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The Free Will Baptist Orphanage near Greeneville, Tennessee is only three years old, but splendid progress has been made. See the story on page three. Pictured here is the entire Family standing on the entrance steps of the Home.



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The Story of the Frontpiece

Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Tennessee

By Rev. Paul Woolsey, Superintendent, Greeneville, Tennessee

THE Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, the boys and girls and the staff, has been given the title, "The Orphanage Family". Brother and Sister Stanley was able, in a remarkable degree, to establish all the relations of The Home on a family basis. To the staff as well as the boys and girls, the word "home" is not a mere abstract idea. The ideal home is our goal. Of course we are a long way from attaining to the ideal, but the entire management and conduct of the Orphanage is built around that general idea.

If a home is to be a home in the fullest sense, every member must feel the necessity of working together for the mutual cause. The joy of one must be the joy of all; the sorrow of one must be shared by all; if a united family is to be the result. No family in which the individual members do not recognize God as their Heavenly Father, can ever hope to achieve that state of happiness and love which is the God-given right of every family. We live in a day when family ties have little or no meaning to so many people. God, in His divine providence, has decreed that the family should be the nucleus of every worthwhile institution, organization, group or nation. The only hope of the Church lies in the sanctity and unity of our so called Christian homes.

In the majority of cases, the home life of our boys and girls before they came to us was far from desirable. In reality it had ceased to be and in most instances had never been in the real sense of the word. By the help and leadership of God's Holy Spirit we are trying to establish a Home rooted and grounded in the love and fear of God that will have its future in eternity.

It is not our intentions to lead the people to think that we have, by any means, an Utopian situation here at the Home. The staff and the boys and girls are all very human; mistakes are constantly being made,

problems arise, temptations come and we are made stronger or weaker by our reactions to them. We have experienced the ups and downs common to every home. We have rejoiced when our boys and girls have proven to be real soldiers of the Cross. Again our hearts have been made heavy when the Master was followed afar off. We do not intend to sacrifice the physical and mental growth and development of our boys and girls, and most assuredly we do not intend to neglect their spiritual well being. On the whole, we are extremely proud of our family not in a boastful or egotistic way, but with prayerful hearts and thanksgiving to God.

We do not think it would be fair to impose upon the generosity of our editor in giving a detailed financial report each month. However, we will be glad to mail one to anyone upon request.



Rev. Paul Woolsey



Our Bible School



Bible School Property Dedicated

ON Tuesday, October 13, representatives from six different states met here at the Bible School for the Dedication Service. We had all been looking forward to this service with great expectations, and when the hour arrived we were not disappointed in the blessings that we received. We could join with Jacob in saying, "Surely, the Lord is in this place." We not only rejoiced in the service of the hour but we rejoiced to know that our people, through many sacrifices, had made the hour possible. [We know that many of you would like to have been present and we almost coveted that opportunity for you.

In the absence of Rev. Melvin Bingham, Bro. George D. Dunbar spoke briefly on behalf of the Board of Education. He recalled that when Bro. L. C. Johnson was asked to appear before the Board to receive appointment to the presidency of the School there was some question in the latter's mind as to whether or not the work of the School would satisfy his call to the ministry, and Bro. Dunbar observed, "I have never seen a more glorious gospel preached than he (Bro. Johnson) is preaching here in this School. Instead of his going out as a single agent, he will go out as ten, twenty or a hundred voices from this place to make the precious Gospel of Christ known."

Mr. Willard C. Tirrill, former owner of the School property, moved the congregation when he arose and began his address thus: "I am too touched to speak." Unable to further suppress his emotions, he faltered for a moment and then continued with broken voice, "All I want to say to you is that God has been good to me, and He will be good to you if you work with Him and for Him. Don't hesitate!" Among the pithy and pertinent statements made by this wealthy layman were these words, "Lot of people think that money is all there is in the world. I think it is nearly the least." He continued to speak out of his heart, and at the close of his talk Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman of the National Board

of Education, presented to Mr. Tirrill the check which cleared the entire indebtedness on the property. In joyous response, the congregation joined in a hearty shout of "raise the Lord!"

The dedicatory sermon came to us through one of God's noblemen, the Rev. Chas. Porter of Sesser, Illinois. "What we want in this institution is that God would take hold of it," Bro. Porter asserted, applying his text from 1 Kings 9:3: *I have hallowed this place.* "There is no reason why we should not grow and the influence of our School spread until we have more than a hundred institutions of this kind among Free Will Baptists."

At the close of the sermon Bro. J. E. Hudgens, aged veteran of the cross, led us in a prayer of dedication in which he prayed, "May there be a holy atmosphere that will affect the faculty, student body, visitors and all who may come here." Praying in particular for the students, he besought, "That they will not only obtain knowledge from books but a better hold on Thee, and go out and stand before the people that await their message." Then for our Church as a whole he petitioned, "Give us a deeper consecration for the work we have already begun."

Rev. L. R. Ennis, in his message to us, said, "The call of a servant of the Lord to the ministry is a call to preparation. God requires of His servant the best of which he is capable at the time, and his increasing best which is the product of diligence and self-application along the way." Speaking of the relation of evangelism to education, Bro. Ennis declared, "We desire no institution of learning that shall not be mandated and ordered and directed by evangelistic fervor and evangelistic devotions." In closing he aptly reminded us that "We stand today not at the summit of a finished task, but at the threshold of one well and nobly begun."

President L. C. Johnson's message was elegantly concise. His opening words were,

"For a long time Free Will Baptists have been desiring a school. Not because other denominations had schools, but because we felt the right kind of school would be the best means of accomplishing God's purpose for our Church." He stated briefly the two chief aims of the school. First, he said, was to train Christians. "This school is secondarily interested in mechanics, primarily in spiritual power." Christian workers without "a holy passion for souls" and a "deeply consecrated life" would not be profitable, he said. The second aim of the School was to train Christian workers. "We desire our students to be educated to deliver a powerful message. This combination we believe God will honor," President

Johnson affirmed.

Day by day we are more assured that the Lord has led, that the Lord is leading, and that the Lord is continuing to lead us in our educational program.

Our friends over the different states have been sending checks and money orders made to individuals connected with the School. Since the U. S. Postoffice Department permits only one endorsement on money orders, our Secretary is somewhat handicapped when the individual to whom the money order is addressed is not present to endorse it. In the future if you will make checks and money orders payable to the Free Will Baptist Bible School, it will be more convenient for us.

Organization of the Student Body

THE Free Will Baptist Bible School, which is entering the fourth week of operation, has already proven to be a very definite blessing to every student enrolled. There are students here from four states, representing north, south, east and west. Following is a list of the students and their home addresses:

James Hagin Glennville, Georgia
 Sam Kennedy .. Beaulaville, North Carolina
 Rashie Kennedy .. Kanapolis, North Carolina
 Robert Woodard, Kanapolis, North Carolina
 Paul Kettelman Macedonia, Illinois
 George Waggoner Macedonia, Illinois
 Sylvia Dodd Flat River, Missouri
 Damon Dodd Flat River, Missouri
 Marie Thomas Monett, Missouri

Although our number is small, we enjoy the sweetest and most Godly fellowship one with the other. Our association has drawn us together as though we were one big family.

One of the most pleasant things of all is our student life. We have an organized students chorus and a mixed quartette. Usually on Friday evenings we have a special entertainment or event of some kind in which each student and teacher participates.

On Monday, October 12, immediately following our morning devotions, the class met for the purpose of organizing. The officers who were elected are:

President Damon Dodd
 Vice President George Waggoner
 Secretary-Treasurer Marie Thomas

Pianist Sylvia Dodd
 Sponsor Mrs. L. C. Johnson

Our regular meeting time was set for the first and third Friday of each month.

We close as our class song, "Sweeter Than the Day Before."

For our class colors we chose blue and white; blue for truth and white for purity.

We have adopted the "annual endowment plan" as a class and plan to fill one of the check books.

We, as a student body, have come here through the leadership of God. Our desire is to prepare our lives in a way to better carry on His great service. Do remember us as you pray.

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Our Boys in the Service



Camp Edwards, Massachusetts October 4, 1942

Dear Bro. Rollins:

I Will try and write a line to let you know I received my "Gems" and how much I do appreciate them. I got them Thursday and have just about read every article in them now. It sure seems good to read those good articles and sermons from some of our folks back in Missouri.

I certainly do miss getting to attend all the different services which you all enjoy, but God knows best for us so I try not to question His ruling. I am just as determined to go on and see the end of a Christian life as I was when I was at home. I sure would like to see all you good Free Will Baptists again.

Again, I want to thank you for the "Gem" and may God's richest blessings rest upon you and the staff. Always remember me as well as all the other boys in the service for we have several hard places to go over.

Yours for Christ,
Cpl. J. D. Campbell,
532 E.A.R. Hq. Hq. Co.
Camp Edwards, Mass.

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Camp Roberts, California October 10, 1942

Dear Gem Readers:

Again I will write a few lines. The last time I wrote to all my good friends, I was just a little preacher unworthy of all the good gifts from God and the blessings that was poured out on me from time to time.

This time I write with a heavy heart for the many unsaved friends I have met from day to day. It burdens my heart to see so many young men facing the battle line without Jesus as their guide. I look back over my past days and wonder if I couldn't have pointed more to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

Dear brothers and sisters if there was ever a time we need to work it is now. I feel like His coming may be sooner than a lot of people think. The harvest now is

ripe, we should labor harder each day. This thought comes to me:

"Must Jesus bare the Cross alone
And all the world go free?

No there's a cross for every one,
And there's a cross for me."

As I labor and try to make a good soldier, I want to be a better soldier for the Lord. We Christians have a big battle going on. Sin is raging in the land! Are you gaining ground or has Satan bluffed you out? Now is the day we need to stand four-square for God, don't compromise with sin.

I love America, the Home of the Free, but winning this war will not save the souls of all those boys that are dying on the battle field. Let us labor harder each day. Mothers and fathers, talk to your boys. It is much better to come in here saved — ready to go to a fairer world if Jesus should call. If we will only let Jesus be our captain we are sure to win. He has never lost a battle. Let us take up our cross and move forward wholly consecrated to God.

As you breath a prayer remember me. Pray that I might help some of the boys find Jesus as their Saviour.

Yours In the Master's Service.

Pvt. Loy E. Smith
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Woman's Auxiliary Department

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The Hour of Prayer

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

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

We recall in the verses preceding this verse that Jesus had been busy healing the sick, raising the dead, making the blind to see, casting out devils, teaching in the synagogues, and preaching the gospel of his kingdom. As he looked about him and beheld the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he might send forth laborers into his harvest."

I wonder as we look out upon the world today as the great harvest field if we cannot visualize the great white fields that are ripe unto harvest, and the few gleaners who are harvesting the fields. Are our hearts moved with compassion when we see teeming multitudes that are fainting by the way? One of the greatest needs of our day is men and women who will yield themselves completely for service to the Master. Yes, we have many professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, but many of them only follow Him for the loaves and fishes that they get out of it themselves instead of the service they might render to His cause. Jesus wants followers who are willing to labor for Him. There is such a vast multitude of professed followers who seem to think there isn't anything for them to do but to go to church and look sanctimoniously at the preacher. Jesus said if we would be His disciples we must deny ourselves and take up our crosses and follow Him. It means something to be a follower of the Lord Jesus. To be His follower, we must follow Him in personal service. We must be willing to go out in the by ways and highways and bring the other sheep into His fold.

Much is being said about enlistment these

days. Our government calls for the youth of our country to enlist in service for their country, and many have responded, and many are responding to the call. Jesus has been calling for recruits ever since He called Peter from the shores of Galilee. When He called Peter, He said, "I'll make you a fisher of men," so Peter became a recruiting officer to enlist others into the service for the Master. Jesus calls on you and me today to go out and enlist others into definite service for Him. There are so many women in our Free Will Baptist churches today who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour, and drunk of the water of life, but have not yet enlisted in service for Him. There are many women today who have wonderful talents wrapped up in a napkin and hidden away in a closet somewhere. It is your business and mine as those who have enlisted in service to go out and bring these hidden talents in, and to pray that the Lord will send them forth into His harvest to help gather the precious grain.

Since November is enlistment month in our Woman's Auxiliary Society let us make this our object of prayer. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will give these unenlisted women a vision of the great harvest field, and the multitudes who are fainting by the way; pray that their eyes may be opened to the need of workers in so much that they will enlist in service for the Master during this special month of enlistment.

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A GREAT SALVATION

Hebrews 2:3

1. A *common* Salvation.
2. A *free* Salvation.
3. A *personal* Salvation.
4. A *present* Salvation.
5. A *powerful* Salvation.
6. An *eternal* Salvation.
7. A Salvation that cannot be neglected with impunity. — *Moody Monthly*.

Who Am I?

I am a regular visitor in many of our homes every year. My ambition is to visit the home of *every* Woman's Auxiliary worker *every* month.

I am wealthy. I come to share my wealth of ideas, plans, programs, suggestions, and inspiration with you. I will make you a wealthy Auxiliary worker if you will use me regularly.

I am wise. My store of wisdom has been gathered from many different people and places. If you will use me, I will increase your knowledge of Auxiliary work and the best methods to use.

I am helpful. I bring help for all phases of Auxiliary work. If you are an Auxiliary worker in any capacity, you will be greatly aided in fulfilling your duties by having me around all the time.

I am practical. The plans and suggestions I bring you are practical, useful, workable

methods. They have been weighed and found not wanting.

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Missouri State Auxiliary Convention

With much prayer and through the Divine leadership of God our Missouri woman's work was organized under the auxiliary plan of work at the State Association. To be sure we are happy in our souls for surely it is God's plan by which our women may find a channel of service.

Our business session of the State convention was truly full of the Holy Spirit and everyone felt that His will had been done.

We have three district conventions and we feel sure that all other districts will be organized when the plan has been presented them.

Following is a list of our State Convention officers:

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Enterprise Department

Christian Workers' Institute in Illinois

By Rev. L. R. Ennis, Dean of Christian Workers' Institutes, Goldsboro, N. C.

EVERY session of the Christian Workers' Institute is different. A different setting, a different community spirit, a different student body, and a different host pastor make for distinction in every place.

The student body, numbering 32, together with the faculty traveled a distance of 27,889 miles to attend this training school in southern Illinois. There were three states represented by the students who attended—Illinois, Michigan, and North Carolina. Congeniality, fellowship, and hard work characterized the event from the beginning. Twenty-seven certificates were awarded and one Normal Diploma. Mrs. Elsie Curtis, who had attended three former sessions of the Institutes, was awarded the Normal Diploma in recognition of approved work in four sessions of the Institute. Sister Curtis received her diploma in her home church—Rescue Free Will Baptist Church.

Much of the inspiration which came to the entire Institute family resulted from the zeal and consecration displayed by a party of 14 fine students from the State of Michigan who were brought to the Institute by Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Riggs, pastor and his wife, of Highland Park Church in Detroit.

Through the assistance of Reverend W. R. Burton and Evangelist Elsie Curtis, a promotional revival was conducted nightly in the churches of southern Illinois throughout the first week of the Institute. Sixteen churches were visited by faculty members and student groups. Special music, discussions of the denominational program, a gospel sermon followed with an appeal to consecration and profession of faith in Christ, and a special offering for the Unified Program of the National Association constituted the main features of each service. A delightful spirit of fellowship, and worshipful devotion prevailed in these meetings. There were a few consecrations and

conversions for all of which we are grateful to God.

The offerings received were as follows:

Hazel Del Church	\$13.81
Mt. Vernon Church	19.91
Oakland Church	9.32
Freedom Church	5.00
Arnold View Church	14.35
Ina Church	31.00
Union Church	5.50
Harmony Church	23.14
New Hope Church	8.00
Bear Point Church	20.00
Herrin Church	10.44
Webb's Prairie Church	23.00
Plaster's Grove Church	10.50
Mt. Zion Church	12.00
Pleasant View Church	14.41
Bakerville Church	9.76
Total	\$230.14

In addition to the offerings received from the churches listed above the host church (Rescue), together with the Institute family, gave a special offering of \$105.00 to the Bible School in Nashville. This offering was assigned for the purchase of furniture essential to the equipment of a double room for students in the institution. This offering was received on Sunday afternoon at the close of the first week, at which time the greatest denominational rally yet held during a session of the Christian Workers' Institute was in progress.

Another unusual accomplishment was a subscription to the Annual Endowment Fund of the Bible School in the amount of \$618.00. This subscription is to be paid monthly by students, faculty members, and churches represented in the Institute. From a financial standpoint no session of the Institute thus far has netted more than this one.

But let me remind Free Will Baptists everywhere that 60 hours of class work done by the students and faculty in the Illinois Institute will undoubtedly remain a recourse

from which both service and joy shall abound in the years to come. Improvement in the efficiency of Christian service is a perpetual blessing. The Lord has begun this good work, and He will continue it.

Everyone who attended the Christian Workers' Institute which closed in Rescue Free Will Baptist Church, October 9, 1942, will carry treasured memories of the gen-

erous hospitality with which the entire Institute family was favored by the local pastor, Rev. W. R. Burton, and his most gracious congregation. More could not have been done for the comfort and enjoyment of the occasion. Again the Institute faculty and student body join in pledges of deepest gratitude for the beautiful Christian spirit and kind consideration shown the Institute by the host church.

The Institute Fellowship

By Elsie M. Curtis, Herrin, Illinois

THE Illinois Christian Worker's Institute, conducted at Rescue Free Will Baptist church near Whittington, Illinois, has become history. The memory of the rich blessings which it brought shall linger on in the hearts of those who were privileged to entertain, and attend, its sessions. Every class period was marked by the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. Christ was exalted as the Master-Teacher. Faculty and students alike seemed to be "sitting at His feet and learning of Him." There were precious seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, as under the tender influence of the Holy Spirit, tears rained down the cheeks, and hearts were consecrated, and fully surrendered, to the will of the Master for His service.

The dinner and supper hours became events looked forward to by faculty and students as seasons of fellowship as they partook of the sumptuous feasts prepared by the faithful women of Rescue Church. Students and teachers, representing the states of Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina and Illinois, mingled their voices together in happy conversation and laughter. The delightful fragrance of that sweet spirit of Christian love seems to linger still within the dining room in the basement of Rescue church. Illinois is eagerly looking forward into the future when another Christian Worker's Institute shall come our way with all its attending blessings.

The fourteen students from Michigan brought with them a brisk eagerness to serve and learn that inspired us with a greater zeal to accomplish more in the Master's service than ever before; and the North Carolina students with their soft, southern voices and sweet, earnest, consecrated spirits, transmitted their strength

of Christian devotion into our hearts. The faculty, composed of Rev. L. R. Ennis, Dean, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. Robert Crawford and Mrs. Chester Pelt after giving of their best in teaching service, must surely have realized they received in return the heart-felt gratitude and devotion of student body and entertaining church.

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Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day will soon be here,
The happiest day of all the year;
We must all the true meaning get,
Make it the best Thanksgiving yet.

Thank God for all His saving power,
For His help in a needy hour;
Thank God for our loved ones living,
Make this a happy Thanksgiving.

Let us be thankful for the right
To worship morning, noon or night,
Just as our hearts tell us we should
We can be faithful kind and good.

Thank God for church and Sunday School,
Where we learn the golden rule;
Thank Him for all our homes and friends
And every blessing that He sends.

Written by Franklin Mae Stahl, wife of
Rev. Berne C. Stahl, R. 1, Ola, Arkansas.

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

Gratitude for Foreign Mission Interest

By Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer National Foreign Mission Board, Monett, Missouri

We are indeed grateful for the interest our people are taking in the foreign mission department of our denomination. I wish it was so I could express my appreciation to each of you personally; but as that is impossible I am endeavoring to do so through the paper.

You responded wonderfully to the call for horses and saddles, and now you are responding beautifully to the need of the equipment for our Cuban Bible School. For all this, we are grateful, and I know the Lord will bless you for it. However let us not form a habit of giving too much to just an apparent or urgent need; but let us give as unto the Lord; that is, as giving to the great cause. What we would like to realize is a regular systematic plan of giving in each and every church in our great denomination. It will take that to build and maintain an extensive foreign mission work. I wish our people would build up our foreign mission treasury to such an admirable sum that what ever the need that might arise on the field we would be able to meet it immediately without having to put on any special drive to do it. A constant and systematic plan of giving in each and every one of our churches will do this. I am persuaded nothing short of such a plan will. I trust you pastors and churches who the not doing anything for this great work will please think this over seriously. Talk to your Lord about it. Discuss it among yourselves. Bring it up in conference. Get something started at once.

Our work is moving on in a great way in Cuba. We are sending \$200.00 per month down there as a promotional fund, and that isn't enough. We are going to have to begin spending more money before long in order to keep up with our work in Cuba or else the work there will be hampered because of the negligence of a lot of our people. May we not let that be true. If all our people would bestir themselves about this great work as some of our people have done, it would be marvelous what we could

do for the dear Cuban people in giving them the gospel of our Christ.

The situation concerning our opportunities in India remain the same, because of the war situation of course. However let us not forget to pray for the work Miss Barnard left in Kotigira, and for the brother who is looking after the work there in her absence. We are sending him some money along as he needs it. We haven't sent any lately because of the fact we heard from him saying that he had accumulated a sum from what we had been sending and requested that we not send more until we heard from him. Such economy on his part is surely commendable.

Several of the churches are taking advantage of the missionary views which are available for display in the church. \$1.10 will bring you 55 views—31 of Cuba and 24 of India. Order from Rev. Miss Marie Thomas, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. They will certainly help create missionary interest in your church.





GENERAL ARTICLES



Mississippi to Build an Orphanage

At the recent session of the Mississippi State Association a move was made toward the establishment of an Orphanage in the State and met with unanimous approval. Although the delegation was small, a good start toward the financing of this worthy cause was made and the orphanage board was appointed to look after all phases of the work needed to consummate such an undertaking. Rev. M. L. Hollis was elected as chairman, L. E. Duncan, secretary and W. G. Prude, treasurer, other members as follows: Rev. G. C. Lee, Rev. G. M. Pearson, Bros. W. A. Mason and C. R. Hollis. We feel confident that loyal Free Will Baptists throughout our denomination will rally to

our aid in this work for humanity, and also our friends from other churches will wish to have a part in this cause.

We realize that we have a great undertaking on our hands, as there are only about 3,000 members in Mississippi, but we covet the prayers and assistance of Christians everywhere and feel that God will bless us as we strive to do His will.

Anyone who wishes to have a part in this work may send their contribution to Mr. W. G. Prude, Tupelo, Mississippi, and will receive, by return mail, a receipt for same.

Pray for us and for the growth of our interests here in the old Magnolia State, all to the Glory of God.

Revival & Enterprises in Michigan

By Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

I have just closed a three weeks' revival with our new Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan. While there were only four souls saved, I never saw a much better revival among the church people, and all the Christian people who attended. There were some of the most precious services I was ever in among the people of God. Of course, as is true most everywhere these times, there were very few unsaved people attended the meetings. Most of those who did attend would get under conviction and then stay away. Of the four who were saved three of them were elderly people, and evidently found a real experience with the Lord.

Our little church in Flint is just a very little over a year old. They have vacant lots secured on which to build in a very nice location in the south side of the city. They are planning on starting their building in the not far future. Their membership is yet small and of course will have to move accordingly. For the past year they have been worshipping in the Burton Township Hall, in which building we had the revival. While they are blessed with the privilege

of having this building in which to hold their services, yet it has its disadvantages. The greatest disadvantage is the fact it is located about a mile outside the city. They are very anxious to get their building erected which will be closer in. Then, of course, the Township Hall Board has first use of the building, and one night during our revival we were obliged to dismiss our meetings because the date came around



Rev. Maurice W. Roach

for the regular Township Board meeting. Let us pray that this little church will be so blessed of the Lord that it can soon be located in a building all of its own, and closer into the city.

They have a very faithful pastor and wife in the persons of Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Reach. I found them very fine to work with, and they certainly treated me royally while I was there. And of course I can say this of all the dear people whom I contacted while carrying on the meetings. There is surely some of the salt of the earth in and around Flint.

I secured quite a number of subscriptions to the Gem while there, and I think aroused a great deal of interest in our foreign mission program. Our Free Will Baptist Association of Michigan, which has been organized only about a year, has set their quota for missions at \$500.00 for this ensuing year. I think this is a splendid move for a little association of only four or five churches and only one year old.

The night we were obligated to dismiss our revival services I took advantage of the opportunity and visited the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church in Detroit where I attended a farewell service in honor of one of the good deacons there, Bro. Tancel Orr, who was leaving for the army. It was a very precious service. While there Rev. Raymond Riggs and I shipped out about three hundred pounds of books down to our school at Nashville, Tennessee, to be placed in the library there. We have had these books stored in the pastor's study for several months. They were given to us from the library in the Hillsdale College of Hillsdale, Michigan. I think most of you know this college was one time a Free Will Baptist College previous to the "swallowing up" event of 1910. I was promised these books about three years ago, and the librarian was very kind to remember and keep the promise for which we are grateful.



GOSPEL SERMONS



If Ye Know to Do

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

John 13:17, "If ye *know* these things, happy are ye if ye *do* them."

PERHAPS one of the greatest blessings God has bestowed upon man is the ability to acquire knowledge. Because of God-given knowledge we ride in swiftly traveling vehicles upon hard surfaced pavements; we sail upon the ocean and underneath its depths, and fly with almost lightning speed through the air. Within an incredible short space of time, a message can encircle the globe. Miracles in the medical and surgical world are daily being performed. Scientific genius and inventive ability of man has caused to almost entirely be stricken from our vocabulary the expression, "that is impossible."

With increased knowledge comes, also, increased responsibility. Especially is this true of the Christian. The more a Christian knows of the plan of salvation for a lost world, and the more he experiences

the blessings and power of the Holy Spirit in his own life, the more is required of him in sacrifice and service for the Lord, Jesus Christ. May we then discuss the extent of our knowledge? **HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW?**

Do you know Free Will Baptist pastor, deacon, layman, Woman's Auxiliary member, that the Great Commission "Go ye into all the world" has never been revoked? The **COMMAND** still rings out with clarion notes to us today. How then can we go calmly about the duties of our own little community church, or sit complacently in our comfortable pews on Sunday, while the sermon is preached, and go home heedless of the fact that each day souls for whom Jesus died are falling into their graves without hope of eternal salvation? Fervent prayers from burdened hearts; altars stained with tears of Christians weeping over unsaved souls are almost entirely in the past

Love of the world and the things of the world, a desire for ease and comfort, and a continual search for pleasure, in the past; and the worry, grief, and fear in the present hour of perplexity and turmoil have all combined to crowd out all the passion of soul to win the lost for Christ. Is it perhaps, because, when the world was at peace we failed to *win the lost* for Christ, that now the cry is continually ringing out that we must *win the war* for democracy and freedom? Do you know that every time the clock ticks, souls go out to meet God unprepared? Can it be that some of them could be saved if we would assume the responsibility which knowledge has brought us?

Do you know that our Cuban missionaries, both the Willey's and the native preachers, are looking this way, praying that our hearts may be constrained to help them enter the wide open doors of opportunity which the Lord has swung invitingly before them? Churches must be built in new fields; native workers must be supported; horses and saddles purchased as a means of transportation to their widely separated appointments, and all increased expense of newly acquired fields of labor met. Since we *know*, will we *do*? In days to come will joyful voices of native Cubans be lifted to God, calling down blessings upon Free Will Baptists in the States, because out of loving, abundant, missionary minded hearts the opportunity was provided for them to receive the glorious gospel of salvation? Jesus said, "Not every one that saith 'Lord, Lord shall enter the Kingdom, but he that *doeth* the will of my Father." It is said that Robert Arthington, a Cambridge graduate, of Leeds, England, lived in one room, cooked his own meals, and gave several millions of dollars to foreign missions. After his death a slip of paper was found in his possession on which was written these words, "Gladly would I make the floor my bed, and a box my table, and another box my chair rather than that men should perish for want of the knowledge of Christ."

Some one has said that when first saved we shout and rejoice because of what Christ *is* to us, and what He *does* for us, but later if we develop into the kind of Christian we should be, we'll abound in the knowledge that we belong to Him, and exult in the privilege of doing something for Him.

Do you know that God has a specific,

systematic plan for financing every phase of His program of salvation for the world? Tithing, you ask? If Free Will Baptists would tithe there would be no lack of funds in the departments of Education, Superannuation, Home and Foreign Missions. Paul the apostle, gives us the system in 1 Cor. 16:2 which would solve every problem of money in local, state, and national work. "Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him". Personally, I have ceased *paying* tithes—now, wait, I have not finished; I think the poet realized a great truth when he wrote,

"But drops of grief (or greenbacks either) cannot repay

The debt of love I owe,

Here Lord, I give *myself* (and all I possess) to thee,

'Tis all that I can do."

I could never pay the Saviour with a little money, for the great love which sent Him to this world, and to Calvary's Cross, but I can *give* Him out of a loving grateful, worshipping heart, certainly no less than the Jew gave (the tenth) and then, humbly accept the stewardship of my strength, talents, time, home, bank account, fields, cropseverythings and as His great cause has need, bring my *offerings* unto Him that those needs may be supplied, and the gracious gospel of Christ be sent to the ends of the earth. And remember God's Word says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful (hilarious) giver."

We agree it is perfectly in order to sing, pray, preach and sometimes shout, but a certain coldness descends upon us when giving is mentioned in the midst of the congregation. But giving is just as essential as any part of the worship service. And if *somebody* didn't give, before long there would be no singing (song books cost money), no praying or preaching (people and preachers must live in order to have breath to sing and preach), and perhaps no shouting (for real, true rejoicing can only come from hearts who have done the will of the Lord). What sweeter scene of worship could be looked upon, than that of Christians assembled together "on the first day of the week" to glorify the Lord, bringing their worship offering to Him, that through love, every need of His earthly kingdom may be supplied.

I wonder if God not grow weary of

our professions, our swelling words, our songs and long prayers, as He sees the purse strings pulled tightly together, and a deaf ear turned to the cry of perishing souls who might be saved if the professing Christians would give.....cheerfully..... hilariously....worshipfully....of the means over which, after all, they are only stewards. Giving—not spasmodically when the emotions are stirred by a special drive for a specific need, but systematically, week by week—“as the Lord prospers” that there be no lack at any time.

Pastors, Free Will Baptist churches, lay members, could we challenge you to try God's plan and prove Him? We have tried our own plans and in many instances, as a result, the church in unpainted and unlovely, the house of God neglected, pastors poorly paid and having to work at shops,

mines farms, etc., for a living, when they should be about the Master's business continually; state and National funds fall far below what is needed to carry out a thorough evangelization program; and most pitiful of all, the sending forth of the gospel is checked and souls perish daily without Christ.

Do we know these things? Then happy are we if we do the will of the Lord. Surely there is no happiness so satisfying as that which springs from the heart that is conscious that the will of God has been accomplished, no pillow so soft as that which cushions our head as we rest in the divine will of Him, who said, “I came not to do mine own will but the will of him (the Father) who sent me.” Shall we make the words of the poet our prayer?

“Sweet will of God, still fold me closer,
Till I am wholly lost in Thee.”

The Gospel Church

By William R. Buster, Thebes, Illinois

ANY church to be a gospel church must conform to the standards that the Bible itself establishes. We might ask ourselves, “Does our particular church conform to such standards?” If not, you must do all in your poor power, together with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to make it such. Here are some of the Bible standards for a Gospel Church:

I. The church must be founded on genuine faith in Christ—“On this rock I will build my Church” Matthew 16:18. Not on the Apostle Peter, but on the God-given faith expressed by him, when he said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

The church that Jesus founded while He moved among men was a preparation for the coming church. Truths were taught, things happened, members were added. But it was without permanent power—a ship in the building and not fully launched until Pentecost.

II. It must be a Holy Church and is made up entirely of consecrated people who have quit the sinning business and “presented their bodies a living sacrifice” Rom. 12:1.

We find in Ephesians 5:25-27 that the love of Christ for his church is compared with the love of a devoted husband for his wife

—the Bride and Bridegroom relationship. Certainly, there must be harmony between the husband and wife if the marriage is to be a success. The bride does all she can to harmonize with the groom. The Bride of Christ—His Church—must do all she can to harmonize with the Bridegroom—Christ. There's a spiritual fellowship and communion between the two!

III. As between the bride and groom, there must be the spirit of co-operation. “We are laborers together with God” 1 Cor. 3:9. We are not only laborers with God but laborers together—that is, we must unite our efforts with each other as individuals in the church. Then churches must unite their efforts one with another for the good of His cause. Let us strive for greater unity of purpose with neighboring churches of other denominations. “God is not the author of confusion.....”

IV. It must consist of members who go to church. “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together” Hebrews 10:25. The true child of God has a love for God's house and His services. The one who does not attend violates Paul's injunction given above.

Dr. John R. Rice divides occasional

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EDITORIAL



Rationing and Christianity

WITHIN the past hundred years, the prophetic clock of God struck announcing the hour when "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" Daniel 12:4. The setting of the prophetic clock, in the sixth century B. C., was "even unto the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Who can deny it? Knowledge has increased! The automobile, airplane, submarine, telephone, telegraph, radio, type-writing machines, printing press..... Oh! There is no limit. This modern day of ours has seen an increase in knowledge.

With the increase in knowledge came also, automatically and naturally, the running to and fro. People travel.

"We sail o'er the ocean and fly
through the air

Scarce can the natural eye see them
up there."

All this running to and fro seems to be expressed in a bad ethical way. It is certainly true in our day as "the chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings" Naham 2:4. A candid observer has described the people of our day as "going no where, and in a great hurry to get there." Going no where in particular — just going.

Only a very, very, insignificant few automobiles have ever been dedicated to the Lord whose "going" is for His glory. During my short, but eventful career, I have seen as few such automobiles dedicated to the Lord's service as one could count on the fingers on only one hand. In all my life, I know of but one airplane dedicated and christened "The Good Ship Emmanuel."

In spite of the increase of knowledge and the running to and fro in a bad sense, Christianity has used these very elements to glorify His wonderful name. Free Will Baptists the nation over have been brought together in the organization of a National Association which has been made an annual gathering.

Our efficient Executive Secretary estimated that Free Will Baptists spent \$5,000.00 for traveling, clothes, and luxuries to attend the 1941 session at Drumright, Oklahoma. Could someone reveal the actual mileage traveled for that one session, we would all be shocked. This happens every year, and the gathering of our National Association is a very minor part when compared to all our gatherings the country over.

The Christian Workers' Institute held in Illinois last month enrolled 32 students from four states who, together with four faculty members, traveled a total distance of 27,889 miles for only one gathering out of our hundreds of gatherings. The Institute in Illinois traveled further than the distance around the world. Thanks to Brother Ennis for releasing this figure.

But in this day of world crisis, tires are rationed, gasoline is rationed, travel by bus and train is congested and likely will be rationed — then what will Christianity do? Christians, at least in our nation if not the world over, *MUST* not cease our laboring together with God. We must cling together, work together, worship together, engage in world-wide evangelism together, and so much the more as we see the Day of the Lord approaching. We can't quit, this is no time to quit — these are times that try men's souls!

What will we do? Christianity will do as it has always done. Christians are in



the world, but not of it. They will seize upon the things of the world and use them to the glory of Him who has redeemed them exactly as they so used the increase of knowledge and the running to and fro.

Christianity will adopt the rule already in vogue, "Necessity is the Mother of Invention," and turn it to the glory of the Lord. If we cannot do as we now do, we will do the next best, and make the best of the material in hand.

Out of the increased knowledge of this our day, Christianity has seized upon the printing press, the art of printing, and the use of the printed page to honor the Lord. We can still cling, labor, worship, and evangelize together by the use of a good system of communication (the printed page) even if our running to and fro is rationed. The Christian who does not and will not subscribe to his church paper will soon be out of the race, for the day is upon us when if we know ought of our brethren at large we will secure that knowledge from our church papers.

Our denomination is blessed with two very worthy and nationally known publishing houses, at Ayden, North Carolina and Monett, Missouri. Both of these are engaged in promulgating the Great Commission of our Lord by teaching (Christian Education) — preaching (World Wide Missions) — Administering (Benevolence) the gospel of the Grace of God.

There is no reason that these publications should not make regular visits into more than 100,000 homes instead of the combined visitation into about 5,000 homes. If we cling and labor together with God, there must be a utilizing of the material in hand which will result in a subscription wave carried on out there in the respective home communities by those who already are subscribers.

A LINOTYPE SCHOOL

The Industrial Extension department of the Monett high school sponsors the conduct of several night schools for adults and working people. Among some of the classes are Radio, Electric Welding, Commercial Arts, etc. A school in Linotype has been set up, and the Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem is the instructor.

The Linotype class was conducted last year with signal success, but this year it has started off with much greater interest which promises to be even more successful. There are twenty-five persons enrolled, most of whom are women, which causes us to realize that there is a shortage of men in the country. The class meets on Monday and Thursday nights from seven o'clock until nine. There are three printing firms represented in the class, and there are a goodly number of others who are very prospective of becoming excellent linotype operators. The teacher is paid out of the state educational funds along with the other teachers of our school system.

MONETT CHURCH REMODELED

The Free Will Baptist Church here in Monett is undergoing a complete remodeling, and when it is finished we are going to have something really nice. We will give the Gem readers a picture of it.

The Missouri State Association is to meet here next year, and our church building needed some repairs together with some justifiable pride, we thought we would really do a good job of it.

As the building nears completion, the spiritual atmosphere of the church people is of such harmonious nature that a revival meeting burst forth. Being unable to secure an evangelist, our pastor, Rev. O. T. Allred, is assuming the responsibility and a good revival is very prospective.

AT THE GEM OFFICE

Everything is running along very well at the Gem Office. Production is going on nicely, orders and jobs are coming in, and our force is kept quite busy. Our business ledger is being marked up beautifully, and when the Missouri State Association convenes here next September, we plan to turn our books for public inspection by those in attendance at the Association.

We beg to suggest that our state officials begin planning for a Dedication Service for the Gem Office Building and Equipment during the next session of the State Association. We are truly a church institution and our sole interest is invested in promulgating the cause of Christ in the whole world.

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church-goers into three classes, Futurist, Specialist, and Wireless. I quote his outline but wish to fill it in from several years of observation as a pastor of rural, or small churches:

The Futurist—We have him in all walks of life and every organization. You may invite him to service time and again and, "Ch, yes, I am going to come," but he never gets around to it.

The Specialist—The one who comes on Mother's Day, when there's a basket dinner; or maybe he comes when his church entertains the Quarterly Meeting. He quite often introduces himself to visiting delegates and ministers and poses as a leading member. He is often found in the "Amen Corner" on such occasions. If the pastor wants to get acquainted with some of his members all he has to do is call in a special quartette. Members he hasn't seen for a year will be there!

Then there's the Wireless church-goer. He stays at home with his radio and listens to a sermon while his pastor is wearing out his life to keep the church doors open! He may hear a sermon but he is not living a sermon.

V. His church must be one that works—does things for God. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" James 1:22. "Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for your labor is not in vain in the Lord" 1 Cor. 15:58. "I must work while it is called today....."

The church must seek the salvation of the lost; to comfort the broken-hearted and discouraged; help the widows and orphans; to win the backslider back to Christ; to labor with the drunkard, the prodigal son, the wayward daughter; pray with the sick; intercede before God for both her friends and her enemies; or fail her community, her people and her God!

VI. His church must be a paying church. In the first place, Jesus plainly taught in Matthew 23:23 that the tithe was to be carried over into the new dispensation. Tithes and offerings is still God's plan for financing—not ice cream suppers, soup kitchens, quilt raffles and other such things!

There is a distinction between tithing and giving. The tithe is the very least. It's the

"must do." Every time the Jews failed in it, their nation (type of church) failed. They lost their sense of responsibility, their love for God, and adopted the gods of their neighbors. Crop failures and wars were the result. The failure to tithe today results in shabby, poorly equipped churches, and untrained and poorly paid ministry and low spirituality.

Then there's the matter of offerings. The amount given after the tithe has been paid and to depend largely upon the ability and the will of the giver. (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7.)

Surely we who live in the Holy Ghost dispensation and in the light of a fuller Gospel can give as much as a Jew living under the law! (Note: Malachi 3:8-11 and Proverbs 3:9-10, also Ecclesiastes 11:1).

VII. His church must be a praying church. Jesus set the example by spending entire nights in prayer. The early church followed it by praying before they took any important step. It is to include intercession for the lost, sick, kings and all that are in authority (James 5:13-15 and 1 Timothy 2:1-2). What a need for the healing ministry today, and supplication for those in authority! It is to be within the will of the Father, "This is the confidence we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us." God will answer the prayers of the smallest group. (Matthew 18:19.) He will, also, answer you as an individual (Matthew 21:22), and prayer is to be made without ceasing, (1 Thess. 5:17).

It is to be remembered that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, (1 Cor. 3:16-17). It is, therefore, the house of God, or where the Holy Spirit dwells. When a true Christian comes to the temple, or church house, he comes to worship God, pray, sing, listen to God's words, and commune with Him. Even so, one worships God from within. One may be in the kitchen, over the wash tub, in the shop, or in the cornfield hard at work; but between him and God there's a connecting link! Man is lifted up and God is brought down to a place where they can meet and have blessed fellowship—within the human soul! Praise the Lord!

VIII. The Lord's church must be a go-

ing institution, one that does at least something to fulfill the great commission of our Lord when he said: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" Matthew 28:19-20. May we, as Free Will Baptists, do our part to go in order that we may claim His watch care over us. ".....I am with you alway"

We can't all be preachers, or missionaries, but we can go in spirit by praying and by contributing of our tithes and offerings to

pay in that manner and open the way for our dear missionaries that have forsaken friends, loved ones, and homes for Christ.

You may feel that we should spend our title money in efforts to win those at home; but suppose, beloved, that the saints in Jerusalem had waited till every individual had accepted Christ at home before they went abroad. You and I and the world as a whole would still be without Christ! Let us GO!

Sanctification

By Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith, 4352 Chadwick Street, Ashland, Kentucky

MUCH has been said about this doctrine. Some say it means a work of grace that takes out inbred sin or the carnal mind. Let us begin at the beginning and see in the light of God's word what they mean and how they are used. According to the teaching of the Bible, "sanctify" means a setting apart or a separation for a holy purpose. "God spake unto Moses, saying, Sanctify unto me all the first born, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast: it is mine" Exo. 13:2. If it meant sin, Moses could have done nothing about it. It simply meant "set them apart."

God spoke to Moses and Aaron of the clean and unclean beasts and the creeping things of the earth and said, "Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them that ye should be defiled thereby. For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy....." Lev. 11:43-44.

The Lord spoke by Isaiah to Israel saying, "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself and let him be your fear and let him be your dread" Isaiah 8:13. Oh, if people who are called Christians would set God apart in their lives and fear and worship Him instead of some theory or form hatched up by man, we would have a different world.

Isaiah again speaks of the house of Jacob saying, "But when he seeth his children, the work of his hands in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and shall bear the God of Israel" Isa. 29:33.

The Lord spoke to Israel by Ezekiel, after they had profaned the name of the Lord just as our own nation has today, and said, "And I will sanctify my great name which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes" Ezekiel 36:23.

Speaking of the new covenant with Israel, the Lord said, "And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forever more" Ezekiel 37:28.

God spoke of the day that Gog should come against Israel and of the wrath that should be poured out and said, "Thus will I magnify myself and sanctify myself and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord" Ezekiel 38:23.

We hear the prophet Joel calling to the people of the judgements of God that should come upon them for their sins and saying, "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God and cry unto the Lord. Alas for the day; for the day of the Lord is at hand and as a destruction from the almighty shall it come" Joel 1:14-15; 2:15-16.

Notice the words of Jesus to the scribes, "Pharisees, hypocrites, Ye fools and blind for whether is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?" Matt. 23:19.

Hear the words of the Master as He prayed for the disciples and those who should follow after. "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth, Thy word is truth."

tify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified through the truth" St. John 17:16-19.

Paul speaking to the Ephesians on the duties of husbands and wives, "That the wives be subject to the husband and that the husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish" Ephesians 5:25-27.

In exhorting the Thessolonians, Paul said, "Warn the unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ" 1 Thess. 5:14-23.

In speaking of the bodies of the beasts whose blood was offered by high priest for sin being burned without the camp, Heb. 13:12: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate."

After the sons and daughters of Job had feasted, "Job sent and sanctified them and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: For Job said, It may be that they have sinned and cursed God in their hearts."

"And the mean man shall be brought down and the mighty man shall be humbled and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled; But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness" Isaiah 5:15-16.

God, speaking to Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" Jer. 1:5.

"I will accept you with your sweet savor,

when I bring you out from the people and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen" Ezekiel 20:41.

The Lord spoke to Zidon by Ezekiel and said, "Behold, I am against thee O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her and shall be sanctified in her" Ezekiel 28:22.

Speaking of the return of the Jews from captivity, the Lord said, "When I have brought them again from the people and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen; but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them anymore there" Ezekiel 39:27-28.

Paul speaking of the grace of God given him, and the boldness with which he had written the church at Rome said, "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost" Romans 15:16.

In writing the first letter to the Corinthians Paul wrote, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord both their's and our's" 1 Cor. 1:2. Still speaking to the church at Corinth, Paul tells them not to go to law against each other and before the unbelievers but rather to suffer themselves to be defrauded. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but ye are washed but ye are sanctified but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" 1 Cor. 6:9-11.

Paul in instructing Timothy said that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits,

and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" Tim. 4:1-5.

"The law could not make the comers thereunto perfect. Then Jesus said, Lo I come to do thy will O God. He taketh away the first (covenant) that he might establish the second. By which we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" Heb. 10:9-14.

Jude addressed his letter to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ and called.

There were contentions among the church at Corinth and some said I am of Paul, I of

Apollos, I of Cephas, and I of Christ, but Paul told them they should all speak the same things. That no flesh should glory in His presence. "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption; that according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

Let us not be deceived by these words but let us study them in their settings and take them for what they mean—not taking out carnality or inbred sin but a setting apart for a special purpose—not something that is given us after we are born again but the new birth itself sets us apart from the world to walk with God. If it had meant something to take place after regeneration Jesus could have said so. He told Nicodemus that except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Church Letters - Field Reports

First Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

To the Gem Family:

It has been some time since the Tulsa church has reported. However, we are still in the battle for the Lord. Every department of the church is working strong and we know God is blessing by the results we see.

Many of our young men have been called into the army, and for these and all other boys we are praying for their safe keeping and soon return. We know these men from our church are depending upon God and the prayers of His people for their protection.

We are glad for the reports from that great white field in Cuba. May the Lord continue to send laborers that souls may be saved. In these trying times it seems hard for people to put their thoughts on God, when they should be calling upon Him more each day and thanking Him for what we have.

May the Lord bless the Gem Office and all that labor there, and every phase of the work throughout the denomination.

Free Will Baptist Church Drumright, Oklahoma

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Pastor
Mrs. Lydia Robinson, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Once again, I will try to report for our little church here in Drumright. I am very glad and thankful I can say we are hearing Christ and Him crucified preached each Sunday and we thank God for a man that will preach the gospel.

Our Sunday School is improving gradually. We are also having wonderful prayer meetings each Wednesday night.

Our mission work is started now and we ask your prayers that we might do more in the remainder of this year and the year to come in the work of our Lord.

We were so happy to have Bro. and Sister Miller of Granby, Missouri, with us for a few days visit. May God bless them.

We enjoyed some good singing the second Sunday of this month (October) when the singing convention met at our church.

I am sending some more names of our boys who are in service.

A Message to the Sunday School Workers of Missouri

Dear Sunday School Workers:

I have just read our state president's message to us in the *Gem*, pointing us to the possibilities that can be accomplished if we are "Laborers together with God." We have lost nearly a years' work, so we must do our very best to accomplish a greater work this year.

We are ready to assist you in your convention work in your association if you have one, or are interested in organizing one.

We are planning the organization of a program team to go with us to demonstrate our National Standard Program of Sunday School work. We are anxious to see our schools acquainted with this program.

If you are interested in this work please write to me. I would like to hear from you

Yours for Better Sunday Schools,
Rev. Wm. Reeves
Director of Organization & Field Worker
Mine La Motte, Missouri

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A Message to the League Workers of Missouri

Dear League Workers:

It is with gratitude in my heart that I am privileged to work in this work again, which, to me, has been the outstanding joy of my experiences. Although I have not been directly connected with the state league work for some time, I have never ceased to long to be able to do something for it. Matt. 6:21, "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Leaguers, my hearts desire is to see our work grow and accomplish greater things.

Are we ready to go? We may answer this question in this way:

It has been talked for some years of some plan that we might give our leaguers a weeks' assembly or camp meeting where we could get together once each year for league fellowship and training.

For some time this has been on my heart. I would like to know how many leagues there are that would be interested in contributing to a state treasury on a percentage basis, collections or donations, and strive for that goal, say by next June.

Our state president, Rev. C. B. Dees, and I after discussing it, wish to know what our leaguers desires are. Please write as soon as you read this, either as individuals or as a league, that we may know your desires.

Yours for Greater Leagues,
Rev. Wm. Reeves, State Field Worker,
Mine La Motte, Missouri

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Long Beach, California 840 Washington Place

Dear Brother in Christ:

You will please find inclosed \$1.00 for the *Gem*. If it is more send me a statement of the balance.

I have been in California a year, and find this country to look more like heaven and act more like hell than any place I have ever been. There is one thing I see lacking in every city and village, and that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ as preached by the old brush arbour, hill billy Free Will Baptist preachers.

I have held one good meeting this summer and preached in some special meetings. I need the prayers of the whole *Gem* family.

I would like to see an article by my good brother Winford Davis on this subject: "What Shall the End of These Things Be?" And Brother John, if you can't get hold of him soon will you please write on this subject.

Your Brother in Christ,

— E. A. O'Donnell

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Report of League Rally of First Mission Association of Oklahoma

The league rally of the First Mission Association was held Sunday October 4 at the Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground, east of Drumright, Oklahoma.

Letters from various leagues were read and a business meeting held. Programs and congregational singing was held in the afternoon.

There were 192 present at the rally. The Bluebell league received the program banner.

— Norma Jeanne Sheridan, Cor. Sec'y.

Revival at Mill Creek Church Myrtle, Missouri

To the Gem Family:

Inasmuch as I am sure that all who were at the Missouri State Association at Myrtle, Missouri, are anxious to hear about the revival that followed the session, I am happy to report that the Lord was there and blessed in a wonderful way. The dear people of Myrtle wanted someone to stay for a meeting so badly after the association, but no one seemed able to stay. Knowing there was a young couple at St. Louis church expecting me to perform the sacred marriage ceremony for them on Sunday after the Association, after much prayer I decided to go home and then come back for a two weeks' revival.

I shall always thank the Lord that He made it possible for me to conduct the meeting, for I have never been privileged to work with a more anxious people than the dear people of Myrtle; nor have I ever been in any place where every home greeted me with a greater spirit of hospitality, or worked with a pastor and companion that were more consecrated to the work and wanted to help the evangelist and work with him more than Rev. Harry Beatty and wife. In fact, I feel that every good thing that I may say for them as pastor and their people will not be enough. So may the Lord bless them together in the labor of love.

All of these good things I really did appreciate, but the important thing is that fourteen souls were gloriously saved. And we heard them testify to victory in their souls. One man was left on the altar seeking the Lord when I left, but since coming home I have received a letter stating his testimony of salvation. It makes me feel even more like life is worth while to help some one find the Lord.

In five years of being pastor in the City of St. Louis this meeting was my first during that period outside of the city. I would like to say I count it a real privilege to know the good people of Myrtle and work with them in this meeting.

May the Lord bless them in the work there. I shall always remember their kindness to me during the State Association and the two weeks I spent with them.

Yours in the Master's Service.

— Rev. Mark M. Lewis.

Young Ladies' Auxiliary Organized At Cordova, Alabama

The young ladies of the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church met at the church September 6, 1942, with Mrs. Shutes to organize a young people's Auxiliary society.

The meeting was opened by singing "I Love to Tell the Story." Mrs. Shutes read a scripture reading on world-wide missions. She made a brief talk on what the auxiliary is and how it functions, explained the duties of the officers and the constitution and by-laws. Each member took the pledge of service. Officers were elected as follows: President Miss Ora Howard
First Vice President .. Miss Vandell Mitchell
Second Vice President .. Miss Florence Sides
Third Vice President Miss Hazel Cook
Fourth Vice President .. Miss Eva Ingram
Fifth Vice President .. Miss Billie Joe Kyle
Secretary-Treasurer .. Miss Joyce Halsombac
Corresponding Sec'y. — Miss Myrtle Stacks

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Shutes.

President, Miss Ora Howell,
Cor. Sec'y., Miss Myrtle Stacks.

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Union Free Will Baptist Church Thompsonville, Illinois

Rev. W. M. Jones, Pastor

Opal McClarren, Reporter

Dear Gem Family:

Again, I am reporting the glorious news of our church, for God has sent His power in a convicting and converting way. Our revival proved a grand success to the church and also two souls were saved. One of the converts was the writer's brother. I had prayed constantly for him to be saved and God heard and answered prayer. God always does things right and always makes Himself manifest at the right time.

Our Auxiliary is soon to meet again for our monthly meeting. We are still pressing on in the name of our great Redeemer, doing our utmost to hold the blood-stained banner high to a lost and sin-cursed world. We are now looking forward to our District Meeting to be held the last Friday in October, to be held at the Bear Point church.

Our Sunday School is moving right along with good interest and fair attendance. The Sunday School has purchased a service flag for all the boys in service from our church

and Sunday school. This flag bears a star for every boy in service and is hung in the front of the church where it is easily seen by all who step inside. Each star causes our mind to go up in earnest prayer for each boy they signify. God help us to pray more earnestly for our boys in service, as they fight for our liberty and freedom. May we ever be praying for God to give them wisdom and strength for each task.

Rev. J. M. Smith, of West Frankfort, Illinois, was with us last week-end and brought us some wonderful soul-stirring messages. We are expecting to have him with us again soon. Bro. Smith was a wonderful helper in our recent revival along with Rev. Jack Kettelman who preached during this period.

May we all join together in a united prayer for our nation and our blessed denomination. God be with us, give us liberty!

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Mill Creek Church Myrtle, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As God has blessed us so wonderfully we want to write and tell you about it.

First, we want to thank the Lord for the Association held with our little church at Myrtle, Missouri. We were so afraid we couldn't take care of the Association as we should. We went in with our heads bowed and our hearts humble, and, praise the Lord, we came out victorious for the Lord was with us all of the time. Such wonderful messages throughout the week made us long for the time when gatherings like these will go on throughout eternity.

We were so built up in the Lord our revival continued on, with Bro. Mark Lewis and our good pastor, Bro. Harry Beatty, conducting the services. Every one felt the spirit of the Lord and was submissive to His will. We witnessed thirteen conversions, eight of whom united with our church and were baptized by Bro. Harry Beatty. We feel much stronger in our church now. We want to tell you people that we had a wonderful helper. Bro. Lewis is really a kind friend and an old fashioned preacher in an up-to-date way. He was loved by all who knew him. We are looking for him

to come again some day. Our hearts are left sad because so many we loved are yet away from the Lord, but we are still trusting our Saviour hoping some day they will accept the Lord before it is too late.

We are so glad to see the names of our boys in service in our paper, knowing that they can hear from us.

We have organized a young people's league, giving them a chance to study the Bible and train them better for the future. Almost all of them are Christians. We sure are proud of them. We want to lead them in the pathes of righteousness by our lives and prayers.

Pray for us that we will be found faithful.

Yours for the Lord,

— Ora Clark, Clerk.

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Report of Antioch Association Of Arkansas

Dear Gem Family:

I will write a few lines and give a partial report of Antioch Association which met the second Sunday in October with Oak Grove Church, on Isabell Creek, 10 miles north of Atkins, Arkansas.

It was a success from the first session. Several resolutions were passed. Also, the churches accepted the Dicipline of the Church which was presented to the Association one year ago. We had Rev. Forrest from the Arkansas Association and Rev. Duncan of Kansas City as visiting members. The Association elected the writer, Joseph D. Coffman, as the evangelist for the next year.

One of the things that I want to report was an ordination service that took place on Sunday. There were seven young men, all seated in a group together with their wives (except one) and received their charge together. All of them except one belonged to the church where the association was held. Well, you should have been there if you like shouting. It lasted about two hours. I have already placed two of these young preachers on a work and hope to place the others soon.

Yours for Service,

— Joseph D. Coffman.

Woman's Auxiliary Work At Flat River, Missouri

We read, "If God be for us who can be against us." As women workers of the Auxiliary of the church our aim and our hope is nothing less than to make our denomination grow and glow and to glorify the name and the cause of our Lord and Savior. We have our lives on the altar of service and sacrifice that we might see the lost brought to Christ as home missionaries. I am happy to know such a Savior that comes in spirit and power in heavenly places on each. For moments and hours we are so close to Him we can almost see His face. I am so glad there's nothing that can come between us and our Savior if we occupy the place that the Lord has for us. Jesus said, "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Our Southeast Missouri-St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Aulsbury Chapel church October 2nd and 3rd. The Woman's Auxiliaries from the Flat River and St. Louis churches had charge of the service and program on Friday night October 2nd. Our hearts were blessed and we were drawn closer to the Lord by his good spirit.

—Gussie Hamblen, Cor. Sec'y.
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Report of East Texas Woman's Auxiliary Convention

On September 29, 1942, The East Texas Woman's Auxiliary Convention was entertained at Fellowship Church. Delegates from two churches met with us and a well planned program was carried out.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President.....Tommie Franklin
First Vice President.....Mrs. Era Grant
Second Vice President..Mrs. Amanda Kester
Third Vice President.....Anna Reed
Fourth Vice President.....Mrs. Lee Poole
Fifth Vice President, Mrs. Bonnie J. Hardy

—Anna Reed, Reporter.

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Oh, How Will The Landing Be?

By C. C. Thorp, Blue Eye, Mo.

We are sailing out on life's ocean today,
No matter what e'er be-tide;
Your ship at the landing you'll anchor some
day:

Oh, brother, be sure of your guide.

CHORUS

The landing, oh, how will the landing be?
Are you seeking the harbor of light?
Oh, sinner, come now to the Savior and bow
And your landing will be alright.

Tho' the billows seem rough and the way
is so drear,

He is constantly watching your bark;
He will give you relief, rest, joy, and sweet
peace,

If you'll only give Him your heart.

There's a light all the way to the home of
the soul

That is shining from heaven above;
Oh, the glories, I'm told, this light to be-
hold,

'Tis Jesus, the gift of God's love.

Sinner, take Him today as your Saviour and
Guide,

Let Him make your soul white and pure;
Accept of His love in His bright home
above,

And your landing will be secure.

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Who Will Be Your Pilot?

By C. C. Thorp, Blue Eye, Mo.

You may spurn the Christ of Calvary,

As you walk the pathway of life;
You may drink your fill of sin's bitter cup,
Which brings only sorrow and strife;

But what will you do when the pathway
ends,

At the chasm deep and wide
And the glitter and gleam of your senseless
dream

Fades away like an outgoing tide?

You may sell your soul for muck called gold,

As you haunt the halls of fame,
You may revel in your selfish pride,

As you play life's solemn game.
But what will you do when the light grows
dim;

And the sun of even-tide,
Fades away in the west of life's last day,
On the ocean of death so wide?

An ancient sage once penned these lines,
(And it sounds the warning cry)

"It is not all of life to live," said he,

"Nor all of death to die."
But the way you live as you tread the path
Will determine for you a Guide;

That will pilot your soul to its eternal abode
From time's shore to the other side.

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Rev. H. S. Ford, Picher, Oklahoma ..	\$2.00	Ladies Aid, Free Union Church of N. C.,	5.00
Mrs. John A. Sawyer, Colombia, N. C.,	2.25	Union District Auxiliary Convention	
Missouri State Association	179.26	of Georgia	25.00
Ladies' Auxiliary, Bryan, Texas	5.00	Loyal Chapel Auxiliary of	
Mrs. Jack Bullard, Bryan, Texas	3.00	Colombia, Tennessee	25.00
Young Peoples League, Tulsa, Okla.	10.00	Daublin Grove Church Auxiliary,	
Bear Point Sunday School of Illinois, 10.00		Royal, North Carolina	2.00
From Sale of Missionary Pictures		Mrs. J. J. Everton, Columbia, N. C. ..	1.00
by Marie Thomas	1.10	Berry Puryear, Springdale, Arkansas, ..	1.25
Nat'l. Woman's Auxiliary Convention, 30.00		Mrs. Alma McDonald, Damascus, Ga. ..	5.00
Ladies' Aid of Open Pond Church		Cumberland Association of Tennessee, ..	200.00
of Georgia	5.00	Olivet Church of Tennessee	21.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C. ..	2.00	Salem Church of Georgia	5.80
Mt. Vernon Church of Illinois	2.00	Bellevue Church of Georgia	5.00

Report of Missouri Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer, Monett, Mo.

Foreign Mission Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hartfield	
Greenfield, Missouri	25.00
Will Price, Arcola, Missouri	1.00
True Blue Class, Mt. Olive (Neola) S.S.,	1.00
Drill Offering, Mt. Olive (Neola) S.S.,	7.06
Florence Harper, Greenfield, Missouri,	1.00
Shibleys Point Church	1.26
Independance Church	23.50
Pleasant Grove Church	5.67
Buffalo Sunday School	1.62
Flat River Auxiliary	15.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School	3.60
Rock Chapel	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allison, Cassville,	8.00
Blue Eye Church	1.81
Monett Church	6.31
Flat River Church	32.50
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A SPECIAL ARTICLE

America's Most Dangerous Saboteur

By Dr. Ira M. Hargett, Pastor Fourth Avenue Methodist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

Editor's Note — As many other editors of church papers have published this article for the benefit of their people, we are doing likewise.

I indict the American Liquor Traffic as our most dangerous saboteur because it is a wanton waster of essential war materials. It is a wanton waster of food, gas, rubber, trucks, and man-power.

"Food is an essential war material" — stated President Roosevelt on January 7, 1942. This essential war material is being used up in large quantities in the making of alcoholic liquor that does nobody any good and does harm to all who use it. Abraham Lincoln was right when he said, "Liquor might have defenders but no defense." He never drank. On December 9, 1869, the great and good Robert E. Lee, speaking to the students of Washington College said, "My experience through life has convinced me that, while moderation and temperance in all things are commendable and beneficial, abstinence from spirituous liquors is the best safeguard to morals and health."

Vast quantities of food stuffs, wheat, rye, barley, rice, corn, molasses and sugar are being used to make booze to make our soldiers and workers drunk, to befuddle their brains and reduce their efficiency at the front and in the factory. "Food," says the President, "is an essential war material" and it should be conserved, not wasted. When anyone wastes food in war-time and by that wastage weakens man-power, isn't such an one a saboteur and a traitor to his country?

Rubber, gasoline, trucks, and cars are essential war materials too, so essential that they are being rationed to our people that they may be conserved for war use; and yet the American Liquor Traffic is using up vast quantities of rubber, gas, trucks and cars in their business, which is not only non-essential but positively harmful to our soldiers, our sailors, and war

workers. It irks and irritates me terribly to see these big beer and whiskey trucks on our streets, fully equipped with new rubber tires while some of our honest, God-fearing citizens are having to put their cars up for the duration. In the name of democracy, I ask why should the breweries and distilleries be given priority rights to use essential war materials in this national crisis while the rest of us are rationed?

Tens of thousands of women are being taken out of their homes and put into industry while their husbands and sons are going to war. At the same time, the Liquor Traffic is employing half a million people in its business of wasting vital food products and man-power. Let the wanton waste of food and men through the liquor business be stopped.

At a time when the Secretary of Agriculture and other government officials are making impassioned pleas against all food wastage, I say it is a high crime for the Liquor Traffic to use up billions of pounds of food stuffs, countless numbers of trucks and cars, and hundreds of thousands of men in their nefarious business of wanton waste of men and materials. I don't wonder that just this week the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church voted to ask President Roosevelt to close immediately all distilleries and breweries and all establishments for the wholesale and retail distribution of alcoholic beverages for the duration of the war. Why not?

I indict the Liquor Traffic as America's most dangerous saboteur on the charge that it is a dispenser of poison to our men in the service and those working in the factories. Alcohol is a poison. It has poisoned and killed millions, some quickly, some slowly.

How do we know alcohol is a poison? The scientists and chemists and laboratories so declare, Dr. August Ley, famous Belgian scientist, says, "Without doubt, alcohol is a poison." Sir Victor Halsey of London

says, "Alcohol acts as a direct poison on the protoplasm of the heart muscles just in the same way as chloroform does." The late Sir Andrew Clark, M. C., said, "Alcohol is a poison; so is strychnine; so is arsenic; so is opium; it ranks with these. Health is always injured by it, benefitted never." Professor W. Lee Lewis of the Chemistry Department of Northwestern University says, "To intoxicate means to poison. Some poisons are instantly fatal, others slower, and others only accumulatively so."

The great scientist Thomas A. Edison said, "I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in a human brain is like putting sand into the bearings of an engine." Sometimes alcohol causes quick death and then the doctors write in the death certificate "death caused by acute alcoholism." More often alcohol acts as a slow poison which lowers the vitality of the body, reduces resistance to disease and opens the way to death. Dr. Arthur Hunter, actuary of the New York Life Insurance Co., after studying the records of sixty large companies, involving over two million persons, finds that even moderate drinkers of alcoholic liquors deduce life's expectancy from four to six years. Dr. Hunter figures that every drink costs the moderate drinker, not only the price on the counter, but twenty minutes of life.

Alcohol is a poison. That poison weakens the vital organs, shortens life, reduces efficiency of brain and muscle, lowers moral standards, undermines self-control, which opens the way to vice and crime and destroys spiritual values. Is there anyone who is so naive as to think a drinking soldier or sailor or airmen or workman is as efficient as one who does not drink?

Alcohol is a poison, whether in beer, wine, whiskey or what-not, and poisons weaken and destroy; and I say anyone who dispenses alcoholic poison to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and workmen in the most terrible war in our history, is a dangerous saboteur and public enemy, because alcohol slows up our war effort and reduces our striking power at a time when we need 100 per cent efficiency from farm to factory to front.

What amazes me is that the Government has put beer in the canteens in the soldier's camps. I know one camp that has eleven

such places dispensing this poison to young soldiers. The Brewer's Digest of May, 1941, said, "One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence by high ranking officers to make beer available at Army Camps. Here is a chance for brewers to cultivate the largest beer consumption section of our Washington, D. C., home of our government. population....."

Let me give you a shock. I take you to the place where the leaders of our nation reside, the men who are piloting the ship of state through this storm. Washington is the wettest spot in the nation. The per capita consumption of alcohol in the District of Columbia is almost twice that of the wettest State in the Union. In 1940, 4.26 gallons were consumed for every man, woman and child. Nevada, the wettest of all our States, consumed 2.65 gallons per person. In Washington, where they need the clearest heads, the steadiest nerves, and the highest morals, they are drinking the most booze. This war can be lost in the bar rooms and cocktail parties of our national capital as well as on the battlefields of Europe or Asia. God pity us.

Dr. Peter Marshall, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., in an address at Fort Knox recently said, "The Congressmen at Washington are too busy to go to church, but they are not too busy to attend the cocktail parties."

I declare to you that history indicts the Liquor Traffic as a saboteur and a traitor of men and nations. In the study of the struggles of nations and people since time began, it is positively startling to discover that alcoholic drink has played an amazing part in undermining and defeating practically every nation that has gone down.

The Bible tells us in 1 Kings 20:16-21 that Ahab surprised and defeated Benhadad, King of Syria, when he found him with thirty-two kings "drinking themselves drunk in their pavilions." That was 2800 years ago. The Bible tells us in Daniel 5 how Cyrus conquered Babylon on a night when Belshazzar and a thousand of his lords were having a big cocktail party. That was 2500 years ago.

Alexander the Great conquered the world and then booze and vice mowed him down at the age of 33. At first he was a tem-

perate man, but as his victories piled up they turned his head and he became a drunken beast. Plutarch, the historian, tells the sad story of his downfall through liquor. Alexander's end came in a carousal. Plutarch says "there he drank all the night and the next day till at last he found a fever coming upon him." And so he died in his debauch, one of the geniuses of history. He died of acute alcoholism at the age of 33. That was 2265 years ago.

When I was a boy I was taught that the Roman Empire was destroyed by the Goths, the Huns and the Vandals from the North, but I have learned better since. I have learned that Rome was drowned in her own booze vats. That was 1500 years ago.

History tells us the Normans spent the night in prayer before they won the battle of Hastings while the Anglo-Saxons devoted the night to drunkenness and debauch. That was 875 years ago.

It was on Christmas Eve, 1776, that our Brave American Patriots, led by George Washington, crossed the Delaware and won the Battle of Trenton when they surprised the Hessian soldiers, who were celebrating the season with drinking and feasting. That was 166 years ago.

The Battle of Waterloo was fought near Brussels in June, 1815, and brought to an end the career of the bloodiest butcher of his time. History tells us that Marshal Ney; retiring to his headquarters on the eve of the battle, "fell into a deep and prolonged sleep," after imbibing his favorite Burgundy too freely and "when he awokehe found himself apparently unable to give orders or to reach any decision." That was 127 years ago.

"In March, 1918, when the German forces were near enough to Paris to see the towers and that city seemed doomed, all at once the spearhead of the advance suddenly broke. No one could tell why....." What transpired, as afterwards reported by Prof. Haus Schmidt of Halle, a commanding officer on the west front, was that "the French had left a great supply of alcoholic drink as the surest means of retarding the German advance. Two whole divisions were found drunk ready to be cut down by the Allied troops....the wine-drenched German troops were simply mowed down by the enemy machine guns." That was twenty-four years ago. In that World War, David Lloyd

George, Prime Minister of Great Britain, said, "We are fighting Germany, Austria, and strong drink and the greatest of these is strong drink."

Alcoholic liquor has defeated more men, more armies, and more nations, than anything else from the dawn of history and time. It does seem that the lessons of history should serve as a warning to this generation against the greatest of all our enemies. When I see drunken soldiers staggering down the streets of Louisville or riding on the trains, it makes me afraid; afraid for them and afraid for our country. When I hear Secretary Knox, insisting the men of the Navy must not be denied their booze, it frightens me about the outcome of this war.

I am in favor of closing and padlocking every distillery, every brewery, every salon, every cocktail lounge, every booze joint and every house of shame for the duration of this war and do it on the ground of necessity as a war measure. The very heart and soul of democracy is the willingness of the citizens to sacrifice their own personal wishes and pleasures for the common good. If we are not willing to do that, our democracy is doomed.

Great moral questions are never settled until they are settled right. Repeal did not settle the liquor question. Thank God we are settling it in Kentucky. 60 of our 120 counties have voted dry. Let this crusade for God and humanity go forward until the liquor traffic be driven from our State and Nation.

————— 30 ————— A MOST URGENT TASK

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," is the scriptural admonition. The greatest and most effective cure for the juvenile crime wave sweeping America is a chain of Sunday Schools, teaching the youth of America of the Christ who alone is able to save. No less a person than General Perishing recently said, "The United States does not need more airplanes or weapons of warfare, but the greatest need is for an unbroken chain of Sunday Schools across the continent equal in number to our public schools."

—Mooly Monthly

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BRIDGEWATER—Sophia Rousser was born in the State of Ohio in October, 1885, and departed this life at the home of Mrs. Nannie Martin of Neola, Missouri, on September 23, 1942. She came to Missouri when a child, remaining the rest of her life in this state.

She was married to Rev. Tom Bridgewater some sixty years ago. Her husband preceded her in death by 55 years and then made her home with Rev. and Mrs. Hiram Seward. Upon their deaths she came to live with their daughter, Mrs. Nannie Martin. There she made her home for many years, residing as one of the family and was tenderly cared for all this time.

Sophia lost her vision 20 years ago, but despite her affliction she was cheerful and anxious to do those things she was able to do.

She was converted when young in years and remained steadfast in the faith until the end. She became a member of the Free Will Baptist church 60 years ago.

She will be sincerely missed by family and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Olive church September 24, with Rev. Lowell Martin officiating. Interment in Pleasant Grove cemetery.

HOLLAND—It was early in the morning of August 11th that the Spirit of Sister Hazel Bates Holland took its flight to the realities of the world beyond. She was born in Halstead, Kansas, January 23rd, 1896.

When but a small girl, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bates, moved to Jefferson, Oklahoma. It was during her childhood that she gave her life to the Lord and united with the Methodist Church. After her marriage to Mr. Emmett Holland of Edge, Texas, she united with the Free Will Baptist Church and lived a very consistent and useful Christian life until her demise.

Her activities were in the realm of teaching in the Sunday School, serving as secretary, as church pianist, as a personal worker and as a worker in the Woman's Auxiliary.

Sister Holland leaves to mourn her going a husband, Emmett Holland; one son, Emmett Milton; one daughter, Edna Lee; a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bates; and one brother, Norris. To the husband and children we would say, "Weep not as those who have no hope, for surely your loss is her eternal gain."

The majority of the past few months was spent in hospitals, and her last days were spent in the Wilkerson Memorial Clinic of Bryan, Texas. All was done for her that skilled doctors and nurses together with kind hands of hosts of friends and loved ones could do.

Her funeral was conducted at four o'clock p. m., August 11 by the writer and her remains were laid to rest in the Community Cemetery to await the coming in the air of the Lord Jesus to claim His Bride.

Written by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

HIS LOVE — THE TIE

When Hudson Taylor, the beloved founder of the China Inland Mission, was staying in the home of a friend on one occasion, his host asked him: "But are you always conscious of abiding in Christ?"

"While sleeping last night," replied Mr. Taylor, "Did I cease to abide in your home because I was unconscious of the fact? We should never be conscious of not abiding in Christ."

I change, He changes not;

The Christ can never die:

His truth, not mine, the resting place;

His love not mine, the tie."

— Selected.

HUMILITY

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble.

It is never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed.

It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord where I can go in and shut the door and pray to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.

— Andrew Murray.

What Liquor Has Done

Has drained more blood,
Has hung more crepe,
Sold more homes,
Flung more people into bankruptcy,
Armed more villians,
Slain more children,
Snapped more wedding rings,
Defiled more innocence,
Blinded more eyes,
Dethroned more reason,
Wrecked more manhood,
Dishonored more womanhood,
Broken more hearts,
Blasted more lives,
Driven more to suicide,
And dug more graves than any other poi-
soned scourge that ever swept its death-
dealing waves across the world.

— From *The Free Will Landmark*

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AMERICA AWAKE

Beloved America, Awake!

For mighty foes are threatening thee,
Thy very being is at stake,
With all thy blood-bought liberty.

While dangers loom across the sea
Still greater dangers lurk within;
Man's greatest foe will ever be
That devastating monster—sin.

This nation, born of faith and prayer
And founded on the Holy Word,
So blessed by nature's bounties rare—
This nation has forgotten God.

We yet must learn that right is might
And truth is stronger than the sword,
Oh patriots true, awake, unite
To call our nation back to God.

Mrs. W. A. Vroman.

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THE UNITY OF FAITH

"In honor preferring one another."

Within the Church there are today,
The old, the young; the babe alway;
Many talents in one may be;
In others only one, two, or three.

Enviorns differ; 'tis plain to see,
Ability too; that's bound to be.
What one is taught—the false or true;
Where one is wrought has much to do.

Reading the Word, the babes are blind,
Where elders read deep truths sublime.
Babes should not limit the elder's vision,
Nor elders hold babes in derision.

When Christ returns, perfect we'll be
And eye to eye we then shall see.
One-ness of Spirit serves us better
Than one-ness of faith upon the letter.

— From *The Gospel Messenger*

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THE MARTYR'S REWARD

One day the heaven opened
With glory shining through,
Revealing God's white city
Beyond the starry blue,
And Stephen,—dying martyr,
Looked up with eyes aglow,
And caught that glimpse of glory
One day, long, long ago.

He saw the Christ of Calvary
At God's right hand above,
He heard the angels singing
Their songs of peace and love,
Forgotten—all the suffering
Of cruel blows and pain,
A victor's crown up yonder,
Eternal life—his gain.

Brave Stephen! Holy Martyr!
Thy faith in Christ sublime,
Stands like the rock of Ages
Against the tides of time,
For thee—the heavens opened
Beyond the starry blue
And when the gates swing outward
Thy ransomed soul passed through!

— From *The Gospel Messenger*

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THE PIG RAN AWAY

"One evening in October
When I was far from sober,
And dragging home a load with manly pride,
My feet began to stutter;
So I lead down in the gutter
And a pig came by and parked right by
my side.

"Then I warbled, "It's fair weather
When good fellows get together,"
Then a lady passing by was heard to say,
'You can tell a man who boozes
By the company he chooses,'
And the pig got up and quickly ran away."
— Selected.