the years of his illness he has borne his suffering with patience and without complaint, and has expressed many times that he was ready to go when his call came. He was a man very devoted to his family and lived an unselfish life that made every one his friend who came in contact with him. To know him was to love him.

He was married in the year of 1918 to Miss Lou Reta Inman. To this union was born five children who are Aubrey Thomas of Monett, Lawton, Paul Richard, Vera, and Dale of the home. Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Thomas; three sisters, Mrs. Lettie Stephens of Purdy, Mrs. Iva Crawford of Grass Valley, Calif., and Dolly Fay

at home. Two sisters, Iva Burl and Anna May, preceded him in death. Also he leaves many other relatives and friends who are grieved by his passing, but our loss is heaven's gain.

The funeral service was conducted in the Macedonia Church by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by Rev. Ollie Ennis. Burial in the Bethel cemetery.

MATTINGLY — Melissa Eveline Mattingly was born on Kings Prairie, Barry County, Missouri, December 12, 1860 and departed this life in McDonald County, March 8, 1942 at the age of 80 years, 2 months, and 24 days. She was the daughter of Lewis and Caroline Mattingly.

She was married to Calvin Thomas, February 25, 1883, and to this union was born 12 children; 6 girls and 6 boys. Her husband and four children preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her departure 7 children, 33 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren; besides many relatives and friends.

She was converted at the age of 15 years and united with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, later moving her membership to the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. She has lived a consecrated Christian life from her conversion. In her last moments she clapped her hands and said, "I'm going home to Jesus".

Her husband was one of the old pioneer preachers of southwest Missouri. He traveled extensively through this country serving the churches of what we now call the Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptists. Sister Thomas was a faithful minister's companion, ever standing by the side of her faithful companion. The writer remembers their labors in the Macedonia Church when just a small child. The older ones are passing on. The challenge is to the youth to rise up and take their places.

The funeral service was conducted at the Union Church in McDonald County by the writer, and burial in the cemetery nearby.

—Rev. Winford Davis.

DAVIS — Nellie Lee (Lizenbee) Davis was born in the state of Kentucky, December 23, 1877 and departed this life January 11,

1942. She was married to Wilson A. Davis 47 years ago. To this union twelve children were born. Two of the children and her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by her ten children, eighteen grand children, and one great grand child. The children are: Ida, Mrs. Arch Smith; Edith, Mrs. Clinton McCormack; and Clance W. Davis of Marquand, Mo.; Lula, Mrs. John Shrum; Dollie, Mrs. O. C. Miller; Jewell, Mrs. Roy Swinford; and Pauline Davis all of St. Louis, Mo.; Ben W. Davis and Herman Davis of Farmington, Mo.; Eunice, Mrs. James F. Miller of Kirksville, Mo., Route 2.

She was a member of the Union Light Free Will Baptist Church. She loved and lived for the church and family. She will be sadly missed by her children and friends.

CAMPBELL—Rena Campbell was born in Oregon County, Missouri, October 10, 1867. She died December 8, 1941 at the age of 74 years. She was united in marriage to J. R. W. Harbinson, January 13, 1887. To this union was born six children: Otto Harbinson, Zigler, Ill., Elmer Harbinson, Bono, Ark., Elba Harbinson, Myrtle, Mo., Mrs. Ora Wischart, Myrtle, Mo., Mrs. Vernie Smith, Batesville, Ark., and Frank Harbinson, Moorewood, Oklahoma.

Sister Harbinson was converted when she was 16 years old and joined the Free Will Baptist Church of Mill Creek at Myrtle, and has been a devoted Christian, a kind and loving wife and mother, and a kind friend and neighbor to all.

She is survived by her children and 24 grandchildren. Her husband and three grand children preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mill Creek Church by Rev. Clarence Dodson and Rev. Sam Bell. Burial was made in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of Leo Carr Funeral Home.

SMITH—Missouri Britanna Smith was born January 9, 1867; departed this life January 20, 1942, at the age of 75 years and 11 days.

She was united in marriage to Thomas Cochman, January 15, 1884. To this union was born seven children; two sons, Melvin

of Myrtle and Fred of Couch, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Lunar Fry of Couch, Mo. and Mrs. Lois Swanzy of Olney, Texas. The other three preceded her in death, Dora Novella, Gladys Milinda, and Artha Lee Alma.

She was converted at the age of 12 and united with the presbyterian church. In later years she united with the Free Will Baptist church at Bethany, then later moved her membership to Mill Creek of Myrtle, Mo., and lived a devoted life until the Lord called her home.

She leaves to mourn her passing four children, twelve grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two sisters, Melvina Crass and Tenny Rodgers both of Myrtle, one brother, Samuel Smith of Walnut Ridge, Ark., and a host of relatives and friends. All who knew her loved her.

Funeral services were conducted at the Mill Creek church by Rev. Clarence Dodson and Rev. H. C. Crase. Burial was made in the Myrtle cemetery under the direction of Leo Carr Funeral Home.

IN MEMORY

Walter Lee Martin who passed to the great beyond one year ago, February 18, 1941. I'm sure his memories will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him. He was a true soldier for God and how he did enjoy working in the church.

We have missed you dear husband and daddy

Since from us you went away,
But in heaven where comes no parting
We hope to meet you some sweet day.

When the evening shadows gather
Often for you we do sigh,
While your loved ones you'll be watching
From the portals in the sky.

You are gone but not forever
"Tho' the tears flow from our eyes,
We shall meet to part no never
In that home beyond the skies.

Sadly missed by his wife and children.

—Mrs. Walter Martin

Highland Park, Michigan

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—Rev. Winford Davis

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