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The Free Will Baptist Church of Sciotoale, Ohio was organized by Rev. John Yeley, Rev. W. J. Sheppard, and Rev. Frank Haney on November 12, 1929 with 16 charter members. On April 23, 1930, the members of the church held a meeting to see about building a new building. Lot No. 71 in Mathiott addition was bought for \$300. On June 3, 1930, the building was started. The Corner Stone was laid September 7, 1930 and on February 9, 1941, the building was dedicated with a membership of more than a hundred.



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HOW READEST THOU

It is one thing to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read to learn and do.
Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay little heed.
Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek;
While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how they read, nor
where.
Some read to bring themselves into
repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read because their neigh-
bors do,
To see how long 'twill take to read it
through.
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there,
How David killed a lion and a bear;
While others read it with uncommon care
Hoping to find some contradictions there.
Some read it as if it did not speak to
them,
But to the people of Jerusalem.
One reads with father's specs upon his
head,
And sees the thing just as father said.
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed.
Hence understand but little that they
read;
For every passage in the Book they bend
To make it suit that all-important end.
Some people read I have often thought,
To teach the Book instead of being taught
And some there who read it out of spite,
I fear there are but few who read it right.
But read it prayerfully and you will see.
Altho' men contradict, God's words agree
For what the early Bible prophets wrote,
We find Christ and His apostles quote.
So trust no creed that trembles to recall
What has been penned by one and veri-
fied by all.



GOSPEL SERMONS



The Holy Spirit As Fire

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Matt. 3:11 "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

There are many symbols used in the Word of God to describe the works of the Spirit. The symbols used are: oil, water, power, wind, breath, but one of the most common is fire. Fire, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, warms, purifies, softens and illuminates ones heart and life.

The Holy Spirit Warms

"I am warm, I have seen the fire" Isa. 44:16. We need the Divine Fire to warm our cold hearts. Throughout the world today, we have too many professed Christians whose hearts are cold. We have plenty of coal and wood, but there isn't sufficient sparks of fire to even warm our hearts which will cause us to be of service to God. There is an absence of love for souls, fervor in prayer, zeal in hearts of men and women today. The question comes to us "Why are such conditions existing?" the reason is that we need the Holy Spirit to warm our hearts, to set us on fire for God.

In the message to the Laodicean Church, John wrote, "I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" Rev. 3:15, 16. Oh, for the fire that warms our hearts. If we're not blazing, we are freezing. What we need today is the real fire to warm our hearts, enabling us to be valuable in the Lord's service. With a warmed heart we can lead the lost to Christ.

The Holy Spirit Purifies

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the



Mrs. Marie Hyatt

appearing of Jesus Christ" 1st Peter 1:7. How does the Holy Spirit purify? He purifies by separation. As the Holy Spirit burns within our hearts, there is a purifying process going on which separates and burns all the dross of earthly love that exists. "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as silver and gold, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" Mal. 3:3. As a refiner separates the dross from the metal until he can see his image in the molten metal, so will the Holy Spirit in our lives until He can see the love of Christ in our hearts. "God is love"; therefore with the love of Christ in our hearts we will have love for lost souls.

The Holy Spirit will purify our hearts

and lives from evil dross which Satan places before us which will enable us to be better servants in our Master's great vineyard. Oh, that, today, throughout the ranks of professed Christian people, there could be a purifying process going on in their hearts. Much of the evil in our churches would be ended then. If only Christian folk could take these words,

"Burn, burn O love within my heart;
Burn fiercely night and day.
Till all the dross of earthly loves
Is burned and burned away."

Hearts, people, churches, cities, even the world would be purified. The Holy Spirit penetrates and warms our hearts, thereby causes our lives to be fruitful.

The Holy Spirit Softens

"For God maketh my heart soft" Job 23:16. The difficulty, today, is that our hearts are too hard for God to use. There is a need of our stony hearts being broken up, so that they might be mellow and soft. Our hearts are so hard at times we cannot even speak in a kind manner to our associates. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" Prov. 15:1. We cannot give soft answers with a hard heart, therefore we need a softened heart to enable us to be kind. "Be ye kind one to another." A kind word is often times the means of leading a lost soul to Christ.

If you go to the steel works, one can see the cold, hard iron, as it is plunged in the fiery furnace, then it runs out as a molten stream and the moulder can shape the metal as he desires. So then, the Holy Spirit can break up our hard hearts and mould us as He would have us to be. We are too hard for God to use, but the Holy Spirit can soften our hearts which makes us suitable servants that can be used by God. Oh, that our hearts might be softened so we could be greater soul winners for our Master.

The Holy Spirit Illuminates

"In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire" Psalms 78:14. The Holy Spirit illuminates our pathway by leading us day by day. If only we would follow His leadership we would not stray because He

lights the way before us. We have no need to walk in darkness because the Holy Spirit is ready to lead us into paths of righteousness.

"He was a burning and a shining light" John 5:35. He, John the Baptist, was a bright and shining light. He was a witness for Jesus Christ. We, too, can be a bright and shining light if we will let the Holy Spirit illuminate our hearts and lives. He throws light upon our path.

First, He throws light upon the Word of God. It is He who has the power to open our eyes that we may know the wondrous truths in His divine Word. There are times that we read the Bible and fail to see the wondrous truth therein. Then, when we read it at another time we discover this great truth and we say, "Well, I never saw that before." This proves that the influence of the Holy Spirit opened our eyes, enabling us to comprehend the hidden truths. With a clearer understanding of His Word, we are better equipped to help lost men and women to find Christ precious to their sin-sick souls.

Second, He throws light on our pathway of life. He is the guide to help us when problems and difficulties beset our lives. He is capable of leading us aright. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come" John 16:13.

"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." The Holy Spirit as fire will warm, purify, soften and illuminate our hearts and lives which enables us to be the means of leading the lost to Christ. With all the dross removed from our hearts, we can be shining lights for Jesus Christ. Oh, that our hearts could be blazing with love for our Master. May we not, as Christian people, let the Holy Spirit warm, purify, soften and illuminate our hearts.

Ruts — and Graves

Too many churches are in a rut. Someone has said, many years ago, that a grave is a rut made deeper.

Leaving All to Follow Jesus

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Scripture Lesson; Mark 10:17-31

Text; Mark 10:28

The scene found here is that of the Rich Young Ruler coming to Jesus, running. We as sinners had to come running to Jesus before we could find salvation. Evidently this young man had heard much of Jesus and His teachings as he called Him "Good Master" when addressing Him. Having come to Jesus, this young man confronted Him with the question, "What shall I do that I may inherit life?" Jesus answered him with these words, "You know all the ten commandments?" To which the young ruler replied "Master I have kept all these from my youth." He was then violating the first one, for he had another God before Jesus, that God was his wealth. When Jesus told him that he must part with his riches and possessions, he went away sorrowing for he had many possessions.

As Jesus told the rich man in those days, so is He telling you today, that you should sell all your possessions of worldly things and be willing to do whatever God calls you to do. When we hear of Jesus we should come running and ask, "What can we do?" or even more personal, "What can I do?" Then if we follow Jesus' command by doing what He says do, He said He will repay us one-hundred fold.

What must we leave to follow Jesus?

This is a question that no doubt many of you are asking. Peter said, "Lo we have left all" All! A-L-L *Everything!* That is what we must be willing to leave. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew they were fishing, but they immediately threw down their nets and followed Jesus.

Have you, as Christians, forsaken all, thrown down your work, to follow Jesus? Have you been willing to say as Samuel said, "Here am I, Lord, send me?" Peter and Andrew did not say, "Lord send John and Jim Jones, they can do it better than we, but they threw down their nets and followed Jesus. They did not ask Christ, "What will it profit us, or what will you give us to follow thee?" No, they knew



Rev. Paul J. Kettelman

that God would care for them now that He had called them, or He would never have called them in the first place.

Oh, that calling of God is wonderful. That calling that He extends to sinners admonishing them to follow Him. "It is not the will of God that any should perish but that *all* should come to repentance." And before this repentance can take place, the person being dealt with must be willing to follow Jesus and forsake all that he has. He must be willing to say "no" to the things of the world, and "yes" to God's plan for us. He must not look back as Israel looked back to the flesh pots of Egypt, so he must not look back to the old, sinful, lustful, careless, carefree ways of the world; for Jesus has said, "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looking back is not fit for the Kingdom of Heaven". Therefore, when we come to Jesus we must say "Goodbye Sin" for there is not room for sin and God in your life. To many of the so called Christians of today are trying to hold on to the things of the world with

one hand and onto Jesus with the other. If you are this day trying to hold on to both the world and God, let me, as one of God's servants, warn you to turn loose the things that deprive you from living as near to God as is possible. In 1st John 2:15 we are warned to "love not the world neither the things that are in the world for if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him".

This is good, plain and "straight from the shoulder" language that St. John is giving us. It is nothing but foolishness to love the world more than God, and then expect God to save you. When God calls a man, He wants all of the man. He does not want merely a part of him.

Why must we leave all to follow Jesus?

Another great question is "Why must we leave all to follow Jesus?" We must leave all to follow Jesus for one reason as stated in Christ's own words in Matt. 10:28, "He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me." If we are to be a true follower of Jesus Christ, we must pick up whatever cross He has for us and follow after Him. He tells us in Luke 14:27, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

Oh, that more of us could see the need of bearing Jesus' Cross. Young people of today when many of them are asked if they wish to be a Christian, they answer with this, "yes, when I get older and get ready to settle down, I will be willing to accept Jesus then." They cannot see the beauty of a good clean Christian life. They cannot feel the joy that fills one's heart and life when one has been saved, or at any time when the Spirit gives the Christian's soul a special anointing.

How must we leave all to follow Jesus?

"If I leave all, How do I do it?" This is the next question. We must be happy to forsake the things of the world, and the sinful amusements. The things of the world, many times, make us very happy, and some of the hardest sinners shout and throw their hats in the air at the Sunday baseball game, but you just let some good old sister in the church shout on the account of the anointing of the Spirit and everyone will make fun of her for acting

like she did. When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, everyone thought they were drunk on the account of the way they were "carrying on". The Bible tells us to "rejoice evermore". Then we should "joyfully" forsake all to follow Jesus. We should not only leave all joyfully but wholeheartedly too. In Rom. 12:1, Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." By wholeheartedly we mean do it by giving your entire body, "present your bodies a living sacrifice". Paul says it is only our reasonable service. We cannot repay the Lord Jesus Christ for His death on the cross, which brought about our redemption, but we can forsake all and wholeheartedly follow Him.

What is to be the result if we leave all to follow Jesus?

Perhaps the next and last question you have in your mind is the same question that the Apostle Peter had in his mind in Matt. 19:27, "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee, what shall we therefore have?" Jesus answered him by saying that every one that followed Him, then would He repay a hundred-fold and also they would receive everlasting life. He gave them a test for discipleship in these few words found in St. Luke 9:23, "and he said to them all, If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world and lose himself or be cast away?"

Are *you* willing to forsake all and follow Jesus?

LIKE BEGETS LIKE

A mother went to the back door and called to her children playing in the yard. "I want you children to stop that quarreling and scrapping."

"We're not quarreling," one replied, "we're playing Pop and Mom."

Study Outline to the Epistle to the Colossians

This outline was printed in *The Free Will Echo* and used by Rev. Raymond Riggs as a study course in the Adult Bible Class in the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan.

Colosse was a small city about one hundred miles east of Ephesus. Paul had not been there himself (Col. 2:1), but the church had been founded by a companion and fellow servant of Paul's, Epaphras, probably one of his converts (Col. 1:7; 4:12-13; Phile. 23).

The letter to the Colossians was written during Paul's imprisonment at Rome, at the same time as the letter to the Ephesians. Epaphras had come to Rome, bringing news from Colosse (Col. 1:7-8). There were many tokens of divine grace, but a dangerous heresy was disturbing the church, a mixture of Judaism and oriental speculation (Col. 2:8). The heresy was based on a real longing of the human soul, but it obscured the glory of Christ by introducing other things beside His work into the plan of salvation, namely the mediation of angels, ritualistic rites and ascetic practices (2:18-19). Paul refutes these errors by exalting Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, as the all-sufficient Saviour and Lord. His theme may be defined as the Church's completeness in Christ (Col. 2:9-10).

Sentence Sermons

Drink does not drown your troubles—it floats them.

The steady drinker soon becomes unsteady.

The man who says he can "drink or let it alone," always drinks; and the man who "takes one now and then," takes more now than he did then.

Even if you get the best whiskey, it will get the best of you.

If you don't do more than you are paid for, you won't get paid for more than you do.

Be a dogmatic preacher, but never be bull-dog-matic preacher.—Grace and Truth.

Analysis

I Doctrinal—The Glory of the Person of Christ (Chapters 1 and 2).

1. Paul's prayer for the saints (1:1-14). Thanksgiving and petition for their spiritual progress.
2. The pre-eminence of Jesus Christ (1:15-23). The Supreme dignity of His Person (v. 15-19). The glorious Purpose of His Work (v. 20-23).
3. Paul's work for the saints (1:24-2:7). Sharing in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of the Church.
4. The sufficiency of Christ. (2:8-23) The fulness of God is communicated to the saints through Christ. In Him they are complete (v. 8-15), and free (v. 16-23).

II Practical—The fullness of life in Christ (Chapters 3 and 4).

1. The general principle (3:1-4).
2. The general application (3:5-17). Putting off the old man (v. 5-11). Putting on the new man (v. 12-17).
3. The special application (3:18-4:1). The Christian household (3:18-4:1). The Christian life (4:2-6).
4. The personal conclusion (4:7-18).

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Interesting People

An Editorial Feature

The creation of this department in *The Gem* is an editorial feature designed to produce some vital reading interests among Church people regarding some very noble and interesting Christian characters who shall be honored on this page. For further interest, this department is carried on without the knowledge of those who are honored here, from month to month.

There are some very interesting people among us who are content to live and labor on unpraised. Among those are Mrs. Caroline Blackwell of Niangua, Mo. It is quite in order here to ask the forbearance of Mrs. Blackwell for having secured her picture and this story without her permission or knowledge.

Mrs. Caroline Blackwell has been a Free Will Baptist for eighty years, having been a member of only one church, and that in the community where she now resides. Although the church has moved its Site three times, Mrs. Blackwell always remained a faithful and supporting member. If the Lord will be gracious to permit her to live to see September 7, 1943, she will have lived ninety-five years. She became a Christian when but fourteen years old.

She lives in the community where she reared her family. Having been born in an adjoining community, she has never traveled afar, consequently, she is known, respected, and loved by everyone in her community and in adjoining communities.

Her zeal for the Lord and the Church has been remarkable. She always looked forward to "meeting day," and could hardly wait. She taught the "Card Class" in Sunday School for many years. The late Rev. C. E. Mann leaves this written testimony concerning her: "Each meeting day finds her in her pew, ready with prayer, song, her presence, and her finance to encourage the preacher and church leaders, and to assist in the spiritual life and interest of the church. To sit in her presence and listen to her story of the growth of the church, its trials, and its victories, is a



Mrs. Caroline Blackwell

source of real inspiration. Many a minister has gone from her presence with a grander and richer experience; with a better understanding of Christian experience, and the rich rewards gained for faithful service."

Brother Mann then touched an outstanding chord of heavenly harmony in his key-note expression: "Sister Blackwell's interest in the church work is a treasure passed on to her family, and in the service they render she finds a rich reward." God be praised for the rewards of mercy to those who obey Him as expressed in the second commandment, "For I the Lord thy God am a zealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me; and showing *MERCY* unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments" Exodus 20:5. The Blackwell generations are respected and honored citizens and by far the majority of them are church supporters.

Mrs. Blackwell has been a continual subscriber to *The Gem* ever since its foundation more than fifteen years ago.

She is presented, in the picture, standing beside the Amity Free Will Baptist Church where she is a member and worshipper.

There are two other interesting persons

booked to be honored on this page. They are unaware of it. The editor will appreciate the assistance of anyone who will furnish a story and picture of some outstanding person, who is otherwise unpraised, providing this may be done without their knowledge of it.

The National Association

Enterprise Department

High-Lights of the 1943 Session

Editorial

The 1943 Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., July 12—15, according to schedule. About the usual number of constituent bodies were represented either by ordained authority or laity representation. One general body petitioned for membership in the National Association which was graciously granted.

This session of the National Association may well be characterized by the words "profitable" and "progressive." The very harmonious session was a beautiful manifestation of the co-operative ability of Free Will Baptists. The coming from the East, West, North, and South to assemble together each year has created an understanding of one another as a basis of fellowship in Christ among Free Will Baptists. This is profitable because it leads to progress in the Cause of Christ represented by the denomination.

The report of the National Executive Secretary, herewith published, shows an increase in the support of enterprises in the whole denomination of more than 100% over last year. It is to be remembered, here, that last year was a 100% increase over the year before, and that the year before was a 100% increase over the year before that. It is predicted by those who have their fingers on the pulse of the denomination that an increase of 60% to

100% in the support of the whole program may well be expected this year. Free Will Baptists are learning the value of co-operative effort on a basis of fellowship in Christ.

The Foreign Mission department zoomed like a skyrocket during the past year. The high-lights of this work is that Miss Barnard is going back to India and other missionaries are prepared and ready to see foreign service, and a Bible School is authorized to be established in Cuba. The Board of Foreign Missions asked for \$2,000 for this cause and the National Association jumped beyond these bounds and appropriated \$5,000. For further information regarding the foreign mission cause sponsored by Free Will Baptists, see the "Missionary Department" of this issue of *The Gem*.

The department of Christian Education did not submit anything for publicity in this issue of *The Gem*. However, the Bible College is growing, and the National Association authorized the Trustees of the College to proceed with negotiations necessary to purchase a \$14,000 property across the street from the college which is to be utilized in the enlargement of the school work.

The cause of Superannuation came to the front with a very acceptable plan of protective service to young ministers, shared 50—50 by the ministers protected, against the future day of their disability

and retirement. A constitution and by-laws which govern the course of action in this plan were adopted, and are published in the "Protective and Benevolent Superannuation" department of this issue of *The Gem*, together with an approved constitution for adoption by state and district associations which sets up the plan of benevolent service to the aged and retired ministers. The whole plan is most ideal and worthy of ardent support.

The Executive department was authorized to establish its office in Nashville, Tenn. with a full-time Executive Secretary. Rev. Henry Melvin was elected to this office, but his resignation created a vacancy which was necessarily filled by the Executive Committee of the General Board in the election of Rev. Robert B. Crawford. An article devoted to this publicity will be

published in next issue.

All the departments of the denominational work is on firm, reliable ground and is going forward in a dynamic ministry worthy of the name with the expression of the Home Mission department which is, incidentally, on the wrong foot for progressive movement. Its ideal is perfect, but its working plans are imperfect. It is the high hopes that proper plans may be inaugurated which will turn the Home Mission department loose for the noble ministry for which it was constituted.

The worship services during the association were outstanding. Dr. Bob Jones, founder and president of Bob Jones College in Tennessee; Rev. L. R. Ennis, retiring Executive Secretary; and Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba preached very inspiring messages.

Report of National Executive Secretary

Rev. L. R. Ennis, Retiring Executive Secretary, Goldsboro, N. C.

Another year of delightful history has been written by Free Will Baptists of the United States. Surely the Lord is among us and we know it; let every heart be glad! A unity of experience, faith, and method is proclaiming victories of eternal significance. Diverse obstructions, such as; imperfect organization, new and untried working plans, inefficient leadership, sparsity of population, inadequate means of communication, varied traditions, pre-occupation, and sin—all lead to the rational conclusion that Free Will Baptists are basically inconsistent and destined to fail. But I dissent. There is one evidential fact which changes the whole perspective—Jesus is alive among us. Yea, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Has He not been the source of our power and wisdom? Let the achievements speak.

The Unified Program Fund is now an established financial system. Its gains for the past year justify the wisdom of its inauguration. There has been a total of \$3,841.44 received and \$2,972.50 allocated to the respective boards during the year. This system is a growing revelation of the co-operative ability of Free Will Baptists.

The Bible College and Foreign Missions reveal a trend in the thinking of our people. Trained Christian workers, who see the whole world as their field of labor, is our grand objective. The school and the mission field should be inseparable. The receipts of the College show a total of \$18,139.03 since the first of last July and the Foreign Mission treasury a total of \$8,769.71. We should be reverently thankful.

Seven sessions of the Christian Workers' Institute have been held in five states of the National Association since our last national meeting. An enrollment of 185, with 135 receiving certificates or diplomas, attended these sessions as registered students. In addition to 420 hours spent in class work, evangelistic services were held, promotional itineraries and rallies conducted, and general meetings attended. Collections for the work of the Association as a whole in the amount of \$811.18 were received; and the actual cost, in salaries and expenses, of all institute work for the year amounted to \$796.50. The Christian Workers' Institute is the most potent promotional factor in existence among Free Will Baptists.

The responsibilities and duties of the Executive Office have steadily increased since its inception three years ago. The past year has been a delightful but difficult one; and, regrettably, may I say, physical strength has been too inadequate. Strictest economy has been enforced in all the functions of the office, as the following figures will show: Amount drawn from standing boards \$ 2,500; amount received in offerings and in registration fees from Institute students \$387.33; Total received \$2,887.33. The cost of maintaining the Executive Office for the year has been \$1,672.07. It is only proper that I inform this body of the liberality of my pastorate in the support of this great Cause. There has been forwarded to the treasuries of our various interprises by my churches \$1,258.67, or \$58.67 more than the Association

has paid me for the past year. I desire to go on record in this report as favoring only the election of ministers to office in this National Association who lead their churches in supporting the entire program of the Association.

It is delightful beyond measure that our records show an increase again this year of over 100 per cent increase above the receipts of last year. We report to this Association the receipt of \$31,469.03 from July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943.

With great joy, I pledge to you and our Free Will Baptist people out over the states enduring gratitude for the co-operation you have given me as your Executive Secretary and the devotion you have shown to Christ during the past year. Let us continue to worship, work, and witness as Jesus leads us through to victory.



Missionary Department



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Annual Missionary Report

During the past year, there has been witnessed the greatest advancement in the foreign mission department of the Free Will Baptist church ever to be known in any equal period of time in the history of the denomination. It has been true, both in the interest manifested in the home land, and in results produced on the foreign field. The Lord is crowning the denomination with an unusual missionary revival, and the fact that our people are adhering to the command of the Lord as given to us in the Great Commission may well strengthen our faith to believe He will bless and continue to bless in all other departments of our beloved Church.

We have come to the close of the associational year with a cash balance in our foreign mission treasury which exceeds \$2,200 and let us remember this nice sum remains on hand after a current expense of from \$500 to \$600 every month of the year.

In summarizing the blessings of the Lord upon the work in Cuba, we are permitted of Him to present the following:

Number of native preachers, 6; number of Bible Women, 1; number of organized churches, 5; number of preaching points aside from organized churches, 34; number of horses, 8; number of saddles, 7; number of benches furnished at various preaching points, 60; number of baptized believers, 76; number of probationers awaiting baptism, more than 200; number of prospective students for training in Christian service, 15; area being evangelized, approximately 100 miles.

While these marvelous results are a reality for which we are very thankful, yet Brother and Sister Willey, with their band of Cuban co-workers, have merely touched the surface in that province of tremendous opportunity for missionary service. All along, new doors of opportunity are swinging ajar, and the people are calling for services in their respective villages and communities.

During the month of February 1943, your Board of Foreign Missions sponsored Rev. Henry Melvin in a tour of our work in Cuba during which time he assisted Rev.

and Mrs. Willey in the organization of the work. On February 14, the first Free Will Baptist association was organized on the Island of Cuba. It is known as the Free Will Baptist Association of Pinar Del Rio. Bro. Melvin's visit proved of great value to the work for which we are grateful. May the Lord indeed be praised for the wonderful progress being made in the work in Cuba.

As pertaining to the work in India, the work started by Miss Barnard near Kotagiri, South India, is still in progress. During her absence, the work has been under the care of a Rev. H. M. Clay. Rev. Clay kindly consented to look after the work until such a time when the war conditions might become adjusted so as to permit Miss Barnard's return to the field. We have been sending some money occasionally to Rev. Clay thereby enabling him to care for the work.

As to the prospects in Purnea District, it is understood the work is still open there for us. Rev. Alexander Banks, a former acquaintance of Miss Barnard, has consented to act as a "go between" for us in order to help get some native workers into this needy field, and, in view of this, our board voted in April of this year to send the sum of \$25 to Rev. Banks to be used in sponsoring an investigating tour in Purnea. This has been done and word has been received to the effect he received the money and stated that prospects were favorable. However, just recently the Department of State has notified Miss Barnard that they are ready to grant her facilities for travel to India, and so she is now making definite preparation to sail. For this, we are very grateful, knowing that her heart is in India, and realizing as we do the great need over there.

The human instinct shudders for her when we reflect upon the danger of sailing the seas in these warring times; but, when we turn our minds and hearts to the greatness of the protecting and keeping power of our Christ, fears immediately vanish. Let us be much in prayer for her as she leaves us to return to that which is the desire of her heart. These late developments greatly renew our hopes for the work in India. Miss Barnard has served very beneficially during the past school

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year as teacher of the missionary course in our school in Nashville; and, at the same time, acting as secretary for the school. Our board agreed last fall to release Miss Barnard for this work at which time she came under the supervision of the Board of Education for the school term.

Miss Bessie Yeley of Ohio, who, for some years has been doing missionary work in Venezuela, South America, under the supervision of Mid Missions, returned to the States last August. Since that time she has been doing itinerate work in some sections of the country, and, on June the 12th, she went across to Cuba to help keep the work moving there while Bro. and Sister Willey are in the states for a few weeks rest and to attend this session of the National Association. Sister Yeley, however, expects to remain in Cuba, the Lord willing, and continue to assist in the work. She has good knowledge of the Spanish language which enables her to enter into the work immediately.

Your Board has been busy during the past year keeping in close touch with each other, and with the work on the mission field, by correspondence. We had a very splendid meeting at the school building in Nashville, April 13 and 14 of this year. It was attended unanimously by the board.

Several important items were transacted among which was the decision to send Miss Yeley to the field of Cuba. Bro. Melvin's report of his trip to Cuba was heard with great interest, and it was voted that he write a constitution and by-laws for our board. Approval was given to the increasing of the Cuban promotional fund by \$50 a month. The allowance to the Willey children was increased from \$10 each to \$15 each per month. Motion carried that we provide our missionaries with living quarters in addition to their salary, motion carried that the chairman of the Board compile and have printed a missionary pamphlet for distribution throughout the bounds of our denomination, or wherever opportunity affords. Miss Barnard's release from the work at the school was accepted, and she was placed again under the supervision of our Board at her former salary of \$50 per month and traveling expenses. She was also granted time for rest during the summer. Rev. Willey was appointed as Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Mission work in Cuba. In all, we had a very splendid board meeting, and we were fortunate in having two of our missionaries, Miss Barnard and Miss Yeley, with us at this meeting.

Our board has been busy since coming here to this session of the National Association. We feel that we are very fortunate in having Bro. and Sister Willey here to meet us, and with whom we can council concerning the work in Cuba. After conferring with them, we felt led of the Lord to present to you as a body the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that steps be taken immediately to establish a Bible school in Cuba.

2. We recommend that plans be formulated whereby funds to the amount of not less than \$2,000 may be made available at the earliest possible date for the purpose of purchasing permanent property as a school and station center.

Several other items of interest have been transacted as follows:

Motion carried that all our missionaries be paid the same salary for the coming year as they have been the previous year. It was further voted that the promotional

fund to Cuba be increased \$50 a month, which will make \$300 per month.

Motion carried that the chairman be authorized to make an effort to secure a missionary teacher for the work in Cuba.

Our corresponding secretary was authorized to send a message of greeting to Sister Barnard, owing to the fact that she is absent from this meeting and is making preparation to take her departure from us.

Motion carried that the chairman of the board be deputized to make a tour of the mission field in Cuba during the coming fall.

Motion carried to approve the constitution and by-laws as drawn up by Bro. Henry Melvin, and a vote of thanks was extended him for his service in that capacity.

Bro. and Sister Damon Dodd appeared before our board and expressed their willingness to go anywhere and any time the Lord and our people might see fit.

We express our sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation we have enjoyed on the part of our people at large during the past year. We are praying the Lord will give us a far greater response this coming year, even more than we have enjoyed during the past year, in the interest of our foreign mission program.

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Tenn.	900	S. C.	300
Ohio	600	Va.	250
Ill.	500	Miss.	200
Mich.	500	Fla.	150
Texas	500	W. Va.	150
Total		\$12,550	

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1942 — June 30, 1943

Bal. brought forward from last year-\$837.93

Received during past year:

Missouri	\$2,334.84
North Carolina	1,923.96
Tennessee	669.79
Michigan	534.31
Illinois	299.90
Ohio	260.00
Oklahoma	208.73
South Carolina	183.00
Texas	174.62
Alabama	163.47
Georgia	120.90
West Virginia	53.27
Florida	43.57
New Mexico	25.00
Kansas	7.75
Arkansas	1.25
From Unified Program Fund by Nat'l Treas. F. S. Vanhooose	820.34
From Nat'l Womans Aux. Convention by Fannie Polston, Treas.	772.41
Off'g rec'd at Nat'l Assoc. in in Columbus Miss. July 1942	175.00
From sale of missionary pictures	9.60

Total \$8,781.71

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\$9,619.64

EXPENDITURES

Salary to the Willeys	\$1,200.00
Allowance to Willey children ..	270.00
To the Willeys for trav'l exp. ..	197.68
Special gifts to Willeys	24.50
For promotional work in Cuba ..	2,850.00
To Willeys for rent and lights ..	50.00

For horse and saddle in Cuba ..	38.90
For Henry Melvin's trip to Cuba	150.00
For Literature to Cuba	10.00
For school equipment in Cuba	89.00

\$4,880.98

Salary to Miss Barnard	\$175.00
Miss Barnard's traveling expense	50.00
To Rev. Clay for work in India	100.00
Cost of wiring money to India	10.80
Gift to Rev. Clay	3.00
To Rev. Banks for investigating tour in India	25.00

\$363.80

Salary to Miss Yeley	\$550.00
Miss Yeley's traveling expense (including trip home from S. A.)	429.90
Gift to Miss Yeley	3.00

\$982.90

To Rev. L. R. Ennis for promotional work	\$ 750.00
Expense of calling Board meeting	138.75
Printing Miss. pamphlets	25.00
For picture cuts, telegrams, and cost of last year pamphlets combined	62.41
Postage	22.96
Cost of wiring money	10.92
Stationary	15.00
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Development of Miss. pictures	3.92
For motion picture film	5.65

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Hebrews 9:27

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 9:36

A Free Will Baptist Bible School in Cuba

Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

You will notice, by reading the annual foreign mission report elsewhere in this issue, that we have launched a \$5,000 campaign for funds with which to establish a Free Will Baptist School in Cuba. It is imperative that we have this school in connection with our missionary work in Cuba in which to train our native ministry for the work in that ripened field. We expect to begin in a limited way and then enlarge as we feel able and as the work on the Cuban field demands.

Brother Willey, who has recently been made superintendant of the Cuban missionary work, has a native man selected to take charge of the school. We know him as Josue. He comes before us highly recommended by the Willeys.

We hope to open this school in October or November of this year. But our ability to do so will depend upon your response to this appeal for funds. We hope to establish this school with funds donated especially for this purpose. We hope to take as little as possible out of our general foreign mission funds because these general funds are needed for constant promotional work. However, we hope you will not slack your general giving in order to support the school campaign, but let the school funds come in extra. When you send in for this fund, don't fail to state clearly that it is for the Cuban Bible School. Make that clear whether you are sending to your state secretary-treasurer or to me directly. If you have a state treasurer you should send it to him.

We are going to expect great results in the next few months. Our people have been proving, the last year or two, what they can do and what they will do if shown something tangible and worthwhile, and I believe you will do no less for this worthy cause. At present I don't know anything more worth while or more needful for the furthering of our missionary cause than this Bible training center in Cuba. Let's do our best.

It certainly was a pleasure to make such a splendid report to our National body this year. But I could not have made that report

had you people not made it possible. You have been liberal; but thank the Lord you are seeing results. Four of the states came up to and above their suggested quotas last year. Namely: Michigan, North Carolina, Illinois, and Missouri. We are very grateful for that. Some of the other states came near their mark, Ohio for one. You will notice the list in our report of the suggested quotas for this coming year. Some of them have been raised; but I am sure we can meet them. There is nothing compulsory about this. The quota is only set as a kind of a goal for us to work to. Take special notice to the amount as set for your state, and then resolve to do your best that your state may over step it before the next National Association.

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CONSTITUTION

**of the Superannuation Board of
the National Association of
Free Will Baptists**

Preamble

Whereas, The establishment and maintenance of a Minister's Protection Benefit has become the accepted obligation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, and the administration of this Benefit has been assigned, by constitutional provision, to the National Board of Superannuation; therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of government and regulation for said Superannuation Board in its management of this Benefit throughout the National Association.

Article I

This Board of Superannuation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States shall consist of the following members and their successors in office, as provided in the Constitution of said National Association: Chairman, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredricktown, Mo.; Assistant Chairman, E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Georgia; Sec.-Treas. Rev. J. O. Fort Bryan, Texas; A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Georgia, Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia.

Article II

It shall be the purpose of this Board of Superannuation to promote and regulate, without profits or commissions, the writ-

ing of all-purpose life insurance on insurable Free Will Baptist ministers of the National Association on a basis of 50 per cent of the cost of maintenance being paid by the Board and 50 per cent by the insured. Insurance shall be issued only to qualified applicants and shall not be subject to cancellation, surrender, incumbrance, or conversion without the approval of the Board of Superannuation, and then, only 50 per cent of the cash or loan value shall be subject to incumbrance or surrender.

Article III

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration, and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted. It shall have right to sue and be sued, to receive, hold, convey, disburse, and utilize all properties, real and personal, acquired by gift, trust, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, consistent with the will of the benefactor, the approval of the National Association, and the stipulations of this Constitution.

Article IV

A strict account of all funds received and disbursements made shall be kept in the administrative office, and detailed reports of same shall be made annually to the National Association—ad interim reports being made at the discretion of the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be charged with the duties of the administrative office and shall, at the direction of the Board or the National Association, furnish indemnity bond equal to his (her) liability.

Article V

All salaries and expenses essential to the administration of the Minister's Protection Benefit shall be approved by the Board and paid out of the general fund, thus exempting all insured ministers of service charges.

Article VI

This Constitution may be amended, or

revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of the National Association.

BY-LAWS

of the Superannuation Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Superannuation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States of America shall be a Chairman, an Assistant Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee. These shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board. If, however, the Board, for cause, shall fail to convene in a given annual session, all officers shall be retained until the next annual meeting. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one member of the Board of Superannuation, or by anyone whom the Board may choose. The two offices thus combined shall bear the title, "Secretary-Treasurer". The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer, and one additional member of the Board.

Section 2. The Chairman and Assistant Chairman shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of the work of the administrative office and shall be allowed an equitable salary for the service rendered, said salary, with all the administrative expenses, being approved by the Board. The Executive Committee shall be charged with the direction of the work of the Board of Superannuation, not otherwise provided for, between the meetings of the Board, and subject to the approval of the Board. It shall make a complete report of its work and achievements at each session of the Board. It shall have power to fill any vacancy on the Committee that may be found necessary between the meetings of the Board.

Section 3. There shall be an annual meeting of this National Board of Superannuation at such a time and place as the Board or its Executive Committee shall determine. A general report, financial and otherwise, covering all phases of the work done and promotional plans to be launched, shall be reviewed and approved for subse-

quent adoption by the National Association. Special meetings for business only may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Board. Any members of the Board who may not be able to attend a stated meeting in person shall represent by proxies bearing written authority, it being understood that proxy representation shall be restricted to a minority of the Board members and that such representatives shall be approved by the majority of the members in attendance at the particular meeting of the Board of Superannuation to which said proxies were appointed. A majority of the duly qualified members of this Board at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The administration of the Minister's Protection Benefit shall be impartially and equitably regulated. A survey of the ministry shall be made periodically for the purpose of maintaining adequate information regarding the status of Free Will Baptist ministers. An accurate record of each insurance contract issued, together with the cost of its maintenance, shall be kept in the Board's home office. All working plans, including an agreement with a desirable insurance company, together with essential advertising matter, and application forms shall be printed for distribution; and this Benefit shall be offered to ministers as a bonified, Christian superannuation service.

Section 5. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the National Association.

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CONSTITUTION

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Preamble

Whereas, The Superannuation of ministers of the Free Will Baptist denomination is now accepted as a mutual obligation incumbent upon both ministers and laymen; and the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, through its Board of Superannuation, has established a Minister's Protection Benefit in the form of all-purpose life insurance for eligible ministers; and said National Association now recommends that its affiliated state associations (and district associations within states which have no state association) inaugurate a system of Benevolent Superannuation for retired ministers; therefore, be this Constitution established as a basis of co-operation with the Minister's Protection Benefit administered by the National Board of Superannuation, and as a means of regulating and executing an adequate system of Benevolent Superannuation for Free Will Baptist ministers affiliated with this—

Article I

This Board of Superannuation of the State Association of Free Will Baptists in _____ shall consist of the following members and their successors in office, as provided in the Constitution of said State Association: _____,

_____, and _____.

Article II

It shall be the purpose of this Board to organize and unify all superannuation work throughout this State Association. It shall encourage the abolition of duplicated district boards; and, as a central agency charged with the administration of all Benevolent Superannuation service within the Association, seek the commendation and authoritative representation of all Free Will Baptist organizations engaged in superannuation work in the State. It shall support and promote the patronage of the Minister's Protection Benefit of the

National Board of Superannuation and strive through educational means and judicious management to make a Benevolent Superannuation service available to every retired Free Will Baptist minister affiliated with this _____ State Association.

Article III

This Board shall adhere to democratic principles in organization and management. It shall elect its own officers, choose its seat of administration, and prosecute the purpose for which it was constituted. It shall have right to sue and be sued, to receive, hold, convey, disburse, and utilize all properties, real and personal, acquired by gift, trust, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, consistent with the will of the benefactor, the approval of this State Association, and the stipulations of this Constitution.

Article IV

A strict account of all funds received and disbursed shall be kept in the administrative office and reports of same shall be made monthly through denominational papers and annually to this State Association. There shall be a monthly allocation and payment made of 25 per cent of all general funds received, without deductions for expenses, to the National Board of Superannuation for the maintenance of the Minister's Protection Benefit. Benevolent gifts and pensions shall be paid periodically on a merit basis to retired and disabled Free Will Baptist ministers of the

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association; also temporary loans for personal, medical, hospital, and surgical expenses shall be allowed at the discretion of the Board on adequate security with interest at the rate of 1 per cent per annum. The Chairman of the Board (who may be also elected as Treasurer) shall be charged with the duties of the administrative office and shall, at the direction of the Board or the State Association, furnish indemnity bond equal to his (her) liability.

Article V

All salaries and expenses deemed essen-

tial to the successful administration of this State program of Benevolent Superannuation shall be paid out of the general treasury of this State Board of Superannuation.

Article VI

This Constitution may be amended, or revised, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual session of this ——— State Association, providing that said amendment or revision has been previously approved by the National Association.



Our Bible School

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Presiden



Preliminary History of Free Will Baptist Bible College

The plan for a national Free Will Baptist College was actually launched in November, 1938 when a Board of Education, composed of five men, was elected by the National Association and drew up a few simple plans for creating an educational fund. The following year the Board reported an accumulation of several hundred dollars. This report so stimulated interest that increased activity was immediately entered upon, resulting in even greater progress the next year. In the Association's session at Paintsville, Kentucky, in 1940, a number of representative brethren were called into advisory counsel with the Board of Education, to formulate more specific plans for sponsoring an educational program. Accordingly, this council with prayer and invigorated with revival, offered to the National Body the plan of organization calling for a General Board and a half-time Executive Secretary, whose services would further promote educational efforts.

In July 1941 the Board of Education was terminated into trusteeship, with authority and instructions to purchase property for a Bible College, and to inaugurate the program known as the Christian Workers' Institute. The Institute plan was set on foot immediately and has proved the most potent of all factors in actually producing the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Early in September 1941 a strikingly suitable

property was discovered and on the twenty-second of that month the Board of Trustees met and negotiated to secure that property for a school. \$5,000 cash was paid down, and notes were made to cover a period of four years. As a clause was provided to permit the retirement of the whole indebtedness on the date that any annual payment fell due, the Board, before adjourning, made clear its purpose to meet the total indebtedness by the end of the first year. The Executive Secretary, subsequently, directed the Board in the use of the well-known Foundation Check Plan for meeting this obligation.

God has so honored the steps thus far taken, that by July 1942 victory in our Bible College aims was assured. Upon hearing the report of the Board of Education, the National Association instructed the Board to open school on September 15, 1942.

So, with appropriate ceremonies, the long dreamed of institution was put into action in the midst of spiritual revival. And on October 13, 1942, with the issuing of checks in the amount of \$10,450.00, the property was fully dedicated to the service of the Lord in the training of talent to carry the message of salvation to a lost world. The constant, normal development of this institution has been a delightful observation.

Personal Word

The Free Will Baptist College is not just an ordinary school with an ordinary pur-

pose. If that were true there would be no reason for its existence. We feel that God has definitely called this institution into existence in this hour of crisis to meet a need that no other institution in America could meet for the Free Will Baptist denomination. There are at least two reasons for this belief.

First, there are very few schools in America that are both orthodox and evangelistic. There are a few. If the young men and women of our church who are aspiring to the ministry, or definite Christian service, are forced to receive training in liberal institutions, where the Bible is doubted and the old time faith scorned, we cannot expect to keep our pulpits and mission stations free of modernism. On the other hand if they do not receive their training in an evangelistic environment, they will have a dead orthodoxy without a spiritual passion for lost souls. This institution purposes to maintain faith in the absolute authority of God's word. Whatever the Bible says, we believe. At the same time we propose to have at all times a spiritual fervor that will constantly keep us deeply burdened for the unsaved. Evangelical training with evangelistic fervor will give the world men and women for this hour.

In the second place, Free Will Baptists need a place of their own to train leaders. We have a great group of people who need trained leadership. There is a great power that is dormant that needs to be put to use under intelligent guidance. It would be selfish and lazy for Free Will Baptists to expect other religious bodies, or even the state, to train our leaders for us. This school expects to supply the demands of our people for intelligent, sane, trained leadership. At the same time we expect to stimulate initiative to go out and open up new and greater fields of labor.

We are operating with definite aims and purposes, and trust to have the continued co-operation from all our people.

Inquiries as to registration should be addressed to Rev. L. C. Johnson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Calendar of the School Year 1943—1944

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Jan. 26, Wed. First semester ends
Jan. 27, Thurs. .. Second semester begins
March 29-April 2 Pre-Easter services with
special speakers

May 31 Session ends
Students may enter at the beginning of the first or second semester, but there are many advantages in starting with the beginning of the year's work, September 8, 1943.

The dates of this calendar and the outline of courses in this bulletin may be changed at the discretion of the institution.

Entrance Requirements

1. The moral character of any applicant must be good. In this connection it is required that each applicant must furnish the school with recommendations from his pastor or by other reputable persons.

2. Each student's physical health must be such that he can do a normal amount of school work. We suggest that each student upon making application furnish the school with a health certificate.

3. From the scholastic standpoint it is required that you have a high school certificate in order to receive credit toward a diploma in our two year course of study.

4. However, since there are many who wish to receive Bible training who do not have a high school certificate, we accept them as special students. Their courses are planned on the basis of their previous training.

Students Who Have to Work

The College furnishes a limited amount of work to students. In no case would this amount to enough to pay one's way through a term of school. For those who find it necessary to work, they would have to depend on employment that they might get in the city. However, for those that have had to work this year, they have found it very easy to get employment. The College accepts no responsibility in this connection, but will lend all the co-operation possible to any student who wishes to get work. All work must be passed upon by the administration.

Expenses

Room and board, a semester	\$135.00
Matriculation fee a semester	12.50
Application fee, this is sent with the student's application	2.00

Description of Courses

BIBLE

100—Synthetic Study of the Old Testament

This course is designed for freshmen, first-year students, and others who are beginning their study of the Bible. The aim is to get acquainted with the outstanding facts of the Old Testament, the significant periods covered, and the messages of the Old Testament as a whole. Outlines, lectures, and discourses are given in presenting the course.

First semester, three hour

101—Synthetic Study of the Old Testament

A continuation of 100.

Second semester, three hour.

102—Personal Evangelism

Winning souls to a personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord, and then building them up in the faith, is the real business of all Christian people, and especially Christian workers. A study of the methods to use in winning individuals—how to handle the Bible and how to handle the person—is given in the course on personal evangelism. It is required of all students the first year.

First semester, one hour.

103—Personal Evangelism

A continuation of 102.

Second semester, one hour.

104—Biblical Introduction

A general investigation of the facts concerning the writers of the books of the Bible, the books themselves, the Canon of

Scripture, the inspiration of Scripture and the history of the English Bible is covered in this course. The aim is to prepare the student to intelligently and confidently study the Bible as the infallible Word of God.

First semester, one hour.

105—Biblical Introduction

A continuation of 104.

Second semester, one hour.

106—History of Christian Missions

The intelligent vision for world evangelization is based upon an understanding of the history of the missionary movement. This course aims to acquaint the student with the history of Christian missions, not only through a study of the textbook, but through the reading of key missionary books and through lectures from missionaries who are fresh from the field. It is a fitting introduction to the more detailed study of Church History which is offered later.

First semester, two hour.

107—History of Christian Missions

A continuation of 106.

Second semester, two hour.

200—Doctrine

A study of all the great doctrines of the Bible, such as the deity of Christ, the atonement, the trinity, justification, sanctification, the second coming of Christ. Emphasis is laid upon the application of these doctrines to our everyday lives. To those who had doctrine the first year this will be a continuation of that course.

First semester, two hour.

Butler-Dunn Theology

Order a copy of Butler-Dunn Theology from the Free Will Baptist Gem. These books are a Free Will Baptist production and were used in the School of the Bible. Since that School has discontinued, the entire supply was sent to the Gem Office. 50% of the sales go to support our present Bible School.

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201—Doctrine

A continuation of 200.

Second semester, two hour.

202—Studies in the New Testament

Life of Christ, life of Paul, and Pauline Epistles. Close consideration will be given to the Virgin Birth, temptation, and incidents revealing both the absolute Deity and the humanity of our Saviour. The outline of the book, its central message, its outstanding characteristics, its relation to the other books, also some of the topics emphasized.

First semester, two hour.

203—Studies in the New Testament

A continuation of 202.

Second semester, two hour.

204—Homiletics

This course deals with the preparation and delivery of gospel messages. The different types of preaching—textual, topical, expository—are considered, together with a study of outlines and the use of illustrations.

First semester, two hour.

205—Homiletics

A continuation of 204.

Second semester, two hour.

206—Biblical Introduction (Advanced)

This course goes more thoroughly into the subject matter of the course in Biblical Introduction 104-105. This course gives attention to various theories of Biblical criticism, equipping the student to meet the main attacks of destructive criticism.

First semester, one hour.

207—Biblical Introduction (Advanced)

A continuation of 206.

Second semester, one hour.

ENGLISH

001—Preparatory English

This is a special course provided for students who have not completed high school. The purpose is to lay a solid foundation through the study of the fundamentals of English grammar. Practice in speaking and writing is stressed. This course meets three hours weekly but no credit hours given.

108—Composition and Rhetoric

The student is directed in a study of the essentials of composition and rhetoric. Works of standard writers of different periods are studied as examples. Emphasis is laid on the actual writing of composition.

First semester, three hour.

109—Composition and Rhetoric

A continuation of 108.

Second semester, three hour.

208—English Literature

In the second year, students are given a survey of English Literature down to the nineteenth century. The course lays stress on those literary personages and works most related to the history of the Christian Church and to the history of the English Bible.

First semester, three hour.

209—English Literature

A continuation of 208.

Second semester, three hour.

HISTORY

110—Ancient Civilization

Beginning with the earliest known date in history we study the rise and fall of such civilizations as: Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Persian, Hittite, Greek, and Roman. Special emphasis is laid on the Hebrew civilization.

First semester, three hour.

111—Ancient Civilization

A continuation of 110.

Second semester, three hour.

210—History of Christianity

A study of the history of Christianity from the times of the apostles until the present.

First semester, three hour.

211—History of Christianity

A continuation of 210.

Second semester, three hour.

SPANISH

Since Latin America is one of our closest neighbors, and the missionary program of the Free Will Baptists is growing in that direction, we feel that a course in Spanish will be of great practical as well as cultural value.

112—Elementary Spanish

The elements of grammar, careful training in pronunciation, reading of easy prose, and composition.

First semester, three hour.

113—Elementary Spanish

A continuation of 112.

Second semester, three hour.

CHURCH MUSIC

114—Rudiments of Music

This is a basic course in the fundamentals of music, including sight reading, knowledge

of notation, intervals, ear training, and dictation.

First semester, two hour.

115—Rudiments of Music

A continuation of 114 with the addition of conducting.

Second semester, two hour.

212—Hymnology

This course includes a general study of the development of hymns. A detailed study of leading hymn writers and composers of church music together with their

hymns and compositions is made.

First semester, two hour.

213—Hymnology

A continuation of 212 in the second semester with the addition of how to build music worship programs; choral conducting and choral singing. Also some work is done in gospel chorus singing and anthems.

Second semester, two hour.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students will be required to take physical exercise under proper supervision. One hour credit each semester.



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GENERAL ARTICLES



The Missionary Prayer Band

Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Among the far-reaching results of the first year's work in the Bible College was the banding together of a group of young men and women who have covenanted to pray definitely and systematically for the furtherance of the Gospel in all parts of the world.

The course in World-wide Missions, which provided us with detailed knowledge of the inadequately worked, and the totally unreached regions of the earth, led the members of the class to resolve to do something that would vitally touch the world's present missionary situation. Our neighbor, South America, embracing in her interior a territory 2,000 miles long and from 500 to 1,500 miles wide, represents the largest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world. Africa challenges us by an unevangelized interior nearly as large. The heart of Asia presents to us an area as large as the United States of America, and a population of 33,000,000, almost totally without the Gospel. India's many unoccupied districts and native states cry out for Gospel light. Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan, Afghanistan, and portions of China and Japan, not to mention Europe and the Islands of the Sea, all have left their Macedonian call ringing in our ears, and we have felt that even while preparing ourselves for service we must share in a real way in getting the Gospel out to these parts.

Before the close of the school year, every one of the ten regular members of the Missions class had caught a missionary vision that moved him or her to pray to be sent, if it were God's will, to some remote, unevangelized field. In addition, we solemnly covenanted with one another, and with God, to pause for prayer daily, wherever we might be, at 1:00 o'clock Central War Time. Some of the fields named above have never yet opened their doors to the Gospel, while others have recently closed their

doors. We are praying that these doors might be opened to missionaries. We are praying for the missionaries who are on the fields amidst war conditions, enduring the hardships that must inevitably be imposed upon them in time of war. Many missionaries are imprisoned and are resolved to fellowship in their sufferings through prayer. But we are particularly concerned that there shall be no unnecessary retarding of missionary work in these days. We believe that in His own way, God is able to overrule circumstances and make this war promote, rather than stop, the spread of the Gospel. So we are especially praying that the Lord will make clear and definite His missionary call to many of our own men and women and thrust them forth into the world's harvest-field. We give thanks for victories in Cuba, and pray for our missionaries and native workers in that fruitful field. Miss Yeley's departure to join our forces in Cuba and her adjustment to the work, along with the Willeys' plans for a vacation in the States, are important items on our prayer list. At last our Government has consented to grant Miss Barnard passport facilities for India and she is making preparations to return to our work there. Although requirements now are rigid and tedious, we hope Miss Barnard may be able to sail in August.

The second definite aim of our Prayer Band is to promote missionary education. During the summer we are seizing every opportunity to inform others of the needs, through quiet, personal contact, mission study courses or any other means.

The participation in this Missionary Prayer Band are altogether voluntary. We have drawn up a mailing list for the sake of keeping one another informed, but we ask no one to "join" and we list no name except by special request of the person himself. We follow this plan in order to

be sure that we carry the names of only those who are "dead in earnest" and who will be faithful in prayer and witness.

We have read, heard, and observed that even national affairs have been changed by prayer. The opening of Japan nearly a century ago for trade relations and the subsequent preaching of the Gospel, is directly traceable to united prayer. Indeed, in almost every case where nonchristian countries have made treaties with Christian

nations, behind the scene somewhere may be found a band of fervent souls praying for open doors to preach the Gospel to the heathen. In like manner, we are daring to believe that God will use us to help bring about a genuine revival of missionary witnessing in this generation, and that in the near future Free Will Baptists will have mission stations in ALL the unevangelized countries in the world.

ATTENTION

To the Beloved Churches of Our Missouri State Association:

May this serve to remind you that the State Association is drawing near. May we be reminded of our obligation to the State for our budget, which is to be the equivalent to ten cents per member from each church in the State Association, to be paid through the local associational treasury. Also our entertainment fund to be

sent to the host church, which is the Free Will Baptist Church at Monett, Missouri.

Do not fail to send your offering. May I urge all pastors to take the offering early. Remember the times we are living in and do not fail the Monett church. They are getting ready for our coming so let us make it easy for them. Remember there is no registration fee. We are counting on the free will offering.

Respectfully yours in service

James F. Miller, Moderator.

Church Letters - Field Reports

The Free Will Baptist Church Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

I count it a blessing from heaven to be selected as correspondent for this good paper. I sincerely feel the editor of this paper is a man of God.

Our church is doing fine; Sunday School is good; prayer meeting is good; and our league is doing a wonderful work. We are looking forward for the coming year to be a better one than the past year.

Brother Harry Staires is our new pastor. Brother Staires was the pastor of Drumright church for the past nine years. We are so happy to have him and his good companion with us. We feel sure God sent him our way. Brother Staires left a good church to take up this work in a new field and we know God is going to bless him.

Brother Staires has done a wonderful work at Drumright: He preached 1,031 sermons, witnessed 1,278 conversions, baptized 462 people, received into the church 462, preached 156 funerals, and married 30

couples. We feel we are not worthy of such a blessing that God has given us, but pray God will give us grace to do our part to help Brother Staires carry on God's work. We ask the prayers of all our Christian brothers and sisters that we will do the little things God would have us to do.

Paul Hooker, Reporter.

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The Free Will Baptist Church Leadington, Missouri

We count it a blessed privilege to have a good paper like our *Free Will Baptist Gem* to which we can write. It encourages our hearts each month when we read the good letters and spiritual sermons from our different churches and pastors.

We feel that our church is growing, not only in number but also spiritually. We are glad for our Sunday night services, which have grown in numbers also. Our church and Sunday School have given a total of \$24 to our Free Will Baptist Bible College, and two of our workers are paying

\$3.50 regularly, each month. We find, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We, as the pastor and wife, are very much interested in our school, because we plan to be there this coming September, by the help of the Lord.

Our church and Sunday school have adopted one of the children at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Tennessee. Our membership isn't so large, just 22 members, but with the help of the Lord, we plan to do greater things for Him.

In the very near future we plan to have a revival. We are looking forward to it helping our church.

At present we are repairing and redecorating our building.

May the Lord bless our ministers and Christian workers our nation over, and our fine editor is our prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook,

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The Free Will Baptist Church Wewoka, Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

The first Free Will Baptist Church at Wewoka, Oklahoma, is surely enjoying the wonderful blessings of God. We are glad to report that Rev. John H. West, our new pastor, has just completed a two weeks revival in which souls found the Lord, and there were several additions to the church.

Brother Evans, the choir leader, was always sure to see that each night the congregation enjoyed at least two special songs as well as the congregational songs.

Another thing of interest in this age when denominations seem to be rather selfish, we are glad to report that during the revival most of the churches, here in town, and some country churches, co-operated with us in every way—some even dismissed their own services in a united effort to win lost souls.

The Sunday evening ending the revival, we had an old fashioned Baptismal service at Brother Rowe's lake. After hearing the wonderful message which was delivered by Rev. D. C. Sharp, everybody (regardless of denomination) enjoyed the shouting good time.

In spite of the hot weather, we are proud of our attendance which is climbing upward in both Sunday school and Sunday

night services.

We are thankful that our people have returned unto the Lord with the increase of wages and material gain.

By the help of God we hope to have still better things to report in the future.

Olive Dean Harrington, Reporter.

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New Hope Free Will Baptist Church Weatherford, Texas

Dear Gem Readers:

We are planning on celebrating the Fiftieth anniversary of our church on Sept. 5th, 1943. We would be glad to have all the old pastors, that are living, to attend. They have an invitation to be present on that day. It was organized by L. W. Miller, deceased, and we have had ten pastors in the 50 years. Brother John Brooks is our present pastor, and I am the only living charter member.

The quarterly meeting convened at New Hope church on Friday night and Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May. There was a good delegation and a good meeting.

Mrs. R. L. White

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The Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It is with a rejoicing heart that I write you of the blessings of God. We have just closed our St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting here, on July 24th. God really blessed us. We could just feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as He sat upon each of us, and oh such rejoicing, our cup was made to run over.

Much business was transacted in one accord: Bro. James Barker of St. Francois, was ordained into the ministry, also Bro. Carvie Warden of St. Louis, as deacon. We covet your prayers for these men of God as they go forth with this work God has so wonderfully laid upon them, and to great soul winners for Jesus.

Those that attended the National Association at Nashville, Tennessee, were as follows: Rev. Mark Lewis, Sister Kermitt Esther, Sister Henry, and Rev. Eunice Edwards of St. Louis and Berkley City.

All of these reported a wonderful time with the Lord.

We regret to inform you that since traveling is limited, that we are forced to delay our Quarterly Meeting to once a year. The next to be at Flat River, Mo., July 1944.

We wish to announce that we have just re-elected our pastor, Rev. Mark Lewis, for pastoral service with us for another year. Pray that we, as laity members, will co-operate with him in every way, also pray for him and his family to receive the blessings of God.

Pray for your correspondent that as he goes down south to hold the song service for a revival, that God will lead in every song and many souls may be saved.

Edward Simmons, Reporter

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Missionary Contributions from Okla.

Dear Brother Rollins:

This is a list of those who have paid to me for Foreign Missions from the State of Oklahoma.

Vance Chappel Church	\$29.65
Shawnee Church	4.00
Earlsboro Church	20.25
Tulsa Church	20.00
New Home Church	10.00
Rev. Oval Staleup	8.20
Christian Grove Church	5.95

Total \$98.05

Others have paid in but not through their Treasurer.

Please send your Foreign Mission Offerings to Bert F. Rogers, 139 E. Drumright St., Drumright, Oklahoma, from the State of Oklahoma. Then you will get the Name of your Church and the amount in the report.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers
139 E. Drumright St.
Drumright, Oklahoma

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Best Things Aren't Rationed

BECAUSE everybody is talking today
BECAUSE everybody is talking today
about "rations," the verse herewith
appended may be of interest. It is taken
from an English magazine whose editor

aimed to console the victims of rationing
by noting that the grandest things are
still unrationed; that they are plentifully
within the reach of all.

Rations of meat, rations of cheese,

Rations of bacon and ham;

Rations of margarine, rations of milk,

Rations of sugar and jam;

Rations of fruit, rations of lard,

Rations of butter and tea;

Rations of clothes, rations of boots,

Come and go shopping with me!

Unrationed sky, unrationed sea,

Unrationed sunshine and breeze;

Unrationed stars, unrationed clouds,

Unrationed beauty of trees;

Unrationed peace, unrationed power,

Unrationed pardon and love;

Unrationed faith, unrationed grace,

Free from our Father above.

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Evils That Never Occur

Let tomorrow take care of tomorrow;

Leave things of the future to fate;

What's the use to anticipate sorrow?

Life's troubles come never too late.

If to hope overmuch be an error,

'Tis one that the wise have preferred;

And how often have hearts been in terror

Of evils that never occurred.

Have faith, and thy faith shall sustain thee;

Permit not suspicion and care

With invisible bonds to enchain thee,

But bear what God gives thee to bear.

By His Spirit supported and gladdened,

Be ne'er by foreboding deterred;

But think how oft hearts have been saddened

By fears of what never occurred!

Let tomorrow take care of tomorrow;

Short and dark as our life may appear,

We may make it still darker by sorrow,

Still shorter by folly and fear.

Half our troubles are half our invention,

And often from blessings conferred

Have we shrunk in wild apprehension

Of evils that never occurred!

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Revival Report

I will endeavor to give a brief report
of a revival meeting with our Fairview
Church, near Chetopa, Kansas. The meeting

began June 13th, and closed July 2nd.

Even though it was in the midst of the wheat and oat harvest, most of the folk of the Church were faithful in attendance.

Two young women were converted and many of the Church seemed encouraged in the work of the Lord. We enjoyed working with the good people of this church in the revival campaign and earnestly pray God may lead them on to great victory.

O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri

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Just Satisfied With My Saviour

Mary Childress, Monett, Missouri

I tried to live by bread alone,
The bread of earthly store,
But in my grasp it turned to stone
And I hungered all the more;
I came to Christ, the living Bread,
In hungry need I cried,
And now I feast at His table spread
And now I'm satisfied.

I tried to walk by my own sight,
Just with wisdom of my own,
The way grew dark like shades of night,
And I wandered all alone;
I heard a sweet Voice, "I am the Way,"
And out of the darkness dim
He led me in the perfect Way,
Now I gladly walk with Him.

Our blessed Saviour is my guide,
And when with Him I can not stray,
My every need is well supplied,
Through each and every passing day;
Our sweet companionship begun,
And shall last for evermore,
Through life, through death, and beyond
the sky,
On heaven's eternal shore.

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I Love to Think of Jesus

Delphia McDonald, Flint, Michigan

I love to think of Jesus
As He walked upon the sand,
Of the sea of Galilee,
A pilgrim in this land.

I love to think of Jesus
As He stood in Pilate's Hall,
Condemned to die, tho sinless,
He paid the debt for all.

I love to think of Jesus
And the sacrifice He made
To finish the plan of salvation
That God the Father laid.

He bore the cross to Calvary,
And there upon the tree
He gave His life and shed His blood,
To ransom you and me.

As He hanged beneath the heavens,
Set an example for me and you,
As He said Father forgive them,
For they know not what they do.

I love to think of Jesus
As He came forth from the grave,
Victorious over death and hell
To take up the life He gave.

I love to think of Jesus
As He sits at God's right hand,
And if we are true and faithful,
We shall join Him in that land.

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District Auxiliary Convention

The Kentucky Woman's Auxiliary met June 13, for its District meeting with the Phillip Cove Church at Tomahawk, Ky. Reports were given from the different churches by their presidents and different officers, each rendering a fine report of the work that had been done during the year, showing much improvement over the past year.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Ashland, Ky.; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Mavis Patrick, Paintsville, Ky.; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Grace Sublett, Tomahawk, Ky.; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. Chas. Lyons, Paintsville, Ky.; 4th Vice President, Mrs. C. W. McFadden, Tomahawk, Ky.; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Zella Brown, Ashland Ky.; Secretary, Mrs. K. Maynard, 926 Harris St., Catlettsburg, Ky.; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Vanhooose, Paintsville, Ky.; Field Worker, Mrs. Ernest Griffith.

The next meeting is to be held in Paintsville, Ky. in June 1944.

Sec. Mrs. James K. Maynard, Sandy, City

Sandy City Church Catlettsburg, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have given you a report of the Woman's Auxilliary of the Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church. We are still working for the Master, and He is blessing our feeble efforts. This past year we have been able to go into the County Home and homes of the sick and have services. The Lord has made it possible that we might aid the poor and do many things in our community.

Here is a report of some of our work:

Home Missions	\$ 46.08
Foreign Missions	4.40
Bibles for our Boys in Service	14.60
Kentucky Orphanage	27.05
New Church Fund	309.81
Ministerial Relief	10.37
Unified Program	12.00
Baskets to the poor	122.80
Donations to the needy	24.70

In the past year we have been able to organize a Young Peoples League in our church.

We had the privilege of having Rev. T. S. Lacks with us during our week of prayer. He gave us a wonderful message each night and the Lord blessed us.

We have a membership of 33 in our Auxilliary. We meet the last Tuesday in each month.

We feel the Lord has been with us and has blessed us in a wonderful way. We want to do more for our Master. We want to do the little things for Him. The Lord promised us if we would be faithful and take care of the little things, He would remember us and take care of the big things. So we want to be faithful workers, on fire for God, working that when the Lord comes to claim us with the redeemed saints of God, that we will hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

Sec. Mrs. James K. Maynard, Sandy City

You may study Geology and never see Theology, but true Theology accounts for all Geology.

A HELP IN TROUBLE

But "God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble."

Regardless of the nature of the trouble, "God is a very present Help" in it.

The thief at Calvary was in the throes of soul trouble and out of a deep consciousness of his guilt, called upon the Lord, who at that very time was on the cross for our sins. He answered him immediately and promised him "Paradise"—to which he went that very day (Luke 23:39-43).

Everybody has trouble of some kind—consider the following:

Abraham had land trouble (Genesis 13:1-18).

Jacob had business trouble (Genesis 31:36-42).

Joseph had rationing trouble (Genesis 41:46-57).

Moses had inferiority-complex trouble (Exodus 4:10-16).

Samson had romantic trouble (Judges 16:4-31).

David had "in-law" trouble (1 Samuel 18:12-23).

Solomon had martial trouble (Nehemiah 13:26).

Hezekiah had physical trouble (2 Kings 20:1-7).

Jehoshaphat had military trouble (2 Chronicles 18:1-31).

Mordecai had anti-semitic trouble (Esther 4:1-17).

Job had Satanic trouble (Job 1:6-22).

Baruch had personal-ambition trouble (Jeremiah 45:1-5).

Jonah had under-sea trouble (Jonah 2:1-10).

Peter had over-confidence trouble (Mark 14:27-72).

Thomas had sceptic trouble (John 20:24-31).

Paul had multiple trouble (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).

But the Lord delivered them out of them all (Psalm 34:17).

Has He not said: "Call upon Me in the day of troubles I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me!" (Psalm 50:15).

If this is your "day of trouble" why not call upon Him, and find Him "a very present help in trouble."

"When trouble like a gloomy cloud
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has ever stood,
His loving kindness, O how good!"
—In the magazine "Now"

NOBILITY

That day is best wherein we give
A thought to others' sorrows;
Forgetting self, we learn to live,
And blessings born of kindly deeds
Make golden our tomorrows.
Howe'er it seems to me
'Tis only to be good;
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.
— Sir Alfred Tennyson.

Then and Now

"In the glorious hereafter—
When the veil is swept away.
I shall know the perfect knowledge
What I marvel at today.
I shall trace the wonderous leading
Of a faultless Hand Divine,
All my life-book's hidden meaning:
I shall read it line by line.
I shall know why came the tempest
To my sunny sky so soon,
And why my sweetest blossoms
Were faded ere the noon,
How the 'All things work together'
For my good; I then shall see;
And adore with rapturous praises
For the crosses laid on me.
I am willing to walk softly,
Closely clinging to Christ's hand,
With each footstep drawing nearer
To my blessed Fatherland,
Drawing nearer to the brightness
Of my Elder Brother's smile;
Only parted from His presence
And His love a little while!"
— Selected.

For Those Who Weep

"Deem not that they are blest alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
For God, who pities man, has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

The light of smiles shall fill again
The lids that overflow with tears;
And weary hours of woe and pain,
Are promises of happier years.

There is a day of sunny rest,
For every dark and troubled night;
Though grief may bide and evening guest,
Yet joy shall come with early light.

Nor let the good man's trust depart,
Though life its common gifts deny,—
Though with a pierced and broken heart,
And spurn't of men, he goes to die.

For God has mark'd each sorrowing day,
And number'd every secret tear;
And heaven's eternal bliss shall pay
For all his children suffer here."

— Selected

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"The Lord Hath Laid on Him the Iniquity of US ALL." Isaiah 53:6.

I see the crowd in Pilate's hall,
I mark their wrathful mien;
Their shouts of "crucify" appall,
With blasphemy between.

And of that shouting multitude
I feel that I am one;
And in that din of voices rude,
I recognize my own.

I see the scourges tear his back,
I see the piercing crown,
And of that crowd who smote and mock,
I feel that I am one.

Around yon cross, the throng I see,
Mocking the suffer's groan,
Yet still my voice it seems to be,—
As if I mocked alone.

'Twas I that shed the sacred blood,
I nailed him to the tree,
I crucified the Christ of God,
I joined the mockery.

Yet not the less that blood avails,
To cleanse away my sin,
And not the less that cross prevails
To give me peace within.

— From The Jewish Era.

DEATH NOTICE

"Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and scriptural holiness, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous Church family.

"For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last, she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now absent from her presence, busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusements. Her older brother, Brother Class Meeting, has been dead many years.

"Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests, and drives, but to no avail. A post mortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with lack of fasting, faith, heart-felt religion and non-support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to tenderly bear her remains away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, 'Amazing Grace' and 'Rock of Ages,' were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered, 'Beautiful Isles of Somewhere,' but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories awaiting the summons from above.

"In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday night, save on the third Wednesday night of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the members of the men's handball team."

From The Free Will Echo.

The Little Churches

God, bless the little churches
With their heaven pointed spires,
With their message of salvation,
And their sacred altar fires;
Where the lips of little children
Learn to lisp the story old;
Where the aged dream of heaven
With its streets of crystal gold.

God, bless the little churches,
Where the hearts with sorrow bowed,
Catch a gleam of heaven's glory
Through the rifting of the cloud;
Where the souls grow coarse and sordid
In their daily quest for gold,
Come with humble hearts like children
Seeking entrance in the fold.

God, bless the little churches
Where we bring our treasured dead,
When our hearts are torn and bleeding
As the last farewell is said;
There the preacher-prophet tells us
Of a home where none e'er die,
Where our dear ones never suffer
And we'll greet them by and by.

God, have mercy on the people
Where the little churches close;
Where the window panes are broken
And the "Hoot-Owls" calmly doze;
Where no chiming bells on Sunday
Call the people out to prayer.
God have mercy on the nation
When its church bells cease to call;
For a land is nigh to cursing
When its sacred altars fall.

Selected

OBITUARY

BROYLES — Joel A. Broyles passed away at his home near Oakland, Mo., Saturday afternoon, April 17th, 1943. Had he lived until Sunday the 18th, he would have passed his 76th birthday anniversary. He had been in failing health for several years.

He was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Happy Hill and served as an ordained deacon for many years. He lived a devoted Christian life,

Oakland, Mo.; and three daughters, Mrs. Charley Dickerson, Oakland, Mrs. Clyde Hamilton and Mrs. Earl McBride, both of Falcon, Mo.; seven grandchildren; two brothers, R. T. Broyles of Oakland, Mo., Arthur Doty of California; and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Calton of Washington, Mrs. Nettie Trolinger of Michigan.

Sleep on daddy, and take your rest,
God called you and He knew best.

Mrs. Charley Dickerson

was a true companion and a loving father.

Funeral services were conducted at Happy Hill Church on Monday by Rev. J. R. Reid of Lebanon, and burial in the Watson Cemetery under direction of Palmer's Funeral Home.

He was married to Martha E. Kelsay Hicks, November 23, 1893. To this union was born five children, one son, Leonard, dying in infancy. Those surviving him are his wife; one son, Elmer Broyles of

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Rev. Winford Davis, Treas. Monett, Mo.

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Maud Decoque, Purdy, Mo.	5.00	Wagoner Church	7.25
Macedonia S. S.	13.42	Independance Church	25.75
Shibleys Point Church	1.00	Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo.	5.00
Rev. C. M. Hatfield, Pierce City, Mo.	10.00	Fredricktown Church	4.48
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Educational Fund

Fredricktown Church	\$2.24
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**National Missionary Report
Rev Winford Davis, Treasurer**

Brought forward from last month \$1,684.44
Received during past month by
states as follows:

North Carolina	\$ 444.22
Missouri	269.15
Michigan	162.75
Texas	29.81
West Virginia	25.00
South Carolina	22.00

Oklahoma	7.00
Georgia	6.00
Illinois	5.00
Tennessee	3.50
Unified Program Fund from Nat'l Treasury ..	288.96

Total \$1,526.78 \$1,526.78

\$3,211.22

Total disbursements for month .. \$ 861.97
Balance in Treasury June 30th .. \$2,349.25

Announcements of the Associations

UNION ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-first Annual Session of the Union Association will be held with the Elizabethton Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee, on Thursday before the third Sunday in August 1943.

George D. Dunbar, Clerk

WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION

The Second Annual Session of the Wolverine Association will be held with the First Church of Flint, Michigan on Thursday evening before the first Sunday in September through Saturday evening, September 2, 3, 4, 1943.

N. P. Gates, Clerk

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

The Fourth Annual Session of the Harmony Association will be held with New Prospect Church in Douglas County, Mo. beginning Thursday at 3:00 o'clock before the

second Sunday in September 1943.

Eld. Floyd Mears will preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Walter Cardwell, alternate.

Eld. John W. Silvey, Clerk

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Tenth Annual Session of the Liberty Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, Ashville, Alabama, on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in November 1943.

D. J. O'Donnell, Clerk

CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association will be held with the Independence Free Will Baptist Church near Stockton, Missouri, on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August 1943.

Thora Orbogast, Clerk

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-sixth Annual Session of the Dibble Association will be held with Dibble Church, Dibble, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September 1943.

Maggie Roberts, Clerk

MORNING STAR ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-seventh Annual Session of the Morning Star Association will be held with Willis Chapel Church in Alabama, Saturday before the third Sunday in September 1943.

Rev. S. P. Roberts will preach the introductory sermon.

D. B. Davis, Clerk

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Hopewell Association No. 2 will be held with the Clemscot Church, Clemscot, Oklahoma, begining Thursday night before the first Sunday in September 1943.

Odessa Robinson, Clerk

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

The Northeast Missouri Association will convene with the Martinstown Free Will Baptist Church, 18 miles north of Novinger on Highway C, on Thursday night, September 2nd to 5th, 1943.

Rev. Archie Cooper will preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Orville Dobbs, alternate.

Rev. Archie Cooper, Clerk

WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

The West Virginia State Association will convene Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September 1943 with the Chesapeake Church, 14 miles east of Charleston on the beautiful Kanawha.

D. V. Shaffer, Clerk

NORTH WEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

The Northwest Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Philadelphia Church near Pattonsburg, Missouri, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August 1943.

Introductory sermon by Rev. W. R. Rush; alternate, Rev. Howard DeWeese.

Melba White, Clerk

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Laclede County Association will be held with the Union Chapel Church No. 2 near Plad in Dallas County, Mo. beginning at 3:00 P. M. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August 1943.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Eld. L. J. Ruble; Eld. Clarence Broyles, alternate.

Curtis Wilson, Clerk

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred Second Annual Session of the Old Mt. Zion Association of northwest Ark. will be held with Hickory Grove Church, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. on Friday before the second Sunday in August 1943.

Eld. Bill Oxford will preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Claud Lynch, alternate.

S. R. Neely, Clerk

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-ninth Annual Session of the Social Band Association will be held with the O'kean Church, Randolph County, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the third Sunday in September 1943.

The introductory sermon will be delivered by the pastor of the Church of O'kean, Eld. Ralph Staten.

Charles Staten, Clerk

EASTERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Eastern Oklahoma Association will be held with the Holly Creek Church, six miles north of Idabel, Oklahoma, Saturday, August 4, 1943.

Bertha Fisher, Clerk

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-fifth Annual Session of the Little Missouri River Association will be held with Fair View Church, King Sevier County, Ark. beginnging Thursday evening before the first Sunday in September 1943.

R. D. Smith, Clerk

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Hopewell Association will be held with Egypt

Church, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August 1943.

Eld. Earl Umpstead will preach the introductory sermon.

Maudie Goodwin, Clerk

SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-seventh Annual Session of the Southern Oklahoma Association will be held with Hall Church, three miles south, two miles west of Antlers, Oklahoma, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September 1943.

John Wrinkle, Clerk

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Association will be held with Ada Church, Fifteenth and Ash Streets, Ada, Oklahoma. The State Women's Auxiliary Convention convenes Monday night and the Association convenes Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October 1943.

Winnie McClain, Clerk

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Fifth Annual Session of the Birmingham District Association will be held with Shiloh Church near Gardendale, Alabama, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1943.

Brittie Hanks, Clerk

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Progressive Association will be held with Loyal Chapel Church Columbia, Tennessee, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1943.

Dewey Kyle, Clerk

EASTERN OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

The Fourth Annual Session of the Eastern Oklahoma Association will be held with South Bethel Church, at the school house known as No. 50, about six miles south of Braggs, Oklahoma, in Muskogee County, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August 1943, which will be from the 19th to 22nd.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. Fred C. Jones followed by Rev. I. B. Dunaway.

Norma Wilson, Clerk

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-fifth Annual Session of the Arkansas Association will be held with Spring Creek Church near Belleville, Arkansas, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September 1943. The pastor of that church to preach the introductory sermon.

Ellis Hunt, Clerk

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the First Mission Association will be held at the Old Ministers Home Camp Ground Site on the Drumright-Sapulpa (Oklahoma) Highway, beginning on Tuesday morning before the fourth Sunday in August 1943.

Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Clerk

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Sixth Annual Session of the Liberty Association will be held with Black Oak Church near Marshfield, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August 1943.

Vinita Broyles, Clerk

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Thirtieth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association will be held with Monett Church at Monett, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September 1943.

Mission Sermon on Monday night by Eld. Marie Thomas, Monett, Missouri; Eld. Alice Dickey, alternate.

League Sermon on Tuesday 11:00 A. M. by Eld. Cecil Campbell, Cartersville, Mo.; Eld. Winford Davis, alternate.

Introductory sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Missouri; Eld. F. C. Zinn, alternate.

Winford Davis, Clerk

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-first Annual Session of the Indian Creek Association will be held with the Cartersville Church, Cartersville, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September 1943.

The introductory sermon will be preached on Tuesday night by Bro. C. M. Hatfield; Bro. Winford Davis, alternate.

Ministers' Conference on Monday night and Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

John B. Rollins, Clerk