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WELCOME TO MONETT

The Thirtieth Annual Session of the
Missouri State Association of Free Will
Baptists is to convene with the Monett
Church, September the 13th to the 17th.

Since Monett is the official headquarters
for the denomination in Missouri, the pub-
lishing house being located here, and the
Monett Church being one of the most
active churches in the state, large numbers
of our people would like to attend this
session and visit their publishing house.
Therefore, Rev. O. T. Allred, pastor of the
church, and Rev. John B. Rollins, editor
of the Gem, gives this note of welcome
to our people throughout the state to
come to Monett. We will care for you to
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"Jehovah's Witnesses" Exposed

By Rev. Raymond Riggs in "The Free Will Echo" of which he is Editor
Highland Park, Michigan

I have always been tolerant toward all religious cults and sects, and I do not approve of ridiculing anyone for their religious belief, but the time has come when we who have the truth must stand up for it. In order to do that, it often becomes necessary to expose that which is against the Truth.

First, I want to say that I am a witness for Jehovah, because I have been born of the Spirit of Jehovah and translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. I am saved by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and when I received Him as my personal Saviour I received the witness (John 1:12).

The religious sect, falsely called "Jehovah's Witnesses" is spreading its false doctrine in practically every community in America. I say it is false because its teaching and the inspired Word of God do not agree. To keep down the contamination, I feel that it is my duty as a minister of the Gospel to add the information that I have obtained in exposing this false theory and at the same time give you truth as contained in the Bible. I hope that those who have been deceived will see the error of their way and turn to the real salvation which is found only in the *Living Christ*.

I am grateful to pastors A. H. Fardon and A. J. McFarland who is the author of the tract "Jehovah's Witnesses" from which I submit the following information:

Who Are These People Known As Jehovah's Witnesses'?

Their history goes back to one, Charles Taze Russell, who was better known as "Pastor" Russell. He was the founder of a religious system that teaches contrary to the inspired Word of God. "His title of 'Pastor' seems to have been won" states

The Saturday Evening Post in its edition of September 14, 1940, "not by any recognized ministerial ordination by the laying on of hands, but by leg work. His followers boasted that Russell's zeal took him further than the journeys of St. Paul."

After the death of Charles Taze Russell in 1916, Joseph Franklin Rutherford eventually became his successor as leader of this movement. Rutherford is better known among his followers as "Judge" Rutherford.

Is This Movement Known by Other Names?

"They have not only been known as 'Jehovah's Witnesses,' but were originally known as 'Millennial Dawnists.' When literature exposing it under this name began to be circulated, 'Pastor' Russell changed the name to 'Watch Tower and Tract Society.' It next became 'People's Pulpit Association.' It was also known as 'The Brooklyn Tabernacle.' In the last days of Russell it became the 'International Bible Students Association.' When control fell to Rutherford in 1916, he conceived the idea of making every member of the movement believe himself to be one of Jehovah's final witnesses to the nations, and so the movement became known as 'Jehovah's Witnesses.'" (Keith L. Brooks.)

What Does This Movement Teach?

The late Dr. William E. Biederwolf says of the teachings of "Pastor" Russell:—"He has left scarcely one great truth or fundamental doctrine untouched with his unholy and unwarranted conclusions." The same could be said of "Jehovah's Witnesses." This testimony and that of such Bible teachers as the late Dr. James M. Gray, Dr. A. C. Dixon, and Dr. I. M. Halderman surely carries a warning message.

Is Our Lord a "Created Being"?

In Millennial Dawnism and also on page 17 of "Judge" Rutherford's book entitled *Creation*, we are told that our Lord Jesus Christ was a created being, and that there was a time when the personality of our Lord did not exist.

One of the great foundation truths of Scripture centers upon the Deity of our Lord:—"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, *and the Word was God*" (John 1:1-3). Then in verse 14, we read, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Christ, the living Word is the First Cause of all creation. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (v. 3; see Colossians 1:16, 17). What blasphemy then for any teacher to tell us that Christ was a created being! If He created all things, and He did, how could he be created? The prophet Micah, who foretold the incarnation of our Lord said, "Out of thee (Bethlehem) shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

In Rutherford's book *Reconciliation*, we are told that our Lord never was and never will be God. "When Jesus was on earth he was a perfect man, nothing more and nothing less" (p. 111). "Jesus was not God the Son" (p. 113). "If Jesus was God He would have raised Himself" (p. 127). This certainly is not according to Scripture, as we have seen.

What Do They Believe About the Trinity?

Again quoting from the book *Reconciliation*: "If Jesus was one part of the Trinity then it would be impossible for the Trinity or any part of it to have furnished the redemptive price for a perfect man, because there could be no exact correspondence." "It (the Trinity) could have originated only in one mind, and that the mind of Satan, the Devil" (p. 101). This is a clear denial of God's Word, which declares in many passages the three persons in One as a unity. For example, in II Corinthians 13:14 we find the Apostolic Benediction: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you

all." (See also I Peter 1:2.) Rutherford says, "The Holy Spirit is not a person" (*Reconciliation*, p. 115), but in John 16:13 is the statement of the Lord Jesus, "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." In this passage the pronoun "He" and the thing He does denotes personality.

"The Man Jesus Is Dead — Forever Dead"

This statement is found in *Russell's Bible Studies* (vol. 5, p. 454); and he also adds, "It was necessary not only that the man Christ Jesus should die, but just as necessary that *The Man Christ Jesus Should Never Live Again.*"

"Jehovah's Witnesses" teach this same thing as found in Rutherford's book *Reconciliation* (p. 128). "The man Jesus must remain dead forever if he is to be a substitute for Adam. By that is meant that he could not be raised up out of death as a man and still provide the redemption price for fallen man."

But when we open our Bible and turn to that beautiful story of Mary Magdalene as she stood weeping at the empty tomb on that resurrection morning, and heard Jesus say to her "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father," should not the reader be convinced that this teaching of "Jehovah's Witnesses" is erroneous and deadly poison. Then again as we read of Jesus appearing to His disciples in the upper Room on the evening of that resurrection day, eating fish and honeycomb before them and saying unto them, "Behold my hands and my feet that it is I myself: handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have" (Luke 24:36-43), the reader should be convinced more than ever that the Man, Christ Jesus, is living and not dead.

Again we read in I Timothy 2:5, "For

Blunt Advice To Preachers

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, declare it; if not, hold your peace.

there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

This is further emphasized in Hebrews 7:24, which states: "But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood."

And again, in Acts 17:31 it is stated: "God hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that *man* whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that *he hath raised him from the dead*"; and in Hebrews 10:12 we read, "But this *man*, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign;

He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose."

—Robert Lowery.

Our Lord's Resurrection

In dealing with the bodily resurrection of our Lord Russell said, in *Bible Studies* (vol. 2, p.129), "We know nothing of what became of it (the body of our Lord);.... whether it was dissolved into gases....no one knows."

Rutherford said in his book *Riches*, "God raised up Jesus out of death, not as a man, but as a spirit creature, divine and immortal never again subject to death" (p. 38).

Is this not a greater lie than the soldiers told them they were commanded to say, "His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we slept"?

The bodily resurrection of Christ is in many respects the greatest fact in all history, and the great foundation stone upon which Christianity rests. No wonder the devil would seek to destroy this foundation truth.

Blunt Advice To Preachers

Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy. Do not spoil the appetite for dinner by too much thin soup.

What Became of Our Lord's Body?

"Jehovah's Witnesses" say they do not know, as is seen in the statement found in the book *The Harps of God*: "In addition to raising up Jesus as a divine being, he also removed the body in his own good way and to his own good place, that it might not see corruption, even as he had promised" (p. 162). "He (Jesus) did not appear to them (the disciples) in the same body that was crucified....He had the power to create a fleshy body and appear in it and dissolve it at any time" (p. 169). "Our Lord's human body the one crucified, was removed from the tomb by the power of God....The scriptures do not reveal what became of that body, except that it did not decay or corrupt. We can only surmise that the Lord may have preserved it somewhere to exhibit to the people in the Millennial age" (p.172).

The Apostle Paul summarized his teaching on this subject in these words: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor. 15:14).

The importance of this resurrection of Christ can be judged by the place given to it in the preaching of the apostles in the early Christian era. It was the bodily resurrection of their Lord from the grave that so inspired and energized them as they went forth preaching "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 1:22; 17:18).

The Second Coming of Christ

"Millennial Dawnism" says, "We must bear in mind, also that our Lord is no longer a human being. Since he is no longer in any sense or degree a human being, we must not expect him to come again as a human being."

In Rutherford's *The Harp of God* we read: "The body in which Jesus will appear is not his human body;Jesus is no longer human, but divine; therefore we could not expect human eyes to see him" (p. 224). "In many places in our Bible referring to the second coming of the Lord the word translated into the English as 'coming' is properly translated *presence*,and refers to the invisible presence of the Lord" (p.225).

What do the Scriptures have to say? "This same Jesus, which is taken up from

you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). How did our Lord ascend into heaven? "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." Yes! This same Jesus in bodily form passed into heaven, and He is to come again as the disciples saw Him go in a body of flesh and bones (Rev. 1:7).

A Second Chance After Death

Who says so? Russellism in the literature sold by "Jehovah's Witnesses"! We quote, "After, those who die will have another chance of hearing the gospel, and should there be no desire to believe and accept the message, they will be annihilated."

In the book *Reconciliation* by Rutherford we find the words: "The purpose of the trial (judgement) will be to offer each and every one the opportunity to be reconciled to God and live" (p. 311). Also in the book *Creation* "The doctrine of eternal torment is as false as its author the devil" (p. 341). "When on earth he (Jesus) taught that the time for the deliverance of the peoples would begin when the evil world under the rulership of Satan shall end, and that he, Christ Jesus, would return and set up God's kingdom of righteousness that the peoples might know and follow the right way" (*Creation*, p. 336).

Anyone who reads the Gospel of Luke (16:16-31), and II Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2:9-12 will easily discover the error of this teaching of the "Jehovah's Witnesses."

"Jehovah's Witnesses" In Relation to Our Country

In an article published in *The Saturday*

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

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Biunt Advice To Preachers

Leave yourself out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel, and let the Lord defend you and your character.

Do not get excited too soon. Do not run away from your remarks. Engine driven wheels whirl fast on an icy track, but when loaded go slower.

Evening Post of September 14, 1940 a headline declares: "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MAKE HATE A RELIGION." The *Post* then goes on to say, "Defiance of what others cherish and revere is their daily meat. They hate all religions and say so from the housetops. They hate all governments with an enthusiasm that is equally unconcealed. On phonograph records, sound trucks, the radio, and in a Noah's flood of literature, they admit without conscious blasphemy, that they hold a prior lien on the Almighty."

This paper then adds: "They do not vote or hold public office. They do not salute the flag. Man's earthly creations being teetotally polluted, some of them refuse to send their children to the public schools. They will have no part or parcel in the work of the churches. In the event of war, they are sure to furnish the largest quota of conscientious objectors, and perhaps the most troublesome."

According to "Judge" Rutherford, all wars are wrong therefore God must have sinned when He commanded Israel to make war against many nations. Is "Judge" Rutherford more righteous and wise than Jehovah?

"Jehovah's Witnesses"

Part II

"Jehovah's Witnesses" are the followers of "Judge" J. F. Rutherford, and "Judge" Rutherford is a follower of "Pastor" Charles T. Russell, who died in 1916. Russell knew nothing about Greek or Hebrew, had only a seventh-grade education, lost his faith when 17 years of age, studied heathen religions for three years, and finally came back to the Bible and claimed to discover that there was no hell taught in it.

"Judge" Rutherford was born on November 8, 1869, and was granted a license to practice law in the State of Missouri, May 5, 1892, but like his predecessor his title of "Judge" is assumed. He was never elected

to that office and therefore has no claim to that title.

I have a copy of the "Divine Plan of the Ages" by "Pastor" Russell, and five copies of "Judge" Rutherford's publications, namely, *Creation*, *Government*, *Deliverance*, *Reconciliation*, and *Prophecy*, besides various tracts and periodicals put out by the "Watch Tower" publishers. These are not all of their publications, but are sufficient to indicate what they teach.

For two months I read these books, marking carefully what they had to say about the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, the Ten Commandments, the Church and State, Heaven and Hell, and religion, and the more I read the more startled I became. In my opinion not a third of Rutherford's followers know the teachings that are in his books. For their benefit and for the benefit of all those who wish to know what "Judge" Rutherford and his followers teach, I quote briefly from the five books named above, giving the name of the book and the page:

- (1) Christ was created (*Creation*, p. 17).
- (2) He never was and never will be God (*Creation*, p. 58).
- (3) He was only a man while upon earth, and died as a man (*Government*, p. 106).
- (4) He came to earth chiefly to live a perfect life, not to die as a ransom (*Reconciliation*, p. 216).
- (5) He will never be seen by man again (*Government*, p. 165).
- (6) The Holy Spirit, like the wind, is merely an impersonal influence (*Reconciliation*, p. 114; *Deliverance*, p. 150).
- (7) There is no Trinity; Jehovah God is everything (*Reconciliation*, p. 136).
- (8) God is the Savior from sin (*Reconciliation*, p. 137).
- (9) Forms of Church government and worship are bad (*Reconciliation*, p. 244).
- (10) Church and State are organizations of the Devil (In all his books).
- (11) The Ten Commandments are not in force today (*Government*, p. 64).
- (12) The Sabbath Day is no different from any other day (*Government*, p. 64).
- (13) The earth is man's heaven and there will be no other (*Deliverance*, pp. 335 to 344).
- (14) Millions now living will never die (*Deliverance*, p. 339).

- (15) There is no hell, except the grave, or physical death (*Reconciliation*, p. 289).
- (16) Man has no soul, only a body; thus death is completely non-existence until the resurrection (*Reconciliation*, p. 78).
- (17) Enoch died an easy death (*Deliverance*, p. 40).
- (18) Elijah was not taken to heaven (*Prophecy*, p. 204).
- (19) Some men, such as Judas and most present-day preachers will never see a resurrection morning (*Deliverance*, p. 326).
- (20) Churches are prisons and all preachers are prison keepers (*Reconciliation*, p. 237).
- (21) The kingdom did not come for anyone anywhere until 1914, for Christ did not take his throne until that year (*Prophecy*, p. 73).
- (22) When the Scriptures refer to "that day" they meant 1914, for the world came to an end that year (*Prophecy*, pp. 76, 87).
- (23) The devil was not driven out of heaven until between 1914 and 1918 (*Prophecy*, p. 82).
- (24) Jehovah God did not begin restoring his truth to his people until Russell discovered it in 1878 (*Prophecy*, p. 70).
- (25) Christ is not the mediator for Jehovah's Witnesses, they need none; they are Christ's body (*Reconciliation*, p. 222).
- (26) Christ's sacrifice is not yet complete, but is being completed by the Witnesses (his body members), who are being persecuted today (*Reconciliation*, pp. 160, 219).
- (27) Since 1914, the Russellites have been changed immediately into spirit beings at death, and meet the Lord in the air, and are there forming the heavenly kingdom (*Reconciliation*, p. 305).
- (28) When the heavenly kingdom of Russellites is complete, or 144,000 of them,

Blunt Advice To Preachers

It takes a cold hammer to bend a hot iron. Heat up the people, but keep the hammer wet and cool.

Do not bawl and scream. Too much water stops mill wheels, and too much noise drowns sense.

then there will be an earthly kingdom formed, ruled over by the faithful patriarchs of Hebrews 11, who will be called back to earth as perfect men to lead the earthly kingdom. These will receive their authority to rule from the invisible 144,000 of the heavenly kingdom (*Deliverance*, pp. 303, 311).

This is the picture, and this is the story in part of these two deceived men—Russell and Rutherford—who are described in II

Timothy 3:1-9. Their errors are dangerous indeed, but the Word of God furnishes a satisfactory reply and antidote to everyone of them. Let me beseech every reader to read and study God's Word, which "giveth light" (Ps. 119:130). These are perilous days, when there are many false prophets, and "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:24). Beware! Be wise! Be watchful! Prove all things! Hold fast that which is good! (I Thes. 5:21)

Interesting People

An Editorial Feature

Ed Wade of Liberal, Missouri, has lived a very interesting life. He was converted when a young man in Illinois. Upon his coming to Missouri, he, with his wife, soon united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Hannon, which was organized and held its services in the Bicknell Hall. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church for "convenience" but has remained a member by "choice".

Brother Ed was soon appointed teacher of the Young Men's Class in Sunday School. A few years later, the Young Ladies' Class merged with Brother Wade's class and became known as the Young Peoples Class, and is today the True Blue Class. He has been the teacher of this class for about 38 years with only one year out. He accepted the work very humbly and has been very diligent and conscientious in his teaching. The various generations of his "young people" all love and reverence him. Some of his former "young people" are now grandfathers and grandmothers, and their children and grandchildren still insist that Brother Ed continue to teach the True Blue Class. A great number of conversions are traceable to his teaching in the Sunday school class, and there are several who delight to testify that Ed Wade was the human instrument that led them to accept Christ.

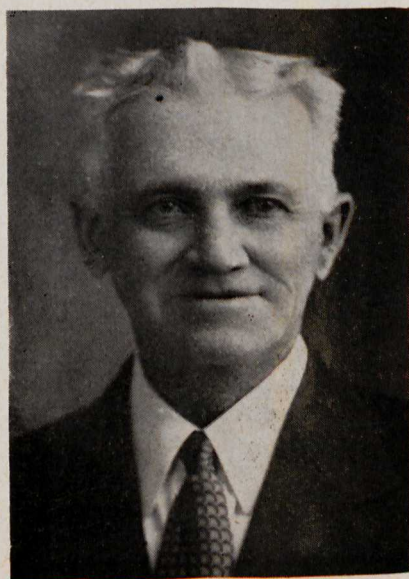
On one occasion, for example, there was one unsaved boy in his class. Brother Ed prepared a message in the lesson text for that boy's heart which left him thinking

seriously about Christ for his life. Later, in the gospel services, such students often were converted.

The following came out of his class as ministers of the gospel:

Emory Crabtree (deceased), Arlie Hoover, Boyd Thornton, Richard Talbert, Harold Hoover, and Marie Thomas Hyatt.

Ed Wade worked as a salesman of household products which took him throughout the county and into homes of all classes. He found a joy in meeting people and he



Ed Wade

became acquainted with almost every home in the county. Shut-in folk and "untouchables" found in his visits a ray of sunshine and cheer. He always took his Christian testimony with him, and often had prayer with the homes he visited, especially where there were invalids and sick folk. He won the title for himself "The County Missionary." He exemplified his testimony--"I think a Christian has the right to be the happiest person in the world."

He has always maintained a family altar ever since the establishment of his home more than 46 years ago. He has always been a great home lover and af-

fectionate toward his family. His home is open to welcome ministers of the gospel, day and night. He is very sympathetic to those in sorrow or trouble of any kind. He has no patience nor fellowship with men who love to tell smutty jokes.

All in all, he has been (and is) a really GOOD man and his good wife is really proud of him as he takes a leading part in everything that is Christian and honorable and upright. He is now past 73 years of age, and "doesn't want to get old," but is finding that he cannot go and do as he once did. May God continue to bless his fruitful life.

The National Association

Enterprise Department

Presenting the National Executive Secretary

Editorial

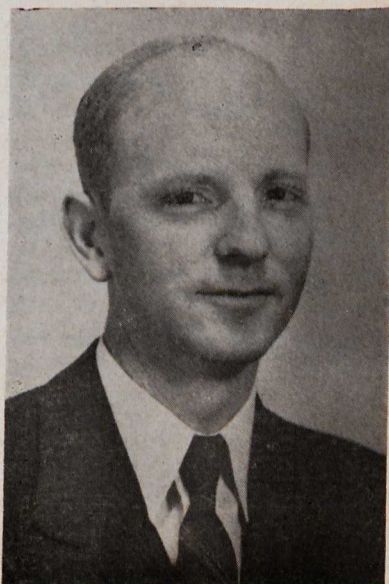
Rev. Robert B. Crawford was elected to the office of Executive Secretary of the National Association to serve in a full time capacity. The National Association authorized that the Executive Office be established in Nashville, Tennessee. We have learned that the office was set up at our Bible College, and mail may be addressed: Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Executive Office, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville (5), Tennessee.

Brother Crawford is a native of Alabama. Still quite a young man, he has spent the most of his life in the service of the Lord and his zeal for Christ and His cause is aflame. He is a self-sacrificing man. He entered the ministry in Alabama at the age of twenty. He has had eight years of pastoral experience.

His educational qualities consist of a B. A. degree from the University of Alabama. Having won a scholarship to the Vanderbilt School of Religion in Nashville, Tennessee, he has spent the past few years in Nashville, and he has finished two of the three years necessary to secure a B. D. degree. During his schooling in Nashville, he served the Ashland City Free Will Bap-

tist Church as pastor.

We are very hopeful, and are looking forward to a prosperous year in the promotional enterprises of the Free Will Baptist denomination for the Lord Jesus Christ.





Our Bible School

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President



The Free Will Baptist College begins its second session on September 8. Already the enrollment is more than double that of the first semester of last year. Many others have expressed their definite plans to come for this coming term, but have not sent their application. If you are planning to come, please let us have your application with the two dollars application fee. Until this is done we cannot definitely consider you a student.

Now is the best time, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College is the best place, for young Free Will Baptist ministers and Christian workers to receive training. If you are interested in Christian training write us today for literature and information.

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Missionary Department



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

The Willeys Return to Cuba

We wish once again to greet you through our paper and to express profound gratitude for kindness of our people in making possible our trip home to meet the Board and to attend the National Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Free Will Baptist Association of 1943 is for us a very pleasant memory, in that we have renewed old fellowships, just to look into the faces of our brethren from the East and West, from the North and South heartens us to the task we confront in Cuba. How we wish we might have had time to visit once again the homes and families we were privileged to pass some time with during the years past, to talk over the histories of the yesterdays and the aspirations of the tomorrows.

Again our people have marvelously responded to the challenge of the moment. We can, because of their response to a vital need, return with confidence to tell our Cuban Free Will Baptist brethren that the word from brothers of the North is FORWARD, and they will promptly resound those marching orders.

The goal of 5,000 dollars has been set that we might secure a Free Will Baptist Missionary center in the Province of Pinar

del Rio. We want you who have a part with us in the ministry of prayer and giving to pray that we might without delay find a property that will be a credit to our Denomination. There are a hundred people in our denomination who will give us \$50 within the next five months, there are many who would be happy to lead this campaign with a gift of \$100. Don't wait, but send in a check to Bro. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., designating for the Cuban property fund.

Our hearts have thrilled to see here in this central State of Tennessee a beautiful monument to our church, and educational institution in a center of educational and Southern culture that we have just reason to be proud of. The president of our College is a young man we have every reason to be proud of. He and his gracious wife are an asset to any people. While Brother Johnson is a young man, placed in a responsible position, he is very capable and free from the two headed monster SWELL-HEADEDNESS and BULLHEADNESS the two vices of men in positions of responsibility. We are grateful for the visit in the homes of our Brother Melvin and at the College with the Johnsons.

The next Institution to impress us here in the state is the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and its leaders, Brother and Sister Woolsey. At the present we are here visiting. I have never seen a lovelier center, better equipped plant, a greater bargain in property or a better behaved group of children, than under the able administration of this untiring young man. I think during our stay we have discovered the secret to this well ordered program, PRAYER. Bro. Woolsey finds time out of his busy life to pray personally with each of the children, overseeing the spiritual life of these little ones. Brother and Sister Woolsey are a real mother and father to each little one. In many Institutions like this we find children starved for affections, this is not true here. We are amazed at the way Sister Woolsey labors because of short handedness, she is desperately in need of help, and how this Brother keeps going on the ragged tires, is a mystery.

I am taking advantage of my visit here in Eastern Tennessee, to visit with our people, we have been invited into the churches of our brethren who want to see growth. I have never seen more beautiful churches. They are samples of architec-

tural art, builders skill, wise planning and sacrificial giving, and they build them without being slaves of debt. The people of the type found here, are the only hope for these United States of ours.

Our missionary circuit will include visits in Greenville, Liberty Church, Erwin and Midway. We wish it were possible for us to spend more time in this section just to acquaint our people and the outside world which is so prone to accuse us of being a people opposed to foreign missions and disobedient to the final command of Christ i.e. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature." I want to come back some day to this beautiful section of Tennessee for a more lengthy visit.

Our plans are to leave next week, heading for Cuba, but if possible meeting our people in Western North Carolina then on to High Point, Durham, Goldsboro, Davis Shores then on to Jacksonville, Florida, and Miami. Mrs. Willey and Barbara will stay on for a rest and proper food that she might regain her strength for the strenuous work in Cuba. We are counting on you, our friends, to come over and help us, to send over to help us, and to pray through our problems with us.

The National Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Inspiring and helpful was the gathering together of Free Will Baptist women from 14 states in their annual meeting on July 12, 13 at Nashville, Tennessee. In spite of transportation handicaps of various kinds, there was a very good attendance and much interest was manifest in every phase of Auxiliary work.

At the Executive Committee meeting held on Monday afternoon preceding the W.N.A.C. annual meeting, one of the most helpful sessions ever to be held was presided over by the convention president, Mrs. J. C. Griffin. At the request of the president, many new faces were present at this meeting. Among them were State Convention officers and visitors from states new in Auxiliary work. They along with all official members present rejoiced over the revival flames which burst forth in

that meeting. This same spirit continued through the entire session of the National Convention.

Monday night's session was climaxed with one of Sister Eunice Edward's strikingly appropriate messages of gigantic spiritual power according to the multitude of voices praising her message which bore the Woman's Auxiliary upward and onward.

Sister Mabel Willey of Cuba brought, on Tuesday, a characteristically illuminating missionary message concerning present conditions and expectations of the future work in Cuban Missions.

The reports, the plans, the spirit of the entire convention were refreshing. Reports showed marked progress in almost all lines while plans for next year included salaried native missionaries, one in Cuba and one in India as soon as Miss Barnard

returns to that field.

The unselfish volunteer services of our fine department directors as shown by their reports thrilled the splendid delegation with joy of the great task before the W.N.A.C.

Some new faces will be seen in the Convention's official family for the next two years. For the first time in the history of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, a woman west of the Mississippi River was chosen our leader. Mrs. Eunice Edwards of St. Louis, Missouri, because of her services as field worker in the Missouri Auxiliary ideals was elected National Convention president for the next two years. The joy with which the announcement of her election is made will be matched by the satisfaction with which it will be received throughout the entire Auxiliary Territory. Other new officers are Miss Gladys Baxter, a very capable and well-known teacher of Caledonia, Miss., for Stewardship Chairman; and Mrs. Damon Dodd, a student of prominence at the Free Will Baptist Bible School, for Mission Chairman. All the other officers were retained for two more years.

The Plan of Work adopted by the National Convention for 1944 is as follows:

Watchword for 1944: "Be ye steadfast"—

I. Cor. 15:58.

Hymn for 1944: "How Firm a Foundation."

Theme for 1944: "Steadfast in the Work of the Lord."

I. Prayer

1. (Same as last year)
2. (Same as last year)

II. Enlistment

1. (Same as last year)
2. (Same as last year)
3. (Same as last year)
4. That each National Department Chairman remind REGULARLY her subordinating officer about carrying out DEFINITELY the Plan of Work as suggested in the Year Book of Programs each month.

III. Missions:

1. (Same as last year)
2. That the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention support through the National Board of Foreign Missions a native missionary, in Cuba this year, and one in India as soon as Miss Barnard can return.

to that field. For this work each auxiliary is asked to increase her mission offering at least \$1.00 per month beginning NOW. (Send your offerings to the National Auxiliary treasurer who has been instructed to send this money for missionary salaries to the Mission Board treasurer. At the present rate of pay this will take \$25 per month. Each Auxiliary keep the record of your monthly offerings for native missionaries, BUT SEND THE MONEY to our NATIONAL CONVENTION TREASURER so that the convention may know that she has kept her promise to support MONTHLY two native workers.)

IV. Stewardship:

1. (Same as last year)
2. (Same as last year)
3. That a Stewardship Study Class be held EARLY in this year in EVERY LOCAL AUXILIARY and the book adopted by the National Convention is: "MONEY GROWS ON TREES" by H. H. Springer and can be ordered from WESTERN VOICE PUBLISHERS, ENGLEWOOD, COLO.
4. (Same as last year)
5. (Same as last year)

V. Christian Education:

1. That each second vice-president foster and advance Christian education of our young people as presented in the book, "WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH" which can be ordered from AUXILIARY LITERATURE DEPARTMENT HDQ. 1624 E. CAHAL AVE. NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.
2. That each second vice-president as chairman of education urge each corresponding secretary to continually seek to secure subscriptions to Free Will Baptist church papers (The Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo., and the Free Will Baptist, Ayden, N. C.) through the Woman's Auxiliary and the YOUNG PEOPLE until there is a church paper in every home.

3. That special emphasis be placed on the SUPPORT of our Bible School at 3699 Richland Ave. Nashville, Tennessee by sending it a regular MONTHLY donation.

4. (Same as last year)

VI. Gifts:

1. (Same as last year)
2. (Same as last year)
3. That we continue with the Jeholada Chest fund as our mission fund which is to be as follows: one-third of all such

funds shall be kept in the National Woman's Auxiliary treasury for the promotion of its home mission and field work and two-thirds of all such funds received by the National Treasurer shall be sent on the first of each month to the treasurer of the National Foreign Mission Board for payment of the native missionaries' salaries as follows: \$15 for the Cuban Missions, and \$10 for the Missionary in India.

Funds shall be kept in the National Woman's

VII. Personal Service:

1. (Same as last year)
2. (Same as last year)

VIII. Reports:

1. That the Convention's annual report to the Association be made on the report blank as found in the back of the Year Book of Programs in order that a unified statistical record of Woman's Auxiliary work may be had from district to state, and from state to national.

2. All funds contributed by local auxiliaries for all different phases of the National work are to be sent monthly through the proper channels to the National Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer who in turn will forward all such funds to the proper treasurer of the National Association. This procedure is for the inspiration and information of those who come after us.

Another action reached after thorough discussion and with unusual unanimity of thought is the return after seven years to the Convention's first plan for the distribution of convention literature. The National First Vice-President was authorized to take over not only the supervising of the preparation and publication of all literature needed for the advancement of Auxiliary work, but also take over the distribution of all Auxiliary literature. From 1932 to 1935 Year Books were distributed by the Convention Treasurer. In 1936 it was decided to use the publishers as distributors. Now after carefully comparing both plans, it was decided to return to the first plan, distributing our own literature. It is believed that this action will be received with keen interest by auxiliary members everywhere, and that they will be led to greater devotion in prayer that all the transactions of their literature department may be in all matters guided of God.

The following Auxiliary literature, as a result of the above mentioned action, will be distributed by the National First Vice-President: "Manual of Methods", "Year Books of Programs", Standard Achievement Wall Charts, Tracts, Auxiliary Method Study Course Books — "Working with Our Youth" and "Working Together". So place your order for any of these supplies at once with Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. For MISSION and STEWARDSHIP Study Classes please continue to order your books from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., just as heretofore. Suggested books will be in the Year Book.

Why are we calling these things to your attention in detail? Because it is YOU who will tell the other women all the way down the line to the local church and, for the good the convention may do in co-operating with you in carrying out the fine Plan of Work assigned to us everyone this year.

We look toward the new year with commitment of self to old ideals and new horizons. May God use our minds and hands to "give substance to the dream of better things to be that is in our hearts. "Our times call for deepened consecration and more purposeful living. In our personal lives, in our organizational life, in our churches and communities we must make Christ preeminent. He yearns over this suffering world. "Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus, and "Go, labor on."

"Herein is MY Father glorified that ye bear MUCH FRUIT."

Blunt Advice To Preachers

Empty vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless; lightning kills. If you have lightning, you can afford to thunder.

Do not scold the people. Do not abuse the faithful souls who come to meeting on rainy days, because others are too lazy to attend.

Preach the best to the smallest assemblies; Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and she got all Samaria out to hear Him the next time.



Our Boys in the Service



The End of the Road!

Tract-of-the-Month Club folder No. 106
Courtesy Good News Publishing Company,
Chicago.

Copies of this tract may be secured from Tract-of-the-Month Club, 322 West Washington, Chicago (6), Illinois. 100 for 35c; 500 for \$1.60; 1000 for \$3.00. Add 10% for postage on orders less than \$2.50.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN to Hitler and some of his associates when the United Nations have won the war? James McGlinchey, in a *Chicago Sun* article, "End of the Road," speculates:

HITLER—*Der Fuehrer* is capable of suicide, since he is an hysterical mystic at times. He might be more useful alive, though, and his generals might persuade him to accept martyrdom in the hands of the Allies.

MUSSOLINI—Would take his life if he could work up the intestinal fortitude, or could be sure that he would see the headlines in the spirit world. Actually he will probably surrender to his country.

HIMMLER—Has burned all his bridges. Cannot flee anywhere in the world where relatives or friends of his victims could not get him. Most Allied nations have large scores to settle with him.

GOEBBELS—Has made more enemies than entire Nazi hierarchy and might be killed by another Nazi when the final bars are down. He is ruthless, introverted and embittered.

CCERING—Has safely provided for himself to live comfortably in one or another neutral country. Is convinced that war guilt trials won't take place, and that he can get away with anything.

Although Roosevelt and Churchill have assured the world that a criminal record of these international outlaws is being kept for future prosecution, just what will happen to them is pure speculation. But whether suicide, execution or assassination,

one thing is sure: That will not be the "end of the road." Death is not the end of the road; it is but a brief bridge from time to eternity.

More pointed and pertinent is the question for these men and all men to face: "After death, what?" The Holy Scriptures say, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but *after this* the judgement" (Hebrews 9:27). Yes, judgement—judgement for crimes, atrocities, misdeeds; in fact, all sins committed in life.

And there will be no chance of escape, for God too keeps a record of men's sins in a book of deeds, from which some day all men will be judged unless their names are written in another book which God calls the Book of Life.

How can one know that his sins are not awaiting judgement in God's record book, but that his name is in the Book of Life? That the "end of the road" for him will not be judgement and eternal Hell? Christ said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

Yes, God has provided a way to escape the judgement which He must otherwise justly impose upon all men for their sins. Jesus Christ died to save sinful men from the penalty of their sins, and to give them eternal life. When a man by faith trusts Christ as his Saviour and hope for eternal life, God wipes out his sinful record and writes his name in the Book of Life, guaranteeing him everlasting joy and blessedness in Heaven. The stars will fall before this promise of God can be broken to those who put their faith in Christ.

"When the choir has sung its last anthem,

And the preacher has voiced his last prayer;

When the people have heard their last sermon,

And the sound has died on the air;
 When the Bible lies closed on the altar,
 And the pews are all empty of men;
 When each one stands facing his record,
 And the Great Book is opened — WHAT
 THEN?"

"He that believeth on the Son (Christ)
 hath everlasting life, and he that believeth
 not the Son shall not see life, but the
 wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

— James F. Spink

History of Loyal Chapel --- See Frontpiece

The Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Columbia, Tennessee, was organized November 9, 1938, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Parrish, of near Columbia. The organization was perfected with 51 charter members and the following officers were elected to carry on for the church:

Robert Parrish, clerk; Willie Scribner, treasurer; A Board of five Deacons: Bros. Louie Hyle, Lee Temes, Luther Parrish, Robert Parrish, and Willie Scribner.

The first action by the newly formed body was to appoint a building committee and to begin laying plans for the erecting of a place of worship. In the meantime, services were held in the commodious basement of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Parrish. In view of the fact that no definite hearing could be had on the materials needed for a new building, the committee decided on

a frame structure, to be built so that it could easily be converted into a parsonage as soon as a permanent building could be had. Then, just as final plans were being completed for the new building, the present crisis arose and all plans were brought to a halt. However, a nice size fund has been raised and money continues to roll into the building fund.

Rev. J. B. Bloss, of Columbia, Tennessee, was elected pastor of the newly formed body and served in that capacity for two years. Rev. E. M. Grubbs was called and served for a short while, after which Rev. Bloss was again elected. The present pastor, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, was called last year (1942). The church has an active Sunday School and League as well as a Woman's Auxiliary. Every phase of the National Work is supported and the Lord is blessing every effort which is being put forth to advance the cause.

Church Letters - Field Reports

Revival at Pearce Chapel

That the day of revivals is not past has been proved during the past week by the mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God in an old-fashioned revival at the Pearce Chapel Church, near Smithville, Miss. issippi. Never before has the writer experienced a more sweeping victory and more definite answers to prayers than were seen during this meeting. The initial service was held Sunday night July 19, and since it was impossible for us to be there, Rev. Ralph Lightsey did the preaching. This first service proved to be the beginning of a sweeping revival in the community. When we arrived on Monday afternoon, Bro. Hollis, the pastor, was on

hand to meet us and to report the fact that the revival fires were already burning. On Monday night a number were led to the Lord and from that time forth almost every service was marked by the surrender of some one to HIM.

The people of Pearce community deserve much of the credit for the success of the revival effort. They are a congenial group who are anxious to do the full will of the Lord. Their devotion to the church and the cause of Christ cannot be surpassed anywhere by any people. They attended the services in great numbers, and both the day and night services were marked by overflowing crowds. A vacation Bible School was conducted in connection with the revival and a total enrollment of 145

was reached.

Sunday afternoon marked the close of the revival. After a good service of song, prayer and preaching, the sacred rite of Baptism was administered to 23 candidates. Five had joined the church by letter, making a total of 28 who had united with the church. During the week, 35 people had accepted the Lord as Saviour on profession of faith.

We shall never forget the good people of Pearce Chapel, nor Bro. Lightsey, whose cooperative spirit and splendid service as song leader contributed much toward the success of the meeting.

Damon and Sylvia Dodd, Evangelists.

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Arkansas State League Program

Beginning October 30, 1943.

Subject, "The Christian Army."

Evening

8:00 — Introduction of service Pro. Ralph Staten

Prayer Bro. Wiley White
Local League Program

8:30 — Sermon Rev. McClelland

Morning

9:00 — Address of Welcome .. Bro. Mooring

Response Rev. H. R. Lewis

Prayer Rev. J. E. White

Devotional Ollie Sweeney

9:45 — Introduction of subject Mrs. W. A. Hearron

9:50 — "The Standing Army" Chas. Staten

10:15 — "The Commanded-in-chief" Pvt. Jean Davis, U. S. Army

10:30 — "The Call for Volunteers" Edith Brooks Collins

10:45 — The Enlistment Elsie Lawless

11:00 — Song Service Thomas Lawson

11:15 — Sermon Rev. Rupert Pixley

Noon Lunch on grounds

Afternoon

1:00 — "The Cause and Purpose" .. Leonard Doggett

1:15 — Readings Freda Merl Wilson and Ollie Sweeney

1:30 — "The Weapons" Pvt. Clarence Hearron

1:45 — "The Armor" Clara Hearron

1:55 — "The Nourishment, or Food" J. E. White

2:10 — "The Training" Nannie May Hollis

2:20 — "The Warfare" Lorton Calvert

2:30 — "Morale vs Propaganda" Rev. Ralph Staten

2:45 — "Deserters and Traitors" Elder Ray Watkins

2:55 — The loss of Watkins Church property and lives Bro. Silas Woodard

3:15 — "Wounds and Scars" Rev. Thomas Lawson

4:00 — "The Victory" Bro. Williams

4:15 — "The Reunion" Rev. Stanley White

4:30 — Reward for service Tom Kirk

4:40 — Business Session

Mrs. W. A. Hearron, New Hope Ark.

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Cedargrove Church, Ada, Oklahoma

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am reporting from the Cedargrove Church near Ada, Okla.

I wish to report our wonderful revival. Rev. Cecil McKinney, pastor of the Ada church, and a powerful man of God, conducted the revival, delivering some wonderful messages from God.

The Lord was with us all through the meeting. Christian people were renewed in faith and courage. Nine souls found the Lord. Seven were baptized, and there were fifteen additions to the church.

The Lord has truly blessed our church and community. Although we are thankful for the great blessings there are still others we pray will come to the Lord soon.

The young people have organized a League. We attended the League Rally of the Center Association, at Burris City. We all had a wonderful time. The next League Rally will be at our church the second Sunday in November. We hope to have a large attendance.

Christian people please pray for our church when you pray. Especially remember our young people. We young people need more help and guidance than ever before, because there are so many temptations.

May the Lord bless each Gem reader.

Miss Winnie Price

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Washington, D. C.

Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Many things have come to pass since I last sat down to write and I'm happy that

I can report victory in the Name of our Lord. I have had many experiences during my sixteen months in the Capitol City of our Nation for which I am thanking God. I have been privileged to hear some outstanding and world famous preachers, and have made several real friends in Jesus, but my time in Washington is coming to a close. As the days slip swiftly away and the time draws near for me to leave it is with some regrets, but I know the Lord is with me and I am positive that I am doing the Will of the Lord.

It has been sometime since anything about the home church at Sandy City has been in the "Gem" but I'm glad that I can say they are reporting some great services. The annual Sunday School picnic was held the first Sunday in this month (August 1). They tell us that it was one of the best they have ever had but a note of sadness was there because so many boys and girls, too, were missing that had attended for

many years past. The League went to Kenova, West Virginia, to present a program at the Free Will Baptist Church where Rev. Jay Duvall is pastor. A goodly number attended and they report a wonderful time in the Lord.

The Lord willing, I expect to be with them in services at Sandy City on August 22. It helps more than words can express to go back some times just for a day to be with those who have meant so much to us in the past.

I earnestly request the prayers of those who truly know our Lord that whatever the future holds for me, I will be found true to the Master and His work. May the blessings of our Lord rest abundantly upon you all.

I remain, Yours in Jesus

Gertrude Bowe

123½ Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park
Washington 12, D. C.

Report of Missouri Treasury

Rev. Winford Davis, Treas. Monett, Mo.

Foreign Missions

Eldorado Springs S. S.	\$ 5.80	Independance Church	12.50
Jones Chapel S. S.	11.00	Wagoner Church	4.60
G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.	5.00	Independance S. S.	3.25
Corsicana Church	3.00	Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, Calif.	50.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	4.01	Oak Grove Church, Cave Sprn'g Ass'n.	7.00
Mrs. Goldia York, Greenfield, Mo. ..	1.00	Sublette Church	4.00
True Blue Class Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S.	1.00	Will Thompson, Greentop, Mo.	
Shibleys Point Church	3.00	for Cuban School Missions	5.00
Mine La Motte S. S.	3.35	Wm. Newcomer, Greentop, Mo.	
Hickory Grove Church	4.31	for Cuban School of Missions	5.00
Union Light Church by Myrtle Long	2.00	Offering at Central Western Mo.	
Rock Chapel	2.00	and South Eastern Kansas Ass'n.	105.75
Verdella Church	11.00		
Aurora Church	10.04		
Merls Chapel	9.48		
Hazel Creek Union Church	35.70		
Blue Eye Church	1.82		
Monett Church	7.80		
Willey Circle of Flat River Auxillary	15.00		
Fredricktown Church	2.79		
Willing Workers Cir., Flat River Aux.	6.00		
Green Grove Mission	5.90		
Macedonia Church	4.13		
Amity Church	3.00		
Ray Hollingsworth, Archie, Mo.	12.00		

New Machinery Fund

Arthur Kicenski, Jericho Sprn'gs, Mo. \$1.00

Entertainment Fund for Mo. State Association

Corsicana Church	\$ 3.00
Macedonia Church	5.00
St. Louis Third Church	5.90
Verdella Church	3.80
Wagoner Church	1.05
Flat River Church	25.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	12.26
Fredricktown Church	6.00
Independance Church	10.00

Union Third Fork Church 5.00

Educational Fund

G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo. \$5.00

Fredricktown Church 2.27

Monett Auxiliary 2.45

Jehoida Chest Fund

Hannon Church \$1.00

Macedonia Church 1.00

Hickory Grove Auxiliary 2.00

Flat River General Auxiliary 2.00

Allocation Fund (Penny-a-Day)

Hannon Church \$1.21

Mt. Olive (Neola) Church 1.06

Mrs. Milford Mullins, Aurora, Mo. .. 1.36

Merls Chapel 8.15

Willey Circle of Flat River Auxiliary 2.50

Budget Fund

Carterville Church \$ 4.00

Verdella Church 1.60

Flat River Church 35.00

Central Western Mo. and South

Eastern Kan. Ass'n. by Thora

Arbogast, clerk 18.70

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Liberty Free Will Baptist Association will convene with the Malon Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Ala.

This Association will meet on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September through Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. C. L. Carlisle, clerk

OBITUARIES

MAYBERRY—Margaret Ann Gilmore was born March 23, 1873 near Greenfield, Mo., and departed this life July 31, 1943, at the age of 70 years 3 months and 8 days.

She was united in marriage to Gordon H. Maberry, August 10, 1890. To this union was born 8 children.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon H. Maberry and 7 children, Mrs. Guy Hickey, Mrs. Morris Dodd, Mrs. Troy Smith, Earl, and Emmett, all of Greenfield, Mrs. Clarence Morrow of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Howard who is serving with the U. S. Army somewhere in England. She was

preceded in death by one daughter, Leona, May 13, 1913. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hood of Picher, Okla., and Mrs. Jack Patrick of Seattle, Wash.

She was converted at an early age and in 1914 united with the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church. She was faithful to her Lord and her church until the end and was always anxious to be in his service and never missed an opportunity to be in the Lord's service and glorify His name in every way.

Mrs. Mayberry had been in failing health for a number of years but had been able to do her housework until on May 9 she had a severe stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered. She bore her suffering with patience and was cheerful through her long illness. She realized that the Saviour was ready to call her home and just a few days before she passed away, she called her companion and children to her bedside and told them she was ready to go and asked them to meet her. All through her sickness she talked constantly about her boy in the service and prayed for him continually. The only thing she had to regret was that he was not permitted to come home and see her during her sickness.

Mrs. Mayberry was a very kind and devoted companion and mother, always willing to make any sacrifice and nothing was too hard for her to undertake to help her companion and children. She was a good neighbor always ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed help or speak a word of comfort and encouragement to those who were sad or discouraged. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends who commit her into His hands who doeth all things well.

She left a testimony to assure her loved ones that she is now rejoicing with her loved ones who have gone on before and we know Heaven is brighter because of her presence there.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis at the Mt. Olive (Neola) Church in the presence of a large audience.

A friend and brother

BOWERS—George Irvin Bowers was born October 4, 1885, and passed away July 21, 1943, at his home one mile north of Riverton, Kansas, at the age of 57 years and 17 days. He was converted 35 years ago and united with the Shilo Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, July 23, at the Shilo Church. Rev. T. R. Wade officiated.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Bowers, one brother, Elmer Bowers of Galena, Kansas, and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Thomas of Webb City, Missouri, six neices and five nephews, besides a host of friends.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom
The boon had given,
And tho' the body slumbers here
The soul is safe in heaven.

BOTKIN—James A. Botkin was born February 5, 1857, in Platsburg, Ohio, and departed this life on July 22, 1943, at the age of 86 years, 5 months, and 17 days. At the age of 20 he was married to Ada Rathburn who preceded him in death 49 years ago. To this union was born 8 children who preceded him in death except one son. He settled in Joplin, Mo., in 1892, where he mined for several years. He was married to Lola Nunamaker, February 11, 1900. To this union was born one child who died in infancy.

He was converted in 1907 at Tipton Ford, Mo., under the ministry of the late Rev. Allen Shuey, and united with the Free Will Baptists there. Later he moved to Granby, Mo., where he served the church as a trustee for several years. He moved to Carterville in 1922, where he moved his membership to the Carterville church. He was ordained as a Deacon in September, 1932. He filled well the office of Deacon as long as his health permitted his attending the church. Altho his ill health did not permit his attending the church, when his friends called to see him, he was always eager to hear from the church and its workings. He was very interested in

the associational work, both local and state, traveling when his health permitted, across the state to meet in its gatherings.

He is survived by his widow, Lola Botkin, one son, Carl Botkin, of Los Angeles, Calif., 6 grandchildren, Delcena Brown and Esther Broadhurst of Carterville, Pauline Mahoney of Hutchinson, Kans., Lois Crosswhite and Harold Botkin of Los Angeles, Calif., and Clifford Botkin of Webb City, Mo., 9 great grandchildren, Cathryn McCune, Donita, Delbert and Geraldine Mahoney of Hutchinson, Kans., Evelyn Lewallen of Los Angeles, Lola Anna Williams, Muryl, Clara Bell, and Ramon Brown of Carterville and Gailard Brown of Memphis, Tennessee, who is serving his country in the Navy, one great, great grandchild, Albert Dean Williams of Carterville, and a host of friends.

In Sweet Memory of my Dear Grandpa

Just at Even-tide as the sun sank low
Far in the Western sky,
Grandpa went to sleep never to wake again
And sailed away to that home on high.
His spirit now dwells with our God above,
In that land of peace and rest and love.
God grant that we too may someday go
To join our loved ones there,
For I know they are waiting our coming
Their blessings all to share.

Mrs. Pauline Mahoney

WILKS—Nettie Blackmore Wilks was born January 30, 1898, in Verona, Missouri, and departed this life at the age of 45 years, 6 months, and 14 days. She was the daughter of William and Anna Blackmore.

On September 14, 1915, she was united in marriage to Bertie Lawrence Wilks. To this union was born seven children, all of whom survive her; Mrs. Louise Opalka of Aurora, Mrs. Virginia Askins of Aurora, Roberta, Geraldine, Harold, Nadine, and Shirley Maxine, all of the home. Besides her husband and children she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Grubb of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Ella Browning of Crane, Missouri, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was converted at an early age and was united with the Verona Baptist Church where she remained a member until her

death. Since moving to Aurora, she attended the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where she taught a Sunday school class. She lived a devoted Christian life until her death.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.
Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Aurora, Mo. Interment in Spring River Cemetery.

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