

The Free Will Baptist Gem

ORGAN OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Monett, Missouri, September, 1942

Volume 14, Number 9

The Opening of our Bible School

Nashville, Tennessee



The Free Will Baptist Gem
Organ of
Missouri State Association

Published Monthly at
Monett, Missouri

EDITORS

John B. Rollins
Herbert Henderson

Entered as Second Class
Matter July 14, 1939, at the
Post Office, Monett, Mo., un-
der the Act of March 3, 1879.

TERMS

75 cents per year, cash in
advance. Paper will be dis-
continued when subscription
expires.

MISSOURI STATE ASS'N.
OFFICERS

Moderator .. James F. Miller
Novinger, Missouri
Ass't. Moderator, O. T. Allred
Monett, Missouri
Clerk-Treas. .. Winford Davis
Monett, Missouri

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans.
Cecil Campbell, Cartersville, Mo.
Henry Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.
C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.

NAT'L. ASS'N. OFFICERS

Moderator .. James F. Miller
Novinger, Missouri
Clerk E. C. Morris
Elizabeth City, N. C.
Treasurer .. F. S. VanHoose
Paintsville, Kentucky

CHAIRMEN NAT'L. BOARDS

Education .. J. R. Davidson
808 W. 27th St., Bryan, Texas
Home Mission, M. L. Hollis
Red Bay, Alabama
Foreign Mis'n., Winford Davis
Monett, Missouri
League Henry Melvin
1211 E. Main, Durham, N. C.
Superannuation .. F. C. Zinn
700 S. Hickory, Bristow, Okla.

Table of Contents

Editorial Articles 18

National Association

First Semester Courses In Our Bible School 3

Christian Worker's Institute In Illinois 3

Gratitude for Answered Prayer 5

Missionary Department

A Letter from Cuba 7

A Letter from North Carolina 8

Woman's Auxiliary Department

My "Musts" for 1942-43 9

The Hour of Prayer 11

Missionary Horses 11

Our Boys in the Service

Letters 12

Gospel Sermons

A Living Sacrifice 13

Laborers Together With God 16

The Word of God 20

Letters and Reports

Church Letters and Field Reports 21-25

Poems 26-28

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury 29

Report of Missouri Treasury 29

Special Articles

Welcome to the Missouri State Association 21

National Home Missionary Work 30

The Law of the Lord's Supper 31

STANDARD OF ACHIEVEMENT
RECORD CHARTS

For Woman's Auxiliary

A Wall Card 28½ x 22½ inches, beautifully
printed. A sheet of instructions accompany
each card. The standard of efficiency is
measured by the Standard of Achievement
needs one.

A New Supply just off the Press
Price, postpaid 25c

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
Monett, Missouri

The National Association

Enterprise Department

First Semester Courses in Our Bible School

3609 Richland Avenue
Nashville Tennessee

BIBLE I—

A synthetic examination of the Old Testament.

(6 hours prep. weekly — 3 semester hours)

BIBLE DOCTRINE I—

Outlines on the doctrine of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

4 hours prep. weekly — 3 semester hours)

ENGLISH I—

Rhetoric and Composition.

(6 hours prep. weekly — 3 semester hours)

EVANGELISM I—

Personal, pastoral, and professional.

(2 hours prep. weekly — 1 semester hour)

HOMILETICS I—

Deals with the preparation and delivery of sermons.

(2 hours prep. weekly — 1 semester hour)

HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION—

Revealing the great stream of human life and events.

(6 hours prep. weekly — 3 semester hours)

HISTORY OF WORLD WIDE MISSIONS—

(4 hours prep. weekly — 2 semester hours)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—

This course deals with Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League administration.

(2 hours prep. weekly — 1 semester hour)

MUSIC—

Hymnology and chorus choir.

(1 semester hour)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION—

(1 semester hour)

Christian Workers' Institute in Illinois

September 28 to October 9, 1942

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

SIGNS of a revival in the true church are multiplying. The world is filled with apprehension, fear, and strife. The ingenuity of man is locked in a godless war. Selfishness is seeking enthronement. These latter days are compelling a consideration of spiritual verities. Christians everywhere are crisis conscious, and are eager to "redeem the time".

The Christian Workers' Institute is a migratory revival. Every place in which it has operated proclaims this fact. Souls have been saved, Christians edified, and an equipment for service through training offered to all. A few testimonials from those who have attended some former session will confirm this point:

"Increased bonds of fellowship and love, precious enlightening truths in doctrine, knowledge as to how I can better help my little rural churches, a determination to push the Woman's Auxiliary work; and last but not least, a realization through the missions class of our goodly inheritance."
—Mrs. Martin.

"Every day brought a new blessing which seemed more precious than the day before. The depths to which we went in the study of Church Doctrine were very revealing to me, and offered a blessing that will not soon be forgotten. The soul-inspiring instruction in the entire Mission and Rural Church courses have given me new desires and determinations which the Lord is able

to cause me fulfill. And since we are blessed through service, I found great satisfaction in helping present the Auxiliary meeting last night; for truly the Auxiliary work is upon my heart, and I recognize in it a place for me to serve my Master. — Mrs. Campbell.

"The greatest blessing I have received in the Institute has come from our model Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary. Here I have seen what was supposed to be done and have been shown how to do it." — Miss Cope.

"My greatest impression was in the realized presence of the Holy Spirit in each devotional and class period." — Mrs. Bingham.

"The lectures on Bible Doctrine, Rural Church, and the fellowship of the Institute have all been a great blessing to me." — Rev. Cecil Campbell.

"My greatest blessing in the Institute has been the inspiration I have received from the fellowship." — Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Rescue Church of Illinois

On September 28, 1942, the Christian Workers' Institute will open its seventh session in Rescue Free Will Baptist Church of Whittington, Illinois. This church is centrally located to all the Free Will Baptist churches in the southern part of this State, and is only about fifteen miles south of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Rev. W. R. Burton of Whittington is pastor, and under his very efficient leadership every essential to the comfort and happiness of both faculty and student body will be provided. I shall always remember the fervent passion of this beloved pastor for the advancement of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Though he is not an old preacher, he has seen many years of labor and sacrificial service. Before the days of the hard-surfaced road this man of God traveled on a two-wheel cart over the mud-roads of southern Illinois and preached the gospel with unusual power. Many churches were founded under his ministry, and the host church of the Institute, which is his home church, he was instrumental in organizing. Many young Christians are now receiving inspiration from his life, and others will do well to light their torches from the same fire which has caused his spirit to flame through the years past.

Expenses

The host church is offering students board for the duration of the Institute at the low price of \$8.00. The registration fee will be \$1.00 per student. Since this is the home church of Evangelist Elsie Curtis, and she is expected to graduate from the Institute at the close of this session, she is assisting Pastor Burton in working out all the details pertaining to the entertainment of the Institute. At the request of the pastor she will act as registrar. Those who expect to attend this session should therefore mail their applications to her — 1104 South 12th Street, Herrin, Illinois. In the newly prepared basement of Rescue Church meals will be served daily to all in attendance at the Institute.

Itinerary

Since the inauguration of our present national program, I have desired to contact some place where there were several Free Will Baptist churches closely situated to one another that would dare to enter upon a cooperative service for the good of the whole Cause of Christ. Since my visit to southern Illinois last spring, I have looked forward to a concentration of effort there with the view of obtaining an ideal association of Free Will Baptist churches in the service of Christ on a world scale. As a means of promoting this interest one of the most thorough and extensive promotional programs yet proposed is being planned for southern Illinois. The regular schedule of class work will go on throughout the days of the first week of the Institute, and in the evening four parties made up of speakers and singers will be sent to those churches in southern Illinois, which consent to receive them, for the purpose of bringing first hand information regarding the program and plans of our denominational work directly to the people. In these one-night meetings the gospel will be preached, cooperation on the part of all Free Will Baptists will be discussed, and special music will be rendered.

Courses To Be Offered

The usual courses for the first session of the Christian Workers' Institute will be offered.

BIBLE DOCTRINE — Treating on the believer's salvation.

PUBLIC DISCOURSE—Treating on the preparation and delivery of gospel addresses.

WORLD WIDE MISSIONS—In this session of the Institute this course will consist of an examination of the biblical background of missions.

RURAL CHURCH—A study of rural church problems and how to meet them.

EVANGELISM—Treats of personal participation in the winning of the lost to Christ.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—Treats of how the organization may be successfully effected and operated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Treats of successful Sunday School administration.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE—An examination of the importance, method, and achievements of F. W. B. L.

HYMNOLOGY—Treats of the spirit, purpose, and place of church music.

Faculty

I am glad to announce that the following will serve as a faculty in the Illinois Institute: Rev. L. R. Ennis, Dean, Goldsboro, North Carolina; Rev. Robert Crawford, Ashland City, Tennessee; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas; Mrs. Chester Pelt, Durham, North Carolina.

Address all communications and applications to Evangelist Elsie Curtis, 1104 South 12th Street, Herrin, Illinois.

Gratitude For Answered Prayer

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

To casually glance at the above theme, one would doubtless guess many things concerning the matter to be discussed in this article. However, to many others, the name of the writer appearing below the subject will immediately suggest something concerning achievements in our national plan for Christian Education. But I wish that our gratitude may include a great deal more than the mere achievements during the past few months, yea, may we be thankful for His continued, promised leadership as time moves on. While we praise the Lord today for victories in which He has led, may we go a pace further in our thanksgiving for the opportunities of today and the responsibilities of tomorrow.

As I take a retrospective view over a period of only a few months, I am prone to become exultant in praise to our God for the work of co-laborers among our ministry and laity, and I am persuaded that these fruits come from a mutual understanding promoted by Christian fellowship. A few of our pastors have gone among their members and presented the plan for our foundation fund, and have secured Foundation Checks in the amount of one hundred dollars each for the retirement of the indebtedness on our property. Many merit

special mention, but space would not permit the naming of all who have co-operated. I do not think that it is unjust to any to mention such noble work as done by Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, North Carolina, who heads the list of pastors in the number of Foundation Checks secured, and that without material remuneration. I think that I am able to correctly state that Mrs. Elsie Curtis of Illinois was responsible for the largest number of checks coming in from any one state as a minister therein, however Sister Curtis was allowed some remuneration. Brother L. C. Johnson of Glenville, Georgia, is closely associated with the other two in the number of checks he has secured, and by the time the note is due, there doubtless will be some changes in the order. Rev. F. S. VanHoose of Kentucky stands in a class to himself in that he is the only minister who has given more than one individual Foundation Check. Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier of Nashville is Number One among the laity for the number of checks secured, and Sister Frazier has given her individual check too. Mr. C. W. Crew of Nashville and Mr. John Moody of Texas stand in a class to themselves as the two laymen who have given more than one individual check. The fact

that we are expecting to have a sufficiency of these checks to completely retire our indebtedness, including interest, before September 24, 1942, is just cause for rejoicing. It is also just cause for each one who cares to be in on the foundation of our Bible College to hasten with the filling out and filing of their Foundation Checks with the educational treasurer. It is no longer a question as to whether it will be done, but a question as to whether the investments shall be properly distributed. Brother pastor, have you taken it up with your congregation and given them a chance to have a part?

A brother related a fact to me just yesterday of how he returned to his section after the 1942 session of the National Association and reported to some of the brotherhood something of the achievements and plans of the National Association, and how that he lamented the fact that his people had nothing to do with the victories achieved. No doubt there are many who regret such conditions in their territory. If so, just get busy now and give your people a chance. Secure a blank check, raise your money, fill it out and send it in at once. Every Union (Quarterly) Meeting should fill out at least one of these Foundation Checks. Let us pray that we may have such response.

Aside from our gratitude for past achievements I am sure that we are thinking of the fact that we shall make September 15, 1942 a red letter day in the calendar of our present-day history. Yes, the Bible School is to actually open on this date. We should say, "Praise the Lord," and some of us do. Just this morning I received a letter from Rev. L. R. Ennis in which I found a check for \$150.00 from the Davis Church of North Carolina to be used for the purchase of equipment for the business office of our school. This is done as a memorial to the name of the late Rev. R. F. Pittman. What could be more appropriate? A need is met, the Lord is glorified and the name of one of the most earnest workers for Christian Education of all times among Free Will Baptists is memorialized. Other churches, districts and individuals should immediately follow this noble example. Several rooms must be equipped, so I would advise that you communicate with Rev. L. R. Ennis

at once relative to the amount it will cost you to equip a room. Many ladies have expressed a desire to have the privilege of having a part in this project. I know of no better way in which you may express your gratitude for the present opportunities before you than to call for the co-operation of your co-laborers in the work of equipping a room.

Along with the pleasure and privileges of having a new baby in the family comes the responsibilities of clothing, feeding and making general provisions for the new member. We have the new baby looking to us for all needed provisions. I feel sure that there is no one who is officially connected with the plan of operation of our school but that feels very keenly his responsibility. However, I am assuming that none of our folk will feel to stand on the side in lamentations concerning the responsibilities of those so related without feeling the sense of mutuality. Brethren, these responsibilities are mutual. We praise the Lord for past achievements. Many of us are happy in the present privileges and may we all faithfully lay hold of the responsibilities of the immediate future, with gratitude that will express itself in such liberalities as will be ample for every need. God forbid that it shall prove that we have prayed the Lord to give us the child, and then fail to exercise in the responsibilities which associate themselves in the lives of proud parents.

MINUTES

of

YOUR ASSOCIATION

First Class Printing
Quicker Service
Reasonable Price-

The Free Will Baptist Gem
Monett, Missouri



Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis, Chair.-Treas. National Board, Monett, Mo.

Jaruco, Cuba
July 27, 1942

Dear Bro. Davis:

I feel I must write you at once and tell you all the abounding good news. We organized the first Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba Saturday, July 25, 1942. A great company of people walked three miles singing as they went, and while they sang on the bank I baptized 26 people. The first to be baptized was our son, Tommy, and what shouting and singing we had. All of our workers except Cela, Pedro's wife, were there with us.

Two of our young local preachers had gotten up at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and rode to the American Encampment where I am serving as chaplain, and we returned, a two and one-half hour horseback ride. (I will finish about the chaplaincy later.)

Returning, we met at our usual meeting place in Sabalo, and I read the Discipline of the Free Will Baptist Church following the procedure for the organization. We chose one deacon, appointed the regular officers, and received into membership in the first Free Will Baptist Church in the Island of Cuba 45 charter members. I still have in that place 20 more to baptize. That night we returned to San Juan (St. John) and preached there. Sunday morning at 9:30 another large company went to the river where I buried in the waters of baptism 20 believers. Returning to the chapel we organized with a membership of 36 there, dedicating two deacons who are very active and forceful preachers of the Word. I shall have each of them to write of their conversion.

The movement is a real revival. I have never heard such joyful singing or firm declarations as these to follow the Lord. I wished for the presence of our deputation party of last winter in these two meetings.

Now I want to tell you something of the way God led me to the camp. I first met a fine sailor boy coming from Sabalo on the

train. I told him what I was and he gripped my hand with joy and said, "I have been praying to meet some one like you. We need you at the Camp." I left the affair with him to see the commander. Not hearing from him I went on to the camp and was received by the Post Doctor, the officers and the chief like a long lost brother and installed as Chaplain with a war buggy of my command to meet and take me to the station. One could not be treated better, and rather than interfere with my work it gives me added prestige with the Cubans.

Fred, the Christian sailor, was with us all day at the baptizing Sunday and received a real blessing. The church at Sabalo is a two and one half hour ride on horseback from the camp. I am starting a Sunday School next Sunday morning. I have already encountered about six Christians or members of churches. I felt it was my duty as an American to place myself at their disposal, and am sure it will meet with the approval of our people.

I must write you something of the needs of our work:

First, there are, as we have stated, three chapels to build. One at Sabalo, one at San Juan, and one at Saint Andrews. Our plan is to build simple buildings of the native building material they have on hand. Practically all of which will be donated, together with the labor. Of course, we will have to buy the nails and planks for seats.

Our two deacons at San Juan, who are railroad men, have a vacation and have offered to take their vacation and dedicate it to the building of the chapel. We may have to spend \$50.00 on this chapel. I told them to go ahead the first of August.

The chapel at San Juan will possibly cost us more, perhaps in the neighborhood of \$100.00. These same deacons and members will build that one.

The chapel at Saint Andrews will be at a cost of about \$50.00, and they are ready to build.

Port Hope has opened for us. We can rent a house for \$7.00 per month; with lights and water about \$10.00 per month. Pedro and Rufino will handle this. The cost of sufficient furniture and benches will be about \$30.00. I shall visit there about the first of August to arrange that.

Blass Serrano, another worker, will be with us the first of the month. Luis Diaz must have his tonsils removed. He is suffering but still preaching in seven places each week, and there are seven more to enter. Blass will take his place for about a half month, and I will be assisting all of them.

Our next GREAT need is the Bible School. There are at least 15 students who want to start this year. The best plan is for us to find a small farm which will be our center of operation. I have in mind now four small farms:

1. A one horse farm called one caballeria in acres. I can't tell you how much it is. The cost of this is \$1,000.00.

2. This has more than one caballeria, 600 palm trees which are valuable, and has also other fruit. This man is asking \$4,000.00.

3. One caballeria with two teams of oxen, a cow, a horse, and two houses. The cost of this is \$2,000.00.

4. A much smaller piece of land; but a much better center for our work, especially for conventions, three houses livable, and all the water we want piped in, and close to electricity. The others have neither of these advantages. This is located close to our

work. The price is \$900.00.

I do not know what terms we might make but \$1,000.00 in cash would speak big if I had it on hand. If it is possible to get that amount we would save a lot if Mrs. Willey could bring it over as she returns to Cuba from the National Association.

We are fully determined by the grace and aid of God to start the school; starting with at least ten or fifteen students.

We now have, besides Pedro Oliva, Santiago Delgado, Luis Diaz, Blass Serrano, and Cela as regular full-time workers, also four lay workers who can fill positions of importance.

Praise the Lord for the way God is working. Luis Diaz is walking in the Heavens.

I am rejoicing in the result of the conference. Thank you for the good and welcomed check. Praise Him.

Mrs. Willey writes that some money came in designated for horses and saddles. We understand Bro. Griffin is buying a horse and saddle, and that Bro. and Sister Sasser are buying a horse. Praise the Lord for it all. (Note added by Winford Davis — Mr. Will Price is also buying a horse.)

I am thinking if I can I might make a deal on one of these properties. I am convinced this is the center for us to concentrate upon. We shall go into it with prayer, thought and much council.

I am returning this Thursday to the camp, and to visit the new point at Port Hope.

—Thomas Willey.

New Bern, N. C.
August 6, 1942

Rev. Winford Davis,
Monett, Missouri

Dear Bro. Davis:

Find my check for forty-six dollars (\$46.) which is for a horse and saddle for the work in Cuba as follows:

Black Jack Church	\$14.50
Holly Springs Church	10.00
Sound View Church	3.15
J. C. Griffin	18.35
Total	\$46.00

In your article last week you said that \$20.00 would purchase a saddle and that

horses could be bought at \$20.00 to \$25.00. So I am sending the \$25.00 for the horse, as a missionary ought to have the best. Also, as it takes money to send money I am sending the extra dollar so that it will all be "Horse and Saddle Money".

I am praising the Lord that He has made it possible for me to do this. Get it over as quickly as possible and let that horse go to galloping for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. J. C. Griffin

(Note: I am trusting this might kindle in your heart a desire to do something for foreign missions. — Rev. Winford Davis.)

The Great
Commission
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



The love of Christ constraineth us — 2 Cor. 5:14.

Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, Tennessee

My "Musts" for 1942-1943

Calling All First Vice Presidents

Sweetly solemn thoughts, questionings, misgivings come to us as, on August first, we begin the record of another convention year. "Another year?" Some of us may not have the full year. "Lord, is it I?" But if we do, it is a great responsibility to be entrusted with 365 days, with the opportunities they will bring us to glorify God, to extend His Kingdom and thus enrich our own souls. But if these three things are done we must be on our guard. Hundreds of lesser things clamor for our attention; voices call: "Let's do this", "Come join this"; our own covetous desires shout so loudly that we cannot hear the voice of Jesus calling o'er the tumult. But each of us must choose **WHAT WE WILL DO; WHICH CALLS WE WILL ANSWER.** Therefore at the beginning of this new year, let us make our list of "MUSTS" and determine with God's help they shall take precedence over everything else.

We hope and pray that every member of every Woman's Auxiliary will put the following among her "MUSTS" for 1942-43:

1. I *must* read God's Word and pray for His Kingdom work every day.

2. I *must* give much of my time to the promotion of His work, knowing that each day is a trust from God and that I *must* give account of how I used each hour.

3. I *must* do anything — distribute literature, write letters and cards, make announcements, call on people — to help enlist all our people in all our work.

4. I *must* subscribe liberally. Many of our women are titheers; some are much more than titheers. They are the happy, exemplary and dependable ones. Would that all our mothers tithe and teach their children to tithe. Maybe that would help their husbands too; it would certainly raise up a generation that would support the Kingdom causes

better than our generation has done.

But whether you tithe, more than tithe, or less than tithe, be sure to do something you think will help the great causes for which Jesus died. What does the Master think when He sees His professed followers give less to His cause than they spend on needless luxuries, worldly pleasures and frivolities? We shall see the King some day. **WE WANT ALL OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMEN TO HAVE A WORTHY PART IN ALL OUR WORK.**

5. I *must* join the Unified Program supporters. I am ashamed that I have been so unconcerned about this plan of work among our people. I must not only join in this workable co-operative plan myself but I must also work day in and day out to get other women and young people to join. Woman's Auxiliary has undertaken the task of enlisting every member in giving at least ten cents every month to this program. I know that this will please and glorify God. I *must* have a worthy part in this glorious program.

6. As enlistment chairman I *must* win members to attend regularly the meetings of my auxiliary, to take part on the programs for study of missions, to join in the intercessory prayer life of the auxiliary, to do personal missionary work, to send messengers through scriptural obedience (tithes and offerings) and to remember always that one main purpose includes the missionary education of our young people.

Every really enlisted Woman's Auxiliary member is committed to help in the advance of missions at home and abroad. Every enlistment effort seeks a like commitment on the part of others. It is a regular sustained **UNCHANGING PURPOSE** of the Woman's Auxiliary stimulated every year in the observance of one month as Enlistment Month. That month this year is November. Begin today to make plans for that month

during which every member in your church is solicited. Our slogan is "Every resident woman member won and individual talents utilized." Thus does WOMAN'S AUXILIARY exemplify the word AUXILIARY. The most serious matter Free Will Baptists face is not the fact that we are not all agreed on how denominational work should be done, but the fact that great hosts of our people are not interested in doing it at all.

The Woman's Auxiliary can save the situation. I weigh my words carefully. I believe with all my heart that if the good women in our churches will get enthusiastically behind the Unified Program, it will succeed as no movement has ever succeeded among Free Will Baptists. The Woman's Auxiliary is nothing if not co-operative. "Auxiliary to the National Association" is a part of its official title and tells what it is and does.

This simply means that the members of the Woman's Auxiliary work together and help EVERY CAUSE fostered by the National Association. The Woman's Auxiliary in every church is auxiliary to the church and should help in the whole program of that church.

This year the National Convention is asking that special stress be placed on the Unified Program and the Bible School which is to open in Nashville, Tennessee in September, 1942. So First Vice Presidents your duty is to make plans and every effort possible to enlist all our people in the intelligent, systematic, adequate and cheerful support of all our work—local, state, and national. This special effort should culminate during Enlistment Month—November, 1942. Every member of the Woman's Auxiliary who is loyal to our Lord, to His church and to His program will want to have a part, a large part in this special effort. I venture some suggestions as to what the First Vice Presidents can and should enlist the members of all our Auxiliaries to do at this time:

1. Make these the object of daily prayer. They will never reach our purses except by our hearts. When Free Will Baptists have some conscience on the question of their Unified Program and Bible School, the money will be forthcoming with which to carry them on.

2. Support them, yourself. If it requires sacrifice, so much the better.

3. Lay the matter on the hearts of the women in your auxiliary. Our people will respond graciously and enthusiastically to an intelligent and sympathetic presentation of these new items in our Convention Plan of Work for 1942-43.

4. Offer your services to your pastor in an effort to reach the general membership of your church in the support of them.

5. Be sure that your church treasurer sends checks to the proper source on the first of each month for all funds paid in for the school and the Unified Program during the previous month.

With all of the earnestness of my soul. I call upon the First Vice Presidents to enlist every woman of the Woman's Auxiliary to face out upon their responsibility and opportunity with that same sacrificial spirit that has characterized the members of this organization in the past.

These "MUSTS" shall have right of way in my life. Satan shall not defeat me this year. The years are slipping by rapidly. My opportunity for serving and giving may soon end.

Then I "MUST" give account to God.

Agnes B. Frazier,

National Enlistment Chairman.

Tasks for This Year

The new plans added to the last year's plan of work appeared in the August issue of the *Free Will Baptist Gem*. The *Free Will Baptist* was requested to copy this for the benefit of its readers. It is suggested that you clip these plans from your paper and paste them in your new Year Book or Manual so that you may have them for reference until our Minutes are printed. These plans were adopted at our annual convention held in Columbus, Mississippi, on July 14, 1942. It is hoped that each district and local auxiliary will also adopt them in their yearly plans. Read your church papers this year for interesting informative messages from your national officers from time to time.

Calendar of Monthly Topics for 1942-43
October—The Great Commission—Our Mission.

November — Enlistment.

December — My Responsibility for the Great Commission.

January — Missions.

February — Prayer and Mission Study.

March — Missions.

April — Orphanages and Aged Ministers.

May — Our Youth.

June — Christian Education.

July — Missions.

August — Personal Service.

September — Stewardship.

The Hour of Prayer

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

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

To my own mind there has never been a time in our great universe that Christian people needed to unite their efforts in prayer more than in these days in which we now live. World rulers have announced their purpose to extend their ruthless power until every living soul is under their heel. Human life has no value in their scheme; the religion of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Bible, the supremacy of spiritual values have no place in their system. The efforts of these world dictators are just expressions of the organized forces of evil under the leadership of their leader--Satan. It is time for Christians to awake out of their sleep and pray.

Let us not despair. We can do something for the security and peace and repentance of the world. We can pray! pray! pray! We can remember that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth

much". We can remember that nothing is impossible with the Lord. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is our God today. "His hand is not shortened that he cannot save, neither is his ear heavy that he cannot hear." A true revival of prayer will save our nation. A united prayer will advance the cause of peace at home and abroad. Jesus Christ himself ever lives to make intercession for us, then why should we fail to pray with such an High Priest.

PRAYER OBJECTIVES FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Pray for our nation that we might turn from our wicked ways and turn to God in sack cloth and ashes.
2. Pray for our boys in the armed forces that they might realize the seriousness of the conflict that we are in, and turn to God themselves.
3. Pray for our enemies who are fighting against us that they might see the folly of their way and turn to the right way.
4. Pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".

Missionary Horses

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

In the last issues of our church papers, our Chairman of National Board of Foreign Missions gave us a list of things that are very necessary to carry on our mission work in Cuba. I am sure our women are very eager to have a part in supplying these needed items, so as your third vice president I am calling on you to supply the four horses and saddles.

Bro. Davis gave us an estimate of what the horses and saddles would cost, which was twenty dollars each for the saddles and twenty dollars each for the horses. This would amount to one hundred eighty dollars for all four horses and saddles.

Now, I want one dollar from every consecrated Free Will Baptist Auxiliary member. The local third vice presidents may work this in their local auxiliaries. When they have secured the one dollar per member they will send it in to their district third vice president, and when all of the locals have sent in their money the district third vice president will send it in to her state third vice president, and she will send it all in to me.

What we do we must do quickly, so hurry women and give your dollars for the mission horses.



Our Boys in the Service



**Boeing School of Aeronautics
Oakland Air Port, California**

**Camp Wolters, Texas
June 15, 1942**

Dear Bro. Rollins:

While at the National Association father subscribed for the *Gem* for me. I received my first copy last week, and was very glad to get it. I can hear all about the Free Will Baptists here in camp.

I was especially glad to read that our educational program and missionary program were both very successful during the past year. I am happy to know that our church is doing things.

Many people believe that after a man spends some time in the army he can't be a Christian. I find it here like most other places, the unchristian out number the Christians greatly but you can live a Christian if you are determined. We have Sundays off and they encourage us to go to church on Sunday.

This is a school of aeronautics. There are about 1200 students here. The school is a part of the Air Force Training Detachment.

I miss my wife, relatives and friends too much to talk about. This is all a part of war, and we must make the best of it.

The climate out here is ideal. The temperature usually ranges from 60 to 70 degrees. This is quite a difference in that of Missouri, I imagine.

The churches in California make us feel welcome. The people on the western coast probably feel that the war is nearer them than do the people of the middle west.

May I say to the Christian boys who are leaving for camp, leave with a determination to remain a Christian.

A Free Will Baptist,
Lee Roy Miller
Boeing School of Aeronautics
Class 38
Oakland Air Port, California

Dear Bro. Rollins:

I am glad to testify again that I am still on the Lords side. He is still blessing His own.

Just five months ago today, I entered the armed service of our nation. Those five months have brought much disappointment and much heartache, but I praise Him that He has made the way smooth for those who love Him. I have truly enjoyed some precious experiences that mean much to me and I shall always remember.

I was able to contact one of our own Free Will Baptist churches some distance east of here at Weatherford, Texas. I found them worshipping in a beautiful new flagstone building. They have just completed replacing their frame building lost last year by fire. They have only a small number in the church but the building is free of debt.

I felt very much at home with these good people of God. They asked me to come back and bring them a message. I was glad that I was able to do that yesterday. It felt so good to be in the sacred stand again. God blessed with unusual freedom and we enjoyed a precious fellowship with Him. Rev. J. H. Measures is the faithful pastor of these good people.

I took my last three *Gems* along and "made my wants known". Enclosed you will find one dollar for a sub for H. L. Harley of Weatherford, Texas. Brother and Sister Harley are two of the old stand-bys of the church. Many years ago they lived among some of our Southeast Missouri people.

It will soon be time for the Institute to meet at Monett again. I shall miss being there this time. I am so thankful for the growth of the Educational program. I am looking forward to the time I can again be with all of you in these good things.

Rejoicing in Him,

—Lloyd T. Jeffreys

To Attend Bible School

By the Editor

It is of keenest interest to Free Will Baptists of Missouri, and neighboring states and the brotherhood throughout the nation that one of the most energetic, capable and truly devoted girls in the middle-west is filling her enrollment into the Free Will Baptist Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Marie Thomas of Arcadia, Kansas, Roue 1, (living on the Missouri side of the state line) is the daughter of Ross R. and Rowena Thomas. She was reared in a Christian home in a Christian community. Her father is a faithful man with a vision and zeal for our denominational work and is a deacon in the Free Will Baptist Church in Hannon, Missouri, where Marie holds her membership. The Hannon church is certainly proud of Marie. Marie's mother is an ordained minister actively engaged in proclaiming the doctrines of the Bible.

Marie announced her call to the ministry in November, 1940, after graduating from high school, and has been actively engaged in preaching and other ministerial work. During 1941-1942, she was pastor of the Hickory Grove Church near Kansas City. She served as president of the Missouri State Woman's Missionary organization and was the active State Field Worker for the Woman's Auxiliary and for the League. She actually worked the field and the fruit of



Miss Marie Thomas

her labor is quite evident in our state work.

In July of this year, Marie graduated from the Christian Workers' Institute and received a Normal Diploma. Missouri is proud of Marie, and we are happy because she is enrolling in the National Free Will Baptist Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee. We bid her God's speed!



GOSPEL SERMONS



A Living Sacrifice

By Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie Illinois

Text, "I beseech you therefore *brethren*, by the mercies of God, that ye present *your bodies* a *living sacrifice*, *holy*, *acceptable* unto God, (not to your profession or church, but unto God) which is *your reasonable service*" Rom. 12:1, 2.

THERE are at least two sides to every thing, even a ball has inside and outside. Failure to distinguish between the

part of God and the part of man in salvation has prevented countless seekers from finding peace, and caused whole sections of truly regenerated from experiencing the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, it is not an uncommon thing to find whole congregations in a state of spiritual dwarfage. We are not speaking of new converts rejoicing in their new found love,

who are zealous, hungry and reaching out and longing for a fuller life and a closer walk with their heavenly Father; but about those who have failed to meet the conditions for development—old babes, stunted and dwarfed.

The feature of the babyish life are very strongly marked, and easily detected. (See 1 Cor. 3:15 and Heb. 5:12-14.) The Lord's order for babyhood is to be a very short period, whether physical or spiritual; and the attempt to stay in this state (as whole congregations seem to be doing) is nothing short of wholesale ruin. There is one truth we must not lose sight of, that is, "You can't remain a baby long." You will either progress out of this state or become a miserable dwarf.

The dwarfage of the church member is one of the factors that prevent victory in this great Christian warfare. No one who understands the Lord's requirements for this warfare would expect an army of dwarfs and corpses to gain the victory over the world, the flesh and the Devil. This is not our Lord's way to victory. God always works where His people meet His conditions, but only when and as they do.

The Cause

Many begin their religious life with very little understanding of their duty to the Lord. The sad part is, for lack of light and understanding on this all important subject of Bible consecration, they settle down in a state of uncertainty and doubt. They have little real joy and less enthusiasm, for it surely is hard to be excited about uncertainty. The cause for this spiritual lethargy could be one of many things. Some may not have had the light on this vital subject of *dedication* or *yielding* their members as those that are "alive from the dead". What they need is the "milk of the word", (Heb. 5:12), and not abuse. It comes to pass in many cases, we are sorry to say, their spiritual adviser softpedaled this Bible doctrine of Christian consecration and the anointing of the Spirit for service, thereby shunning to declare the whole truth. It is true they may sometimes speak about it, talk around it and up to it, but are not definite, so when they are through their listeners are as much confused as ever. Their terminology, instead of arousing the



Rev. W. R. Spurlock

born-again to their obligations to God and creating a hunger after the Spirit, eases them into a spiritual slumber, and puts them at ease in Zion. We have no doubt that there are many sincere Bible teachers who will scarcely dare make mention of this Bible doctrine lest they be dubbed a fanatic, and that they be looked upon as favoring these modern substitutes of that which is the birthright of every regenerated man or woman. In our eagerness to discard and get rid of some erroneous teachings, we have thrown out the baby with the bath and gotten rid of obedience as well.

The way to get rid of darkness is to turn on the light. So far as I have been able to discover, there is not a great doctrine that our Lord wants published that Satan has not at some time tried to destroy by imitation and perversion. If I understand God's word He recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience, nor does He recognize any obedience that does not spring from faith. At least there is one thing we can be certain, our Lord is waiting in all readiness to send down rivers of living water upon us as soon as we begin to obey His plain instructions. "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" Acts 5:32.

What Consecration Is

Consecration is what God asks of every Christian, or in other words it is man's part. The Lord always does His part, it is man who fails. Neither of these two parties can do the work of the other. Some are expecting God to do their part, and others are endeavoring to do the *Divine* part themselves. Our God will neither repent for sinners nor consecrate for Christians. Wherever consecration is spoken of in the word of God, it is always declared to be the act of man, not the work of God. This act of man is essential to a victorious Christian life and walk with God, "for how can two walk together except they be agreed?"

Consecration is placing your good things of life in the hands of your heavenly Father that He may manage them for you.

One of the greatest test of the saved man or woman is that phase of consideration which involves placing not only your self but those you love on God's altar. It is easy to decide to be misunderstood, ostracized, ridiculed and perhaps persecuted but the feeling that it may mean the surrender of tender ties forever, is the struggle. You simply sign a blank check and your heavenly Father fills in what is best for you. Do not fear Him who loves you, died for you and longs to mould you into a vessel of honor. Anything that comes into your life, first passes your Heavenly Father. No wonder Paul says in our text, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Who Consecrates?

It is sometimes asserted, I consecrated to God at the time I was converted. I have no doubt that this statement is sometimes sincerely made, but is incorrect. No one who knows the Scriptural definition of the term consecration will make such an assertion. Some seem confused on the words "surrender" and "consecration". All consecration is surrender, but all surrender is not consecration. A sinner must (if he receives pardon) surrender his arms of rebellion, and a redeemed child must (if he renders acceptable service) present his body

on the altar (which is Christ) a living sacrifice which is your reasonable service. In Rom. 6:13, we read, "Yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead." This means your feet, hands, eyes, ears, tongue, appetite and our whole nature that God may use them to His glory and service. Try and think what would happen in this world if all the redeemed of earth (now) would obey this text.

Should Be Once For All

We hear leaders at the starting of a pretracted meeting say, "All who will consecrate themselves for this meeting come to the altar for that purpose. How about the next week after the meeting is over? Of course they feel the need of the Holy Ghost for the revival season, and consecrate as they suppose, but from observation and experience many times it looks as more of a religious spasm and not a scriptural consecration. But says one, "I consecrate every day". If consecration means to put your all on the altar (and it does) that statement must mean you have taken your gift off the altar some time between sundown and sunup. It is true the text means a continued act, but that means putting yourself there today and keep there tomorrow.

When new duties come up in the future, and they surely will, or new leadings of Providence, or new opportunities of being the Lords', we are simply carrying out the covenant once made. Does a soldier take the oath of allegiance every day? Does that couple who married today go back to the minister every day and go through the marriage ceremony? If a soldier can take on oath of allegiance, and be strictly obedient, to hear and suffer and endure because he has confidence in his government, much more should we render this reasonable service to Him who loves and knows what is best for us. We think it is time that consecration be taken out of the realm of the awfully mysterious and shown to be a glorious privilege which a loving child should long to embrace.

Why We Should Consecrate?

It is reasonable that after Christ has done so much for us we should be entirely dedicated to Him, that He manage our entire spirit, soul and body. There is nothing more

unreasonable than to keep anything from Him. Just think, He has redeemed you by His blood, and dignified you by allowing you to be called by his name, and as His child, there is no good reason or excuse for withholding any "part or parcel" of our whole being from Him. O child of God, think of His mercies strewn your path in life. As free as the air we breathe; as abundant as the light of the sun that bathes the earth; as freely flowing as the water we drink is the continued stream of divine mercies. It has been mercy, mercy every day since you breathed the air of heaven.

Conclusion

In closing allow me to say that I have spoken almost exclusively of the human side of this Bible doctrine. There is a divine side, and we can make sure our Lord will keep His part of the covenant. Much

of the weakness in our churches today is caused by our over-emphasis on faith with a corresponding under-emphasis on obedience. We should keep in mind, God recognizes no faith that does not lead to obedience. It is just as sinful to not do the things you know the Lord wants you to do, as to do the things you know He doesn't want you to do. My text must be obeyed by every Christian if he renders service acceptable unto God, and Paul adds, it is your reasonable service. This is God's test of our faith and love. It is unreasonable to expect the Holy Spirit to set up housekeeping in a temple that is taken around to road houses, card parties, race tracts and dance halls. His instructions are plain, "Come out from among them, be ye separate, touch not the unclean thing." Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.

Laborers Together With God

By Evangelist Elsie M. Curtis, 1104 South Twelfth Street, Herrin, Illinois

1 Cor. 3:9, "For we are laborers together with god".

ALL down through the years of God's dealings with man, when there was a definite task to be performed, He always chose one who was already busy. Moses was tending the flock when he beheld the burning bush and received his commission from the Lord. Gideon was at work on the threshing floor when the angel of the Lord appeared to him. David was going faithfully about his duties as a shepherd lad when the prophet came to anoint him king over Israel in Saul's stead. The fishermen were casting their nets into the sea when they heard the call of Jesus, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

We Are "Laborers"

The demand today is for skilled, trained and competent laborers in the shops, factories and offices—no place for lazy, indifferent, or slothful people. Surely God does not ask for less when He calls for laborers in His great field of service. Certainly there are different spheres of labor. The man who toils in the shops and becomes gunny with grease and dirt is no less im-

portant than the one who sits in the swivel chair and delves into books and maps and files. The man who goes down into the heart of the earth and digs coal in the mine, need not look with envy upon the one who surveyed the ground and carefully mapped out the plan of primary excavations or scorn the hoisting engineer who presses the buttons and works the levers operating the giant cages conveying him to and from his place of work.

What a glorious privilege to be a laborer in the Master's work shop! To come in from the hours of toil, weary, exhausted mentally and physically, and lie down to rest with the knowledge that the task has been well done. No greater honor and privilege can be bestowed upon a human being, one of God's creation, than that the Master has given the summons to labor in His service. There is no greater dishonor than failure to answer the call to work or to shirk the task and leave a gap in the ranks of the workers. I saw a picture the other day of a farmer lad sent out to the corn field to mend a broken fence and hoe the weeds from the corn. The boy was lying under

the shade of a tree in a meadow nearby lazily lifting his hand to catch a beautiful colored butterfly which was flying over his head. Out in the cornfield the cows had stepped over the broken fence and were rapidly trampling down the stalks of corn, and the hoe lay where it had fallen, unused between the rows. I wonder if there are those who are called to be laborers for our Lord who are idling their days away while the enemy tramples down to destruction many lives that might be saved if the laborers were only faithfully performing their tasks.

We Are Laborers "Together"

When, as Free Will Baptists, we fully learn the lesson that we vitally need one another, and the Great Commission can not be carried out without every laborer faithfully performing his part of the work, in loving co-operation with the one who stands by his side, I say when this is realized we shall have gone far on the road of understanding and fellowship and success.

"Laborers—together—this speaks of unity. There can be no unity where jealousy, envy or strife exists. One worker may be utterly incapable of doing the thing assigned to the one who labors by his side, but by co-operation each may make the task easier for the other. A few days ago a friend came in from his work in the coal mine terribly discouraged and blue. When I inquired why he was so unhappy the answer was this: "My buddy in the mine has made my work so hard today; I could do nothing to please him. I don't mind the hard work but I do get so discouraged because of his constant knocking and criticising."

Are we Christians sometimes guilty of making our fellow laborer's task more burdensome? Has some one who needed help instead of hindering said reproachfully to you, "Would you also add to the burdens I am already bearing?" In the field of Christian service does some co-laborer go home from hours spent in spiritual toil with a heavy heart, and tear-stained cheeks, and a wounded soul, because of critical words and severed fellowship with one who also professes to be performing loving service for the Master? It is pitiful enough to see so many falling under the

terrific onslaughts of Satan without any laborer checking or hindering the work of another.

"Laborers together—let us hand in hand, heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder, with one aim, one mind, one purpose keep busily, faithfully, lovingly, engaged at the task—the glorious work of sending His gospel to the ends of the earth before He comes.

Laborers Together "With God"

Were we left to the task alone or even with one another, we should certainly fail. But when the triumphant note is sounded—with God—there can be no thought of defeat. The same Christ who said "Go" also said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age" until the given task is finished.

The work may be too strenuous, the load too heavy for me, but not for Him who shares my labors. So hand in hand with our co-laborers and with Him we can labor on until the last task is finished—the last service attended, the last song sung, the last sermon preached, the last tear shed, the last altar presented, and the last hand clasped in affectionate farewell.

Then in 1 Cor. 3:8 we read: "And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor."

Every workman looks forward to pay day when he shall receive his wages—his reward. He pays his grocery account, his light and water bill, his house rent and for his clothing.

When God's pay day comes, the laborer shall sit down at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and in His word we read, "They shall hunger no more". No more water bills for "they shall thirst no more". No more clothing to buy for to the faithful is granted the right to "be arrayed in fine linen, pure and white". No house rent for Jesus said, "I go to prepare mansions for you."

Gladly then, let us sing the song of the poet and count not the hours, days, weeks and years spent in service for the Master anything but a glorious privilege.

"I will labor on
 'Til I am called away;
 'Til the morn shall dawn,
 Of that eternal day.



EDITORIAL



OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

On page 12 of this issue is a new department, and we think a very worthy department. These boys are members of the Free Will Baptist church and are zealous for the work of the Lord as sponsored by our denomination.

A goodly number of our churches are feeling the effect of our boys of this character being called to the colors. We know many boys who have gone.

For the October Gem, we would like to have the names of all our boys who are now in the armed forces of the United States and who are themselves members of the Free Will Baptist church. We are asking the Gem Readers everywhere to supply a complete list of names with their present addresses and their home addresses.

We have two names to start with: Lee Roy Miller and Lloyd T. Jeffries. We know of many others, but let's have a complete list next month.

If the parents or special friends of these our boys will keep us informed of their addresses when they change—we would be glad to send the boys a copy of the Gem each month free of charge. Gem readers may have a part in helping our boys with the problems confronting their Christian lives by this co-operative service with your publishing house.

This offer includes all our boys from all the states.

A LOVE OFFERING

The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting in Missouri asked its churches to give a love-offering to the Editor of the Gem and his family. When the clerk, Rev. Alvin Halbrook, sent in the offering which was \$43.53, he made this comment.

"Brother Rollins, this love offering is in appreciation of you and your wife for the sacrificial spirit with which you labor in the Gem Office. It is evident that you

could easily secure other employment paying far more than what you are receiving, but with genuine Christian love, you refused earthly and temporal gain to serve our fellowmen and God.

Please accept this small gift as a token of love from our churches."

The Editor's family is deeply grateful. The love that stands behind the gift is a definite blessing for which we rejoice. May God's richest blessings rest upon the labor and devotion of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting in Missouri.

THIS WAR AND CHRISTIANITY

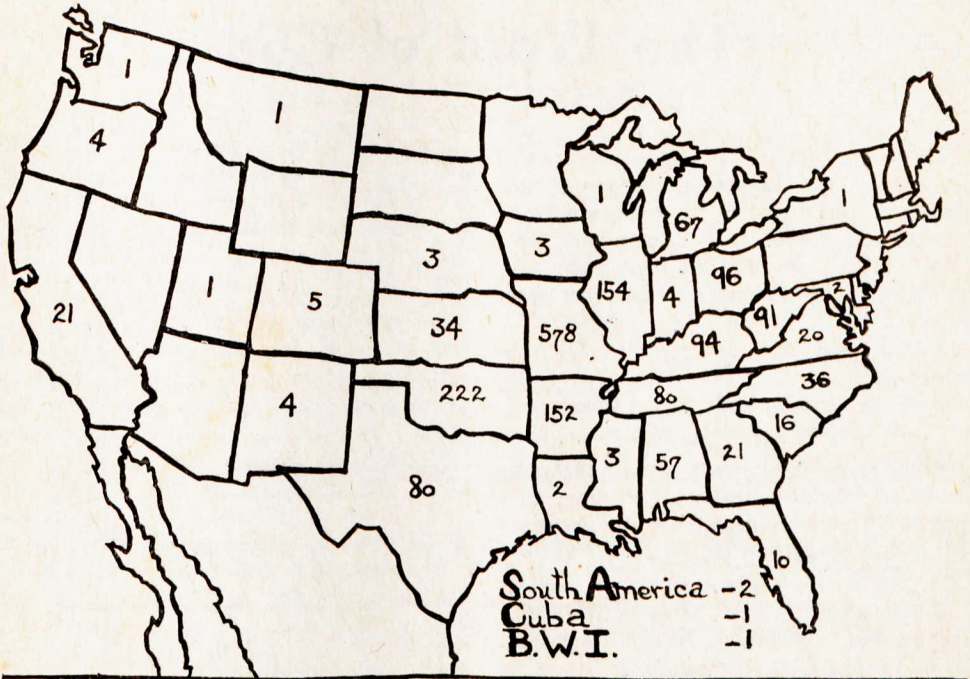
We all know that if this war continues, we shall be in *want* for the bare necessities of life. A few years ago, we were destroying *FOOD*—shooting down milk cows, killing pigs, plowing under wheat, etc.—a few years hence, we are destined to cry for milk, bread and meat. These sins have not been forgiven.

True Christians are in the midst of these American sinners, though not partakers with them in their sins. We know that Christianity shall remain true, but it is surely to be greatly effected by the war situation.

For the past several years, religious fervor and Christian zeal have become more intense in our midst. Many have caught the



John B. Rollins



An Outline Map Showing the Circulation of the Gem by States.

vision and are marching onward. We have gained steady and surely, and have not lost.

The support given our publishing house is a true indication of the Christian zeal within the hearts of the thousands of Christians bound together into the Free Will Baptist denomination. A good understanding and a system of communication is necessary before Missions can succeed, before Bible Schools can be established, and before progress can be made in any worthwhile cause where co-operation is required of the vast number composing our denomination.

Five years ago, *The Gem* was reaching only 700 homes. We began to intensify our advocacy of Christian enterprises in the realm of Missions, Education, and Benevolence. Within two years we were keeping 1088 homes informed and in touch with the work so dear to their Christian ideals. One more year and *The Gem* had arrayed 1200 families on the firing line. Last year, 1600

families were waving their torches of Christian devotion for Worship and Evangelism. Today, there are 1868 Free Will Baptist homes in 33 states and 3 foreign countries enrolled in the beloved causes which *The Gem* so arduously proclaims. See the map—the number in the different states indicates the exact circulation of the *Gem*.

We praise the Lord for these victories, and press forward to enlist thousands more in the causes we represent. We pray that the war situation will not cause us to slow down or stop, but rather cause God's people everywhere to become more zealous for Him and be drawn closer to one another in this labor of love for Jesus' sake. As the tribulations are poured out upon this old world by a sin-avenging God, may we, His people, seek one another to join hands and hearts in order to intensify our zeal and efforts, to strengthen our *means* to an end that whosoever *WILL* may be saved.

The Word of God

By J. A. Brooks, Route 2, Eddy, Texas

St. John 1:1-6, 14,

"In the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word was God.

"The same was in the beginning with God.

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

"And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father,) full of grace and truth."

Rev. 19:13, "He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the word of God." Hence, we see the word was Christ in God.

1 John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost and these three are one."

Matt. 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away."

Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Also, David said, "The entrance of thy word giveth life."

Now with these scriptures we see that Paul charged Timothy to preach Christ and him crucified to the people that they might be saved and follow God in Christ Jesus when he said in 2 Tim. 4:1-5, "I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word: be instant in season; out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." Why should I preach the word because the time is now here when men are offering everything but the Word of God, and many are accepting it to their own sorrow; but whom the son shall make free shall be free indeed.

2 Tim. 4:3, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to

themselves teachers having itching ears: and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables: but watch thou in all things endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

We are living in an age when people need the whole truth: for the word of God will separate sin from our lives and help us to keep our lives unspotted from the world. Now let me plead with you who read this little message—accept His word. There will be brought to pass in your life as Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Also in Acts 10:35, "But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted of him."

If, in these perilous times we are living, we preach the Word and people believe and obey God, then when we come to the end of life we can truthfully say with Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

— 30 —

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Northeast Mississippi Association will convene with Gauley Church, five miles northwest of Calhoun City, on September 24-25, 1942.

Rev. J. M. Haas, Moderator,
Rev. George C. Lee, Clerk.

The Mississippi State Association will convene with Lovewell Church, 12 miles east of Richton in Greene County on October 15-16, 1942.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator,
Rev. G. C. Lee, Clerk.

Welcome to the Missouri State Association

Eld. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Missouri

THE front door key is hanging on the outside of the homes within the Cave Spring Association in Oregon County, Missouri.

As moderator of the Cave Spring Association and as pastor of the Myrtle church, we join together to cordially invite you, our brethren, to the Missouri State Association, September 13th to 20th.

The Myrtle church was organized October 25, 1903, with 14 members and now have 80 members — 62 resident and 18 non-resi-

dent. A God loving people indeed, who have been preparing for a great gathering. Come praying for showers of blessings for an ingathering of precious lost souls, that the true church may be edified, the Lord honored, and that the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ may be a real asset in the Kingdom of God.

The location of Myrtle church is 16 miles east of Thayer, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Myrtle. Gravel dirt roads coming into Myrtle. We will be looking for you.



Church Letters - Field Reports



Free Will Baptist Church Lackey, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

The Free Will Baptist church located at Lackey, Floyd County, Kentucky has just ended a three weeks revival with wonderful success.

The church had prayed earnestly and hard for a minister to hold this revival. Our good pastor, Roy T. Bellomy, contacted Bro. Horton Davis, an evangelist from Sciotoville, Ohio, who brought the wonderful messages. There was a total of 21 conversions. The church was crowded at all services with a wide-spread interest in both Christian and sinners.

Bro. Davis will return here in September to hold another revival, by the earnest plea of the church and the community.

If there are any who would like to have some one to hold a revival we, the Lackey church, would recommend Bro. Horton Davis to you as a man sent from God.

We are so thankful for this revival. It has stepped up our interests in the church, Sunday school, the league and auxiliary. We desire the prayers of the Christians.

Yours for Jesus,

— Mrs. Alma Reed.

Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma

Rev. H. E. Staires, Pastor
Lydia Robinson, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad we can report to you that souls are still being saved. In our revival in July, nine precious souls were saved, and had a glorious meeting.

The youth camp opened August 3rd with an enrollment of 76 from the following churches: Earlsboro, Drumright, Blue Bell, Bristow, Liberty, Pretty Water, Wewoka, Supulpa, Vance Chapel, Tuskegee, Tulsa and Cushing. The youths took a great interest in soul winning efforts, and the Lord blessed us greatly by saving 22 precious souls. The introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. Everett Brown of Drumright, taking as his text, "Laborers are few" Matt. 9:37. His subject was, "Leaguers Laboring for God". It was a very inspirational message.

Our camp meeting started August 8th with Bro. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa bringing the messages. Bro. Lane is helping Bro. Bingham with the services and we have been having a wonderful meeting, and thus far two precious souls have been saved and we pray God will save more before our meeting comes to a close.

Our Sunday school has fallen off some the last few Sundays, but we are expecting it to improve since the weather has got somewhat cooler. We desire your prayers and may God bless you all.

— 30 —

Sandy City F. W. B. Church
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
Gertrude Bowe, Reporter
L. E. Colliver, Pastor

Dear Gem Readers:

As we again attempt to report for the home church at Sandy City, Kentucky, we are happy to report some wonderful outpourings of the Spirit while at home for a week. We arrived in time to be present at the weekly prayer service on Thursday night, and the Lord did wonderfully bless in that service. On Sunday we attended the Annual Sunday School Picnic where a fine Spirit was manifested, and in the afternoon we went over to the County Home for the regular monthly service. When we returned to the church for the evening service Bro. Colliver brought a wonderful message using for a text, "And she said, I will go". On Monday and Tuesday nights we visited a tent meeting and enjoyed being in all these services again.

The Sandy City Church is now looking forward to the Johnson County Quarterly Meeting which is to be held there in October. The Lord is blessing in the services and they still earnestly covet your prayers.

— 30 —

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

Dear Co Workers:

Greetings in the name of our Christ: To the Gem readers and Christians everywhere.

How we wish we could have all of you in some place, in a large tabernacle, and have a heart to heart talk with you about the Master's work. We could tell you just how we feel concerning the business of our Lord carried on by Free Will Baptists and the way we see it. The only way we have to tell you is through our church papers, and we thank God for both of them. To you Gem readers we feel this is the day for Free Will Baptists and the way we

see they are fast coming into the front ranks of "His Great Army".

First we will make mention of our National Association. The Sunday School Convention had a great place in the program. Bro. Melvin's wonderful message covered almost every phase of the work and opened a splendid avenue for the workers the next day to travel on with their problems. Surely we can commend our Sunday School Convention for their progress in such a short time. God bless.

Then Monday night marks the opening of the greatest Auxiliary Convention our women have ever witnessed. Sister Christian gave out a great message that just set the day going right for auxiliary work. Then Sister Griffin took her place Tuesday morning to preside over us with a burning desire to make the convention the very best, and we can truly say our hearts were strangely warmed as the different officers and workers brought in their reports showing such splendid results all during the year. God bless each of them. We were so happy to welcome the four new states with their delegates, letters and finance. The Auxiliary Convention was a grand success in every way. Women, let's keep the hour of prayer through this year.

Also, I am asking our faithful auxiliary workers to give 5 cents instead of 10 cents as a fast offering, or just sacrifice the 5 cents a week. Put a glass in your cabinet and drop in a nickle any time during the week, and then when you get \$1.00 send it to Sister Polston and it will make a nice sum for missions and education. We will need extra this year to carry on our school and missions, and that is such an easy, simple way. Everyone can have a part so come on, sisters, we want to do more this year than ever before.

Now back to our National Association: The opening was grand. All of the old officers were re-elected in a spirit of love. The People came pouring in from every where in spite of the rubber shortage. The trains and buses brought them in and even our beloved Sister Willey came by air and brought us a message of love for lost souls and told us of the wonderful field now open to us in Cuba. God bless her. I'm getting ahead but just couldn't help it,

as I was telling how they all came. In fact, all the messages were fired from on high. Sister Curtis seemed in our Auxiliary Convention to start the fire burning. Then came Brothers Zinn, J. W. Alford, Damon Dodd and Raymond Riggs, all "Flaming Evangelists" to herald the Gospel of the Cross. May they live long and carry on for the Master. Their messages will live on in our lives for the years to come.

We want to thank God for our faithful moderator and all the officers and their good work during the year. We wish we had words to express our heart-felt thanks to Bro. Hollis and his good people for the way they took care of our association, but words are too weak. God bless them every step of the way and make them a great blessing in the future.

We will get our mail at Parrish, Alabama next. Our home address is still Huntsville, Texas.

Yours for Jesus,

— H. M. & Lizzie McAdams

30

Woman's Auxiliary Report Free Will Baptist Church Paintsville, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

We enjoy very much all the good things we read in the *Gem*. It's a real pleasure to get such a good magazine. We thought some of the readers might like to hear from the Paintsville Ladies' Auxiliary.

We are few in number but we have a group of ladies that are ready and willing to do something for the cause of Christ. Maybe we can't do much, but we can and do give food and clothing to the needy, visit the sick and tell them about Jesus, pray for sinners and try to lead them to Christ.

We have our cottage prayer services each Wednesday night and these are truly a blessing to us all. We know that through our prayers with and for one another much good has been accomplished.

Our ladies meet with opposition and much criticism on every side; but these things we face with a prayer on our lips, for the scripture tells us that "He who lives Godly must suffer persecution." There is a saying that goes like this, "The man who is doing nothing has plenty of time to find the

faults of the man who is trying to do something." We just take all these things into consideration and go on our way trying to do a good deed every day. While there are many who oppose our work, we have never found one of them to refuse our help when offered them. We each feel that the Ladies' Auxiliary is a great thing, and when people become educated to the meaning of it we think there will be fewer to oppose and more to help.

We are so thankful to our dear Master for saving us, and we feel that He saved us for service, therefore we want to ever be found about our Father's business ready to do something for the upbuilding of His cause and kingdom.

So far we have turned in fifty-five dollars for the Kentucky Orphanage. We have had several food showers for the needy, gave money to ministers and given a large number of garments to the poor. Truly we know that Jesus is our Leader and Helper and we know by his goodness we will overcome all things that handicap us.

Although we may never have the privilege to meet you dear readers face to face, we know if we live according as our dear Master has taught us we will all meet in that good country by and by. Let us not be discouraged and fight the battle with patience and when this life is over we will receive our reward over there.

We ask an interest in each reader's prayers for our work.

30

A Glorious Revival In Mississippi

On Saturday night before the third Sunday in July, we started a meeting at Pearce's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Smithville, Mississippi, with a full house for the very first service. The crowds continued to grow until we had to get a large tent and move out under it on Monday night, and then we could not accommodate all the people that attended the night services.

The Rev. Ralph Lightsey, of Bristol, Georgia, a young preacher who is a student of the Bob Jones College, joined us Monday evening, taking charge of the song service which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended the services.

We also ran a Vacation Bible School in connection with the meeting, holding classes every afternoon from two to four o'clock. The school was quite a success, with five classes with 108 enrolled. The Rev. Lightsey taught the young peoples' class and we used local talent, with which this church is blessed in a wonderful way, for teachers of the other three classes, with the writer teaching the adult class in the Book of Revelation. Thirty-four were enrolled in this class. Every one attending this Bible School expressed themselves as having received much help from the school.

During this week's meeting there were forty-six added to the membership of the church, forty-two of this number coming on confession of faith in Christ and baptism. This is one of the largest churches in this section of the country, having more than four hundred members, and is growing in Spiritual power as well as numerically. They have just been having preaching services one Sunday a month until last year and they started having two Sundays a month, which added much interest to the church work in general. Truly there are no finer people to be found anywhere than in this church and community. They believe in doing things for the glory of God. Pray for them and their pastor.

—M. L. Hollis, Pastor.

—30—

Young Peoples' League Highland Park, Michigan

Dear Readers:

The young people of this church are going to have a report in the paper of their progress from time to time.

We have just started a new quarter with new officers: President, L. D. Nance, Vice President and Reporter, Thelma Newsome; Secretary, Violet Mae McCuotion; Group Captain No. 1, Josephine Stroble; Group Captain No. 2, Wlonia Riggs.

We have about thirty members. These are divided into two groups, and they have a contest to see who can get the most points. The losing side must plan some kind of entertainment for the other side. Each member can make as high as one hundred points each Sunday. The last quarter Frank Fline's group won with 10,370 points. The

two people with the highest points in his group were Lile Riggs with 980, and Thelma Newsome with 920. There was a picnic at Plymouth Park for this winning group.

Our league begins at six o'clock Sunday evenings. The program consists of three or four speakers and special music.

Different ones of our young people are going on vacations. We wish them the best and may they not forget the Lord. We want to especially remember Betty Perice because she will be away all summer.

If there is anyone anywhere who would like to write or visit the league please do so.

—Thelma Newsome.

—30—

Report of Woman's Auxiliaries Flat River, Missouri

Dear Gem Family:

I am sending in a two-month's report for the two circles of the auxiliary work. We enjoy the work with the auxiliary ladies. We have been drawn closer to the Lord through this great work for the Lord. The motto alone just fills and thrills our very souls—laborers together with God. If our lives are dedicated to our heavenly Father we can work with any color or race. We may not be able to go as missionaries but we can give our prayers, tithes and offerings to those the Lord has called.

Here is a partial report of the past two months: We gave Bro. Pedro, Bro. Willey's helper, \$10.00 each month; two months Jehoiada Chest, \$4.00; two girls at Tennessee orphanage, \$5.00; foundation check from Woman's Auxiliary of Flat River to Bro. Davidson, \$25.00; dues for National Association, \$4.50; beautiful picture for Flat River church "Jesus Knocking At the Door" \$27.50; dues and silver offering, \$27.50.

—Gussie Hamblen.

—30—

Washington, D. C.

June 20, 1942

Dear Gem Family:

I feel this evening that I would like to write again to my friends that I have made through reading our little paper month after month. The Gem has come to mean a great

deal to me, and especially since I have come to Washington, D. C., I anxiously look forward to its arrival each month.

Since coming here to work I realize a greater need for truly consecrated lives on the altar of service for God. You, too, would see a greater need if you could just visit the office buildings of our government in this place where young men and women from every state in the union have gathered to work. It is no wonder to me that America is at war!

It behooves us who know the Saviour in forgiveness of sin to completely forget about the material things of life, and give ourselves to the work of telling others about Jesus. If we ever took seriously that scripture, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." — *IT IS NOW!* America has become so entangled with material things and worldly pleasures that unless we fully consecrate our efforts to leading her back to God, I fear for her.

And young people, to a great extent it will depend on us. My heart aches when I hear youth discussing religion. They are of the opinion that they can waste their lives in sin until they are ready to die, and then throw their worn out bodies into the face of God expecting Him to save them. Are the lives we are living giving the people we come in contact with that opinion? Are the lives we live daily imploring our young people to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth"? Are our lives consecrated on the altar as they should be? Are we proving to our people that salvation is for *whosoever will*? Stop! Christian, ask yourself that question, for the destiny of our nation hangs upon the answer each Christian gives.

Even some are ignorant as to who may become a Christian. Christians, I am telling you that people in our so-called Christian nation are ignorant in that respect! How many of us are concerned enough to lay down everything to lead America back where she ought to be? I'm asking myself that question as I write — Am I willing to lay down everything and mind God in order that someone, somewhere may hear the message of Salvation? In order that some

young man or woman may be convicted of their sins and come to God? It is a great challenge to our Free Will Baptist youth!

We have lots of young people who belong to some church — but my heart aches when they tell of the times they are having revelling in worldly pleasures. America, who gave our young people the opinion that they could merely join a church and take in anything and everything of the world, and then be all right when they came down to die? Listen, young America, we as youth are not responsible for that — but we as youth are responsible for proving that it is not so! It behooves every young man and young woman, regardless of where you are, if you have really been saved to live such consecrated Christian lives that those we come in contact with will either have to give their lives to God or else forever turn away. We can not do that within ourselves, but God's strength is made perfect in weakness and if we trust Him the lives we live are bound to reach out and touch others. "Let no man despise thy youth: but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" 1 Timothy 4:12.

Yes, I know that someone is saying, "That is old-fashioned". You may rest assured that is old-fashioned, but it is the only way America can win the war! I'd much rather be old-fashioned and be able to live and serve God according to the dictation of my own conscience than to have to live under the dictation of a tyrant and long to serve God and afraid to do it openly. Wouldn't you?

We are calling on you — Free Will Baptist youth — who really know the Saviour, won't you reconsecrate and rededicate your lives afresh to God's work. If God is calling you for a special work — Go! Wherever He leads Go! You may not be able to understand why He would call you, but mind God and He will take care of the results. For the sake of America and her boys that are losing their lives daily in the trenches for our right to worship and live for God according to the dictation of our own consciences. What does it matter if we do have to do without things we would like to have — what does it matter if we do have to sacrifice? Those boys are fighting that we might have that

right—then are we going to sit idly by and let them down by refusing to mind God? No, we can not afford to! Let us be up and about our Father's business for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh!

We surely are living in the Saturday evening of time. Soon—but how soon we do not know—the end will come. All signs of the nearness of His second coming are

being fulfilled. As never before we need to be about our Father's business. Again I plead, Young America, and especially Free Will Baptist Youth, mind God!

All-wise heavenly Father, Thou who doest know the secrets of fall men's hearts use this message to help our youth say as Isaiah, "Here am I; send me". (Isaiah 6:8.)

In His Name,

—Gertrude Bowe.

POEMS

Love, Faith and Obedience

By Mrs. Ella Maude Rice, Sitka, Ky.

In this age and day of sorrow
We should look beyond tomorrow,
And all pray and pray again
That we this bloody war might win.

God, in His goodness, gave us this land,
We should for our religious freedom stand;
If we live and trust Him day by day,
He'll keep us in the straight and narrow way.

He gave us sweet life on earth here to live,
And if we pray earnestly He will surely give;
The things we need most He will provide
And carry us safely o'er Jordan's dark tide.

Late in September, some three years ago,
I found my dear Master and told Him I'd go
Wherever He'd guide me and show me the way;

Stay close by my side and not from Him stray.

In a sweet country church house I knelt
on the floor,
And offered to Jesus my pitying prayer;
Just then His sweet spirit came into my soul
I raised from there quickly, the story I told.

How Jesus had saved me and freed me
from sin

And made me a Christian without and
within.

I shouted and praised Him, I was not
ashamed,

Since my blessed Savior into my heart came.

That night my companion heard the first
prayer in our home,
For Jesus was with me, I was not alone.
He wrestled and worried that night and
did pray
For Jesus to save him before the next day.

The next morning he arose with a prayer
in his heart,
Asking Jesus to save him before from home
he did start.

God was waiting to see if his all he would
give,

For Him just to promise him in heaven he
might live.

He traveled some distance before to a
stopping place came,

He told Jesus he was crippled hungry and
lame;

He murmured and pleaded, begged Him and
cried,

And told His dear Jesus for Him he would
die.

He walked for some distance within a dark
mine

When all of a sudden he stopped for a time;
Just then a light flooded into his sweet life,
Then he never regretted he'd prayed all that
night.

He listened a moment no voice could he hear,
Not even a sound came close to his ear;

He thanked the Lord Jesus for what He
had done,

Telling the sweet story had just begun.

He told his comrades God saved him through
faith,

He was filled with His love, His glory and
grace—

That they too might be happy if they'd
only believe,

Their poor hungry souls He would gladly
receive.

The same Jesus that saved us that night
and that day

Has surely been keeping us along this sweet
way;

We've never been so happy since on earth
We've lived,

Since this glorious salvation our Savior has
given.

Our little old shack in these lonely old hills
Seems just like a palace when we both do
His will;

Our home is so humble, so old, and so rude,
Since Jesus is with us it seems, oh, so good.

Dear Christians I urge you to save us from
this fall,

To unite our much praying with one and
with all;

God knows the intention that's in each of
our hearts,

So let's not wait too long to make this great
start.

The three Hebrew children, old Daniel and
Paul,

Had enough faith in their Master upon Him
to call.

He instantly heard them and answered each
one,

And just as He did so the great work was
done.

Now if we as His children will walk close
by His side,

He'll follow us closely, be our stay and our
guide;

He said he'd not leave us if we His com-
mandments obey,

And walk with us gently by night and by
day.

I know I'm not perfect but still I must be
A dear loving soldier so Jesus may see
That I, in His likeness, am trying to win
A sweet home in heaven when this life shall
end.

Lord, be with your children while here in
this land

So they won't be walking on mire or quick-
sand;

No one but your children can feel this
great love

That comes down from our Master in heaven
above.

Don't leave us dear Jesus, humble us down
at your feet

And help us each law and commandment
to keep;

We know that each thing we do for our
Lord.

Helps keep us in love with one mind and
accord.

I love my companion, my children and home,
Most of all I love Jesus for what He has
done—

He saved me and blesses me for each thing
that I do,

For the troubles and trials I have to go
through.

I've loved ones in heaven I'm longing to see,
Jesus says I may do this if I still His child
be;

I must do enough for Jesus if His grace
shall abound

There won't be a place left for a star in
my crown.

Now dear loving Christians universally this
world o'er,

We will all meet together on Canaan's glad
shore;

Tho' we may be far apart on the great
judgment day,

We will all meet in glory with Jesus to stay.

There's only one way this great conflict to
gain,

That's to join with each other in heart-
aches and pain;

Bow down on our knees, asking Jesus to give
The things we need most while on earth
we live.

I have written this poem to relieve my sad
thoughts

That this world's great conflict upon me
has brought;

We have so many things to thank God for
down here,

We must obey His sweet will and keep Him
ever near.

The Old Mt. Zion Association And Some Of Its Proceedings

On August the 7th, 1942, the Old Mt. Zion Association

Convened with New Hope church for another session,

When the ministers and delegates from all around

Had assembled in sweet communion on the ground,

And after taking an old friendly handshake They all assembled in the church to worship for Jesus sake.

Then after singing some thrilling songs unto the Lord

The chosen minister brought to us the precious Word.

And then after spending another busy hour In appointing committees for a body of power

To transact business for the work of the Lord And also assigning ministers to preaching the Word.

And then adjourning for a short recess,

For lunch and some needed rest.

And then at the appointed time the body met Having present three ministers from Monett. They being members of the Association of Indian Creek.

Each of them was solicited to rise and speak And they each responded with a good free will,

And for a while gave the body a thrill. By speaking on church government and of things above

They enlightened our minds and thrilled us with love.

And then the body adjourned to meet

At 8:30 to eat the Lord's Supper and wash the saints feet;

And that service, like many services of old, Its joy in our hearts can never be told.

On the 8th near the close of the morning session,

Three ministers arrived from Grand River Association.

The body was glad to see them enter the door For they had met with us once before.

And the evening session closed with much friendship and love,

To meet twelve months hence at Hickory Grove.

—By Eld. J. H. Roberts,
Route 2, Springdale, Arkansas

— 30 —

Be Thankful

Let's try and be more thankful

For all we have today,

That life may be more sweeter Along the narrow way.

We'll count up all our blessings

God gave us in the past,

And see if not, we're losing

Our gift of life too fast.

In them we'll find lost treasures

Of courage and strength untold,

To the heart that's weary and burdened

And health to a sin sick soul.

Let's live like God intended,

Rejoicing a part of each day,

By helping and praying and singing

As children remember to play.

Just think of the bird's rejoicing,

God knowing them one by one,

And we're God's own creation.

Redeemed by His own Son.

— Ralph Cannady, Durham, N. C.

— 30 —

First Free Will Baptist Church Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Editor and Readers:

I am a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and am taking this opportunity to send in a letter from this church, as I have never seen one from this church.

We have just finished our revival at this church and was one of the best we ever had, and we were blessed with 23 souls, and we give God the praise for all of it. Our evangelist was Rev. Sister Saddle Fincher of Drumright, Oklahoma, who is one of the ablest women preachers that we have in this part of the country, and we thank God for sending her this way.

After the revival was over we went to Bellile Lake and had dinner on the ground with about 100 persons being present. After dinner we all went to the waters edge and

had a baptismal sermon which was brought by Rev. Clint Fincher of Drumright, Oklahoma, after which our good pastor, Rev. B. T. Kirby, assisted by our good deacon, Bros. Engles, lead 14 candidates into the water to follow the Lord in baptism and that was a wonderful time for there was shouting and lots of tears shed for the Lord.

We have a real live church. It isn't a big church but we are on fire for the Lord and growing good. We have a real good Sunday School with an average of about 100 each Sunday. Bro. Engles is our

superintendent. Our league is doing fine and we have a real nice group of young people in that class. Bro. Kirby is sponsor of the class. Bro. Thompson is our league superintendent.

Our Mission Association is now in progress and our church is represented by our pastor, Rev. B. T. Kirby, and wife and daughter, Kathere, and son, D. C., also Sister Thompson, Sister W. G. Smart and son, Dale, and Misses Nola Fay Engles, Orene Passmore, Mary Joice Morgan and Billy Thompson.

—W. G. Smart.

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Missouri State Association	\$240.84	Nat'l. Woman's Auxilliary Convention	40.54
(Of this amount \$92.50 was for horses and saddles in Cuba.)		National Treasurer, Rev. F. S. Vanhoose of Paintsville, Ky., as 30% of Allocation fund for one month	87.50
Rev. Raymond T. Sassar, Wilson, N. C. (for horse in Cuba)	25.00	Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxwell, Port Arthur, Texas	10.00
Rev. Damon Dodd and wife, Flat River, Missouri	5.00	New Salem Church of Texas	5.00
State of North Carolina by Rev. Chester Pelt	97.12	Pleasant Mound Church of Texas	9.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	19.00	Mt. Vernon Church of Illinois	2.90
Turned in by Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C. for horse and saddle in Cuba as follows:		Sale of missionary pictures by Marie Thomas	4.55
Black Jack Church	14.50	Mr. and Mrs. George Webster, Washington, N. C.	15.00
Holly Springs Church	10.00	Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, Macedonia, Ill. for saddle in Cuba	20.00
Sound View Church	3.15	From State of Texas by Clyde F. Goen	22.84
Rev. J. C. Griffin	18.35	Senior S. S. Class, Pearsalls Chapel of North Carolina	2.00
Total	46.00		

Report of Missouri Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Foreign Missions		Sunday School	3.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	\$14.52	New Harmony Mission Circle	7.25
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxilliary	3.00	Shibleys Point Church	2.10
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	10.12	Verdella Church	3.10
Will Price, Arcola, Missouri, For Horse in Cuba	22.50	Independance Church	13.25
Will Price, Arcola, Mo. (other offerings)	3.00	Mrs. Ottie Metzger, Nevada, Missouri ..	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Martin, Greenfield	6.50	Pleasant Grove Church	5.48
True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola)		Monett Church	11.12
		Clara Dunkin, Alton, Missouri	2.66

Wortham Church	1.45
Aulsbury Chapel	3.85
Buffalo Sunday School53
Flat River Mission	10.00
Mine La Motte League	3.60
Blue Eye Church67
Edith Marbut, Monett, Missouri59
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis, Freeman, Mo.	2.00
Ruby Phillips, Liberal, Missouri	3.00
Rock Chapel	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jemes, Niangua, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Jemes, St Louis, Mo., for horse and saddle in Cuba	45.00
St. Louis Third Church for horse in Cuba	25.00
Wagoner Church	1.60
Offering following the showing of Cuban pictures by Kenneth Turner at Central Western Mo. & South-eastern Kansas Association	35.90
Goldie York, Greenfield, Mo.	1.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church by J. B. Rollins	4.62

New Machinery Fund

Southeast Missouri League Ass'n. .. \$12.50

Educational Fund

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church

Merls Chapel Auxiliary	5.00
New Harmony Church	6.50
New Harmony Mission	5.00
Sublette Church	6.15
Wortham Church	1.75

Benevolent Fund

Merls Chapel Auxiliary (for Tennessee Orphanage)	\$5.00
Hickory Grove Auxiliary (for Super-annuation)	2.00
Merls Chapel Auxiliary (for Super-annuation)	4.00
Mt. Clive Auxiliary (for Super-annuation) by Rollins	2.00

Jehoida Chest Fund

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	\$1.00
Hickory Grove Church	1.00
Flat River Mission	2.00

Budget Fund

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting ..	\$3.80
C. W. Mo. & S. E. Kan. Ass'n.	17.28

Allocation Fund

(Penny-A-Day)

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	\$7.50
Aurora Church31
Merls Chapel	6.40
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church By John B. Rollins	1.81



National Home Missionary Work

By Rev. M. L. Hollis, Chairman of National Home Mission Board, Red Bay, Alabama

At the last session of the National Association the Home Mission Board recommended that each church composing the National Association send to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board the sum of one dollar per month, or \$12.00 per year, to be used as follows: Fifty per cent of the amount sent in from a state shall be used in that state for home mission work—such as revivals being conducted in weak

churches that are not able to pay an Evangelist, or for meetings that are conducted in places where we do not have any church. However all this work is to be done under the supervision of the Home Mission Board. The other fifty cents is to be used at the discretion of the board; that is for the spread of the gospel as preached by Free Will Baptists in places where it is most needed. In this case some states that are weak, or

those states that have only a few Free Will Baptist churches might receive many times the amount sent in by their state. This is a case of the strong helping the weak.

Two churches have already sent in their amount for the year: Namely, East Tupelo and the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, of which the Rev. Mark Lewis is pastor. I trust that many

other churches will follow the fine example of these two churches and send in your twelve dollars for the year and be through with it, then the Home Mission Board can begin to do something worth while. The National Association approved this recommendation by a one hundred per cent vote.

Send in your Home Mission money to the newly elected Treasurer, Mr. C. B. Dees, Desloge, Missouri.

The Law of the Lord's Supper

THE Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper, and that right is a birthright. "For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body" (Cor. 12:13). This is not a water baptism but a Spiritual baptism.

Again Christ says: "I am the door, by me if any man enter he shall be saved" (1 John 10:9). "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up by some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:4). Christ is not water baptism and yet He is the door. There is but one door and Christ says He is that door; and he that cometh in by the door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all Christians. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself." Not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and in eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting in keeping with the instructions given to the church at Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ: "He that offends one of these little ones that believes in me it were better for him that a mill stone were hung about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6; Cor. 10:30-32).

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that true faith

is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith I shall not object, we are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred, I object. As to order, if nothing but Gospel order is meant, very well; but I do not think that one child of God should dictate what church he should belong to in order that he may be in the right church for the church is but an organic body of Christians; and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian; neither will a like process in the worst church make a sinner. The Eunuch believed and was baptized. What church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now I ask if the Eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches would he be allowed the right? No he is not of the same faith and order; yet he is admitted into heaven, but nay, he could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all his people have a perfect right, be he whom he may, and when the supper is set and all God's people are not invited, it is not the Lord's supper, but a sectarian supper; "so we being many are one body in Christ; and everyone member of another" (Rom. 12:15). And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body, and of course this is by spiritual baptism. He that gets in it by water baptism the same is a thief and a robber, and when any one gets into that body in a legal way he has a legal right to all the benefits and privileges of that body, "for we being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread" (1 Cor.

10:17). By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages. When you come together tarry for another; be of one mind, but let the word of God control the mind. If it had ever been intended by the Savior that the supper should be guarded as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed the judges with wisdom to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which they judge is water baptism and a legal administration of the same; so if baptized by immersion and a legal administrator, this settles the matter and Christian character is left out, by which some make a woeful mistake; for after all this precaution some have been found unworthy of the least of the privileges of any church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would answer yes, if by a legal administrator. This is all that is wanting. Is it not a purely personal matter? If so he has been as truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each have performed a personal duty. If I had never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be a legal administrator, I would never be baptized at all, as I can never know the heart of man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith and the other not—the one is blessed and the other is not. Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own acts and not for another. Simon, the sorcerer, believed and was baptized, and that by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see that baptism by a legal administrator does not confer any claims on him to any Christian rights; as this case proves to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not, or vice versa. The apostle, inspired as he was, did not discern the evil in Simon's heart, neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our duty it is ours. When an applicant it is his.

So we find that faith, repentance, baptism and the Christian duties are all personal and accountable unto God and not unto

man. Various are the opinions of men; and the way we account for them is in the capacity of men; and if we use the capacity that God has given I do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The church of Christ is divided into many members, but it is one spiritual body and Christ is the head, and they should have the same care, one for another, as the natural body has for its members, yet they do not perform the same office, yet they all should subserve the same interest of the body.

Should Christians all commune together at the Lord's table? I answer, what the Lord has joined together let no man put asunder. We have forty-eight states in the Union. They are all equal, free and independent states, yet they are one, united and have one great central point at which to meet and testify that they are free and independent states, and yet but one nation. All Christians should have one central point at which to meet and let the world know that they are one. Let that be the Lord's table. Christians feel alike if they do not think alike.

They can preach together, pray together, sing together and love together, and should they not commune together? And will not they all meet at last in the same holy and happy land together: Then a union and free communion is forced upon us.

Christ said at the last supper that He would drink no more of the fruit of the vine with us until He drank anew in His kingdom. Then all Christians of all ages will sit around one communion table in heaven. As we find ourselves assembled thus around one Lord's table in heaven, so should it be on earth.

 30

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Johnson County (Kentucky) Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with the Tom Creek Sunday School on October 18, 1942, at 2:00 p. m.

—James H. Owens, Chairman.

The Right Will Triumph

However the battle is ended,
Though proudly the victor comes,
With fluttering flags and prancing nags
And echoing roll of drums,
Still truth proclaims this motto
In letters of living light—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Though the heel of the strong oppressor
May grind the weak into dust,
And the voices of fame with one acclaim
May call him great and just,
Let those who applaud take warnin',
And keep this motto in sight—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Let those who have failed take courage;
Tho' the enemy seems to have won,
Tho' his ranks are strong, if he be in the
wrong,
The battle is not yet done,
For sure as the morning follows
The darkest hour of the night,
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

O man bowed down with labor!
O woman young, yet old!
O heart oppressed in toiler's breast
And crushed by the power of gold!
Keep on with your weary battle
Against triumphant might;
No question is ever settled
Until it is ever settled right.

— From Morning Star.

30

The Veil Uplifted

When the veil shall be uplifted,
Hiding from our mortal sight
All that scene of wondrous glory
Where the saints are robed in white,
We shall see what now we see not,
Hear what none on earth may hear;
Walk in everlasting sunshine,
With our Savior's presence near.

When the Savior home shall call us,
There to taste eternal joy,
Washed in his all cleansing fountain,
Praise shall be our glad employ;
Where 'midst angels gathered 'round Him,
Streams of heavenly music flow,
We shall join the angelic chorus,
Such as none on earth may know.

When our pilgrimage is ended,
All its pains and perils o'er,
Sin and sorrow gone forever,
Never to assail us more—
We shall tune our harps with gladness,
Where, in robes of glory dressed,
Round the throne the angels worship,
Sinless and forever blest.

"Glory, glory, hallelujah!"—
Such their song, forever new—
"Unto Thee, our God and Savior,
Everlasting praise is due!
Thou hast made us glad forever,
In Thy presence to abide;
Thine we are, O blessed Savior,
And in Thee are satisfied."

— From Morning Star.

30

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southern Illinois Yearly Meeting of
Free Will Baptists will be held with New
Hope Free Will Baptist Church, four miles
east of Ina, Illinois, September 9, 1942.

30

BLANKS

Ministers' Ordination Blanks 10c
Ministers' License Blanks 10c
Deacons' Ordination Blanks 10c

These blanks are 8½ x 11 inches, and
are suitable for framing.

We also furnish letter forms for a letter
from a church to a Quarterly Meeting, Asso-
ciation or Yearly Meeting, also from an
Association or Yearly Meeting to the State
Association.

Price 5c each or 6 for 25c

Price List and Order Blank

Free Will Baptist Sunday School Supplies

..... Class Book No. 1 (for Beginners and Primaries)	- - -	25c each \$.....
..... Class Book No. 2 (Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, Adults)	- - -	25c each \$.....
..... General Secretary's Book No. 6	- - -	75c each \$.....
..... Large Wall Card (Six Point Credits), Form 8	- - -	15c each \$.....
..... Information Card (Six Point System), Form 9	- - -	20c per 50 \$.....
..... Individual Report Slips, Form 10	- - -	\$1.50 per (pad) 1,000 \$.....
..... Class Report Envelopes, Form 11	- - -	75c per 100 \$.....
..... Request Slips, Form 12	- - -	20c per pad of 100 \$.....
..... Monthly Report Blanks, Form 13	- - -	50c per pad of 100 \$.....
..... General Secretary's Report Blanks, Form 14	- - -	15c per pad of 25 \$.....
..... Convention Report Blanks, Form 15	- - -	75c per pad of 50 \$.....
..... Superintendent's Report Blanks, Form 16	- - -	40c per pad of 25 \$.....
..... Visiting Report Card, Form 17	- - -	25c per 50 \$.....

IMPORTANT

Please order all supplies by form number. Be sure to state the correct number and amount desired. Enclose a check or money order with each order.

Buy all "official" Free Will Baptist Sunday School supplies from the National Free Will Baptist Convention. Prices are in line with those of other Sunday School Supply houses.

Address all orders to the Free Will Baptist Gem, Sunday School Department, Monett, Missouri.

OUR CHURCH TREATISE

The Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists is a beautiful booklet of 80 pages, size 6½ x 4½ inches, setting forth the doctrine (with Scripture references given) and all the practices of Free Will Baptists in the local church, quarterly meetings, yearly meetings and annual associations, state associations, and the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States.

25c each; \$2.50 per dozen

Order Today—We Have A Fine Supply

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MANUAL

The third printing of the Woman's Auxiliary Manual is now off the press.

As the title indicates, this book is written to aid in the solving of your problems in effective organization, meeting the ten points on the Standard of Achievement, duties of officers, plan of work, etc. It is an informative book. The right book to use in your study course on Methods. It is a fit companion for our Year Book of Programs. It insures

Better Informed Members
More Effective Organization
More Efficient Officers

Price, Postpaid - - - - 15c

Order From

The Free Will Baptist Gem
Monett, Missouri

A Bargain Unsurpassed for Your Regular Reading
The Year Book of Programs
 for

Woman's Auxiliary Organizations

Sheds Light on your Monthly Programs through:

Missionary Information
 Missionary Inspiration
 Missionary Stimulation

and

Leads you into Loyal Service through:

Larger Co-operation
 Greater Participation
 Deeper Consecration

Published for the Promotion of Loyalty in Service to
 Local, District, State, and National Auxiliary Work.

Order One Copy For Each Member

On Sale September 1, 1942; Price, 25c

Free Will Baptist Gem
 Monett, Missouri

Free Will Baptist Press
 Ayden, N. C.

Much Needed Auxiliary Literature

1. TRACTS:

Tracts on Exangelism and Stewardship written by Free Will Baptists.
 Packages of 20 for 10c.

2. METHOD CLASS BOOKS:

"WORKING TOGETHER"—A detailed study of the five departments
 of Auxiliary work. Price 25c

"WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH"—A study course planned to help
 in the development of Woman's Auxiliary Young People. Price, 25c.

3. STUDY CLASS BOOKS:

Listed in Year Book.

Let Auxiliary Literature lead you into loyal service through:

Larger Co-operation
 Greater Participation
 Deeper Consecration

— ORDER TODAY —

A copy of these Method Class Books
 for each member of your Auxiliary

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
 Monett, Missouri

THE GREAT DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

By William Evans

This volume is intended as a ground work or text book in the study of theology and is a very careful and painstaking setting forth of the great doctrines of the Word of God. It has been used for years in a number of Bible schools and training institutes for Christian workers. Adopted also for group Bible class, or individual use.

275 Pages, Cloth Covers, \$1.50

PERSONAL SOUL WINNING

A guide to the most effective methods of winning men to Christ
by William Evans

"That the individual Christian may be prompted, encouraged, and equipped to do this kind of Personal Soul-winning work, is the purpose of this book. The leading scripture references have been made to stand out distinctly from the main body of type in order that they may be easily located."

192 Pages, Cloth Covers, \$1.25

HOW TO PREPARE SERMONS AND GOSPEL ADDRESSES

By William Evans

A volume of practical help for ministers and theological students, and also Christian laymen who are called to the blessed work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

174 Pages, Cloth, \$1.25

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD Dunn-Wolfe

Neatly fitted in loose-leaf notebook covers.

A loose-leaf series of 50 lecture outlines on the conduct and activities of the minister, both in the pulpit and out, and in every department of church work Pronounced *VERY GOOD* by Rev. L. R. Ennis, Dean of our Bible school educational work.

Dr. Lunn was the founder of the old Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Michigan and Dr. Wolfe recently closed THE SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE which was "The only Free Will Baptist Correspondence School" for nearly 50 years.

Limited Supply 200 Copies

Price, Postpaid \$1.00

These books were recommended by the Free Will Baptist Christian Workers' Institute.

A HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Copp, A. M., B. D., L. L. B.

An excellent book for young ministers.

Pronounced to be *VERY HELPFUL* by Rev. L. R. Ennis, Dean of our Bible School Educational work.

The author is the widow of Prof. John S. Copp of the old Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Michigan some thirty or forty years ago.

Cloth Bound—180 Pages

Neat in Appearance

Limited Supply 70 Copies

Price, postpaid \$1.00