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“Seems to me the stars shine brighter,
Seems to me the snow lies whiter,
That the solemn trees stand straighter,
And the frosty moon sets later,
And the hush is stiller, greater,
Since Jesus controls my life!”



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GOSPEL SERMONS



Substitutionary Baptism

Rev. W. R. Spurlock, Bonnie, Illinois

Text: 1 Cor. 12:13

"For by one spirit (Holy Spirit) are we all (believers) baptized into ONE BODY (The Church) whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been (in the past) made to drink (potentially) into one Spirit."

The entire chapter, from which my text is chosen, is devoted to the unfolding of the profound truth, that *The Church* is the *Body of Christ*, and that the Holy Ghost is the Agent and the power of that Church, constituting and sustaining its union with its living head, and clothing it with divine power for its mission in the world.

After our Lord was glorified and the way was opened up for the coming of the Holy Spirit to take up His administrative office in this body, which is the Church, she takes the name her Lord had borne before: She is the Temple of God, and let me add, the only temple which He has on earth during this age. Throughout Paul's writings we find he used the word "body" sometimes meaning our physical body and at other times he means the Church. Therefore, we should always study the context to ascertain which he means. In verse twelve, just preceding my text, the Apostle compares the Church to the physical body. "For as the body (physical) is one, and (it) hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one (physical) body: so also is Christ (body)." In verse twenty-seven of this same chapter, "Now we (believers) are the body of Christ and members in particular." The same Apostle says in Eph. 2:22 "In whom ye (believers) also are builded together (what for?) for an habitation of

God (how?) through the Spirit." There are many other scriptures that deal with this all-important subject, but these prove beyond a doubt that the words of our text "one body" means the Church which is the body of Christ. Should the question be asked, who is the agent that plants us into this body? The text answers, "by one Spirit." The text also states all (believers) are baptized into this body.

A Statement

When we chose 1 Cor. 12:13 as our text, we was not ignorant of the fact, that there are many different exegesis of this inspired statement of the Apostle. Today the Bible teachers are divided on this inspired statement of Paul, and the result is sad in the extreme. Some say this is the Pentecostal baptism and that everyone who is born



Rev W. R. Spurlock

of the Spirit is baptized with the Holy Ghost, or to be baptized with the Spirit is to be born of the Spirit. G. Campbell Morgan says in *The Spirit of God*, pp. 136 "This verse teaches that when a man is born of the Spirit, he is baptized with the Spirit." This is the conclusion of all who believe as Mr. Morgan does, and there are many, such as C. I. Scofield, James Gray, Chas. R. Erdman, A. C. Gaeblein and Company, for many follow these teachers like sheep. On the other hand, many Bible teachers, spiritual giants, who have moved the Church to a higher plane of life, and won thousands to Christ, expound this verse somewhat differently to the above named teachers. They deny this verse has any reference to the Pentecostal Baptism, but teach that Paul was speaking of that raising to life and grafting into the true Vine by the death and resurrection of Christ, which He underwent for all who would believe in Him. This is the teaching of such splendid, powerful men as Dr. A. J. Gordon, Dr. A. T. Pierson, Dr. R. A. Torrey, T. J. McCrossan B. A., B. D., Wilber Chapman, F. B. Meyer, Kelley, D. L. Moody and John MacNeal, to say nothing of that great army of Arminian teachers and scholars I purposely left out. When schools, doctors, teachers and standards so widely differ, what can a little fellow do but take his Bible and invite the Holy Spirit (the One who inspired the statement) to lead him to the light. For we should be seekers of light. The following in this brief chapter may not be altogether accepted by some readers, but prayerful consideration is asked for it, in order that fresh perception may be granted and a deeper, truer experience result therefrom.

When we consult God's eternal truth, we should always do so with an open mind and a heart free from prejudice or preconceived ideas and notions about it. It is possible to be so prejudiced against what some are pleased to call Pentecostalism, that it will effect our spiritual thinking. It is very sad indeed when splendid people permit their hearts and minds to be permanently closed against some great Bible doctrine because of unwarranted claims on the part of certain extremists. The saints of the ages have been cus-

todians of the revealed secrets of God. Through spiritual discernment, such illuminated souls possess inside information which materially-minded persons lack capacity to understand. Yet students of revealed truth sometimes disagree on minor details and matters of interpretation. Charity is a virtue which true Christians gladly manifest toward each other. Since no sane person credits himself with infallibility, it follows that every student of the inspired, Holy Word should maintain an open mind and a heart responsive to the leadings of the Holy Ghost. With this purpose in mind, let us now try to understand what one of the greatest Bible teachers meant when he said "By one Spirit are WE ALL baptized into one body." It is a well known fact, if we confine ourselves to study only such works as those with which we fully agree, we limit our learning, place a ceiling on our spiritual advancement, and take the attitude that we are the embodiment of wisdom. Any one who brings me light on the Holy Bible, I regard them as my friends, though they may be an enemy.

"Baptized into One Body"

This is a *substitutionary* baptism that our Lord has *already* underwent (potentially) for every sinner who should afterward repent and trust in His shed blood. We all agree that it is through Christ's death (which He Himself called a baptism) that all who are now trusting Him have found pardon and have been planted into

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His body. It is a work potentially saving, wrought for man, but done outside of and independent of the individual. This redemption price must be paid and for this purpose Christ was born into the world.

When Jesus set His face toward Calvary, He had in mind this substitutionary baptism, which He must accomplish (potentially) for every believer in all ages. All this our Saviour did through the *agency* of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, Paul could say, by one Spirit are we (believers) baptized into one body. That Christ had this baptism in mind, there can be no doubt. Matt. 20:22, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am to be baptized with?" Luke 12:50, "I have a baptism to be baptized with." Mk. 10:38, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" No wonder Paul when speaking of our wonderful hope could say, "I am crucified with Christ." Col. 3:1, "If ye then be risen with Christ." In the face of the above scriptures it is hard to understand how anyone could urge that 1 Cor. 12:13 is the Pentecostal baptism. However, I wish to bring more scripture as proof, that Paul is speaking of the death of Christ which is called baptism and not the Pentecostal baptism. The words of our text, "baptized into one body," is a phrase to cover the whole work of the God-head, in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, which He underwent

potentially, for all who afterward would believe. Gal. 3:37, "As many as were baptized into Christ, did put on Christ." This is a statement of a definite fact in the past, probably connected in the Apostle's mind, not so much with the administration of water baptism, yet with the substance of which it is a shadow. Col. 2:12, "Buried (when?) with him in baptism (His death), wherein also ye (believers) are risen with him (how?) through the faith (in what?) of the operations of God, who raised him (Christ) from the dead." Rom. 6:3-4, "Know ye not that so many of us as were (past) baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized in his (Christ's) death. Therefore (because of the above mentioned fact), we are buried (how?) by baptism (not into water) into death." Here again, let us look at the spiritual fact behind the ordinance of water baptism, should any prefer to take the whole passage in connection with such ordinance. It is again a past tense statement, the New Testament revelation of the result of the death (called a baptism by Christ and Paul) of our Lord, who identified all who constantly trust the shed blood, with Himself, in His death and resurrection, as henceforth to be able to walk in newness of life.

God's Part and Man's

Let us not fail to distinguish between the part of God and the part of man in the individual's salvation. There are some things which only God could do, and for us to attempt to do them is to waste our efforts: there are other things which only man can do, and for us to try to persuade God to do them is to waste our prayers. We have been speaking of the great redemption wrought by Christ on Calvary (called a baptism) where He made atonement for all men. That glorious work owes to man not one thought, not one act, not one virtue. This was a universal atonement, but it does not make it universally effective in and toward the individual. Before redemption becomes effective in the individual there is an act which the individual must do. This act is not one of merit, but one of condition. "Repent and believe" is the order. God in His mercy may "incline" us toward repentance, and by His Spirit enable us to repent, but before we can be

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saved, we must of our own free will repent toward God and trust in the shed blood of His Son. When this act or condition is fully met, it brings the individual into relationship with Christ and he becomes an heir of God, joint heir with Jesus Christ.

In Christ

The two words, "In Christ" is the key to the whole New Testament, for they describe the mutual relationship between Christ and those who continue to trust Him. He who suffered this baptism of death, did it potentially for all, and he who puts his trust in this bloody baptism, our Lord underwent, is in a position, not of any one blessing, but all blessings. To be "In Christ" is a position, privilege and possession. Many wonderful blessings are promised us while we walk this way of faith, others are promised in the future; but is conditioned on abiding "in Him". Matt 10:22, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." (See Chapter 24:13 and Mk. 13:13). In John 15:6, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch." Also verse two, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." The scriptures plainly teach that all who are grafted into the true vine (the body of Christ) have potential eternal security, but not unconditional eternal security. Christ who is the head of the body, and the believer who is a member of that body have one life. So in Christ you have life, out of Him you are dead. In Christ, you have hope, and out of Him you have no hope. "In Christ" you are an elect, and out of Him you are a non-elect. In Christ you are saved, out of Him you are lost. In Him (potentially) is all that one needs to be a complete overcomer of the world, the flesh and the devil. In Him is full joy, peace, victory, power, holiness is ours here and now. Do you live like a spiritual millionaire, or like a spiritual pauper?

Conclusion

The state of the church at Corinth was of the very lowest, and the Apostle makes the ground of his appeal to rest on this substitutionary baptism of Christ. Not any one particular blessing, but a foundation of all blessing. He speaks in the past tense, as something behind. He seems to say, remember your position, privilege and

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potential possessions, and come up to them experimentally.

In the letter from which my text is taken, Paul illustrates this important truth by showing how Israel failed and come short of many blessings God had promised, for no other reason but their unbelief and failing to keep step with God. 1 Cor. 10:2, "Baptized unto Moses (his leadership) in the cloud and in the sea." Identified with him as their leader, who brought them under the blessed guidance and protection of the cloud, symbol of the Holy Ghost. Yet how few had any clear perception of the results experimentally of this baptism. They did not continue to trust the Lord, which is shown by their murmuring rebellious disobedience. The record says God was not pleased with them, for they were overthrown in the wilderness; then he adds, "these things were written for our admonition, wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Now if our God wills to pour out the Holy Ghost upon us today, please tell me why do not more Christians and more churches enter into an experience of power at least approaching that of the early church? If the Holy Spirit has His way with the church (Christ's body) it is a fact beyond dispute, that He will lead each member (child of God) to a complete consecration of all (which is man's part) on the altar. Rom. 12:1-2, "Which is your reasonable service." Then it is, that the Lord will

put His seal upon and anoint for service. God has ask that we "yield ourselves unto him as those that are alive from the dead," also, that each member of this body of Christ, "present his body a living sacrifice", which is our reasonable service. If under the sway of a worldly spirit, we withhold ourselves from God and insist on self-ownership, or management, we need not count it strange if the Lord withholds His anointing from us, or fails to put His divine seal upon us. Everyone who is trusting in the Christ, who underwent that baptism of death, the scriptures say, (John

3:33) "sets his seal to it that God is true." In consecration God sets His seal upon the believer that he is true, 2 Cor. 1:21-22 Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God; who also sealed us and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." We have found (I trust) that 1 Cor. 12:13 is not the Pentecostal baptism, but a substitutionary baptism, which he suffered potentially, for all, and too, it was not a baptism of any one blessing, but a baptism in which is wrapped up all blessings.

A Lesson in Color

Mrs. Martha Dalton, Cassville, Mo.

Some years ago, when I would hear it said that someone, "must be color-blind," I regarded it as simply a saying or expression, not founded in any fact. It must be no longer than four years ago since I learned there are people who are totally blind to color. This applies to one illustrator for popular magazines who is noted as a colorist. I have observed his work and noted with interest the richness and depth of color his illustrations possess. How does this artist skillfully do the very thing for which he is most handicapped? That's easy, he constantly keeps by his side another who supplies the need by telling him which color to use.

Still more recently, I have learned that a considerable number of people are partially color-blind. They of course do not need quite so much help, and perhaps there are many who do not realize that they are failing to see things as they truly are.

Then there is another kind of blindness; people with normal eyesight let many beauties go unseen, simply by failing to observe them. Since my earliest school days I have been interested in art, but have done little about it, yet keep thinking, "If I ever get to the place where I can relax, I'm going to paint." Last year I managed to crowd two small paintings into a busy life, but while I have little time in which to actually do it, I continually

make mental notes that would speed the work should the opportunity suddenly arrive. I have made a special study of the sky and find that although it sounds unbelievable, all the pastel colors are there at one time or another.

Something else that might seem unimportant is the color of shadows. What the light or shadow falls on makes a difference.

Then some objects seem to borrow color from others, by multiple minute reflections I suppose. Please pardon this personal illustration: When my baby girl was born, I wanted her to have sky blue eyes like her father's, but nature gave her an off-shade of brown like my own. Here's what I want to call attention to: When inside the living room, for some time her eyes seemed to be blue but always outside the room they looked brown. Long afterward I decided it was because of blue wall paper in the living room that changed the color of her eyes.

Now the most deceitful colorist we have in this world is Satan. I dislike giving Satan credit for anything but he is quite an artist. He delights in having the imitators close beside the real Christians, so they may absorb some of the good color, thereby making it difficult for the world to decide which to use for an example. Then it pleases him very well indeed to have Christians frequent unholy gatherings

and absorb some of the world's most vivid hues. No matter how white you keep your garments, if they are covered with unholy reflections you will lose your influence, for all of God's people are not color-blind. Just a part of them and even they know shadows from light. What of the new Christian? Like the handicapped artist, he must be guided by

those who have the light, to understanding of places where sin is lurking. Tell them for me that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is quite simple: Visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction and keep unspotted from the world. There's only one way to do it: "Come out from among them (unholy things of the world) and be ye separate."

The Question "Why"

Rev. A. H. De Weese, Haddam, Kansas

Thus saith the Lord! There is coming a time when each of us will be faced with this question. The apostles were asked this question as they were gazing into heaven. Note this scripture verse, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11.

May we consider the question. Ours, faith and belief of the Christian require action. When by force the firing pin of our various war machines contacts their shells, there is action. May we put faith and belief into action. Let us not stand idle by gazing into emptiness of space. Truly we need to stand firm for the God of heaven, by whom we are bought; but there is no place where idleness can be of use. May we fasten our eyes on God, serving Him. "For He abideth ever."

It was God who commissioned us to "Go" ye; not to make excuse or faint by the wayside, but to go. There is power for service behind this commission.

To be found in the service of God when He comes to claim His own is the desire of every Christian; but are we faithful? Where were you when the pastor and evangelist, with the Lord's faithful few, were laboring for the salvation of souls? You were needed much, as they were laboring for building improvement, and trying to stir folks to rally to our foreign mission needs, and pressing religious education. Could there have been some grievance that has blinded your spiritual eye sight, causing you to withdraw your support from the

house of the Lord? Shame, shame. Christ will come and will not tarry, and will find you so doing. What will you be able to answer when excuses fail to make a covering for your guilty heart? You will then hear the Master say, "I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not in; naked and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison and ye visited me not." This is the condition of many souls about our door. Do you let sin deceive you, and make you to doubt. Jesus died for them and how shall we escape if we won't so much as tell the hungry souls the glad story? Are they not worthy of our service when Jesus gave His blood for them?

The next question we wish to refer you to is that asked Moses as he stood on holy ground before the burning bush. "And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? and he said, A rod." Exodus 4:2.

Moses had often used this rod in herding his father-in-law's flock. Never before was there any particular notice given it. God saw a greater use for it, and at the command of God, Moses cast it upon the ground. Result was he saw it as never before, a serpent.

What is in that clutched hand of yours? What do you hope to gain by withholding it from God? Cast it upon the ground at the command of the Lord. After you have placed all on the altar, leave results with God.

Moses led Israel out of Egypt and slavery because he obeyed. Can you imagine what might have happened if Moses had pro-

crastinated or said "No" as many are doing today? God has given you something to do. Have you failed Him? If so, Why?

Christians, take time to think of that day when you, too, will cross the chilly waters of death. No more will you be able to choose for yourself. It is then that you will be faced with the question "Why" was I disobedient to the heavenly vision?

Now is the only time to make use of your talents, for the night is fast approaching when no man can work. Opportunity swings wide today, tomorrow it is vanished.

God needs servants today as never before. Night is sure to come. The darkness is gathering; eternity draws closer. It behooves us to labor now. Tomorrow will be too late. Procrastination has too long prevailed with many. We not only need servants, we need called, chosen, and faithful ones. For "many are called, but few are chosen." I would love to be able to say that all of our Free Will Baptist ministers, not mentioning laity, were called, chosen and faithful; but this could only be affirmed by each individual answering for himself before God. It need not be said to you "I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave

me no drink; I was a stranger and ye took me not in; naked and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison and ye visited me not." But let us remember in as much as we have did it unto the least of our brethren we have did it also unto our Lord.

Let us ask ourselves "Why are we not up and doing?" or else what can we expect the future to hold for our slothfulness?

We are warned many times we are to give an account of our stewardship, but too often we hear the expression "I can't." We need to memorize Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Moses told the Lord he was unable for the work that He had given him. The Lord then questioned Moses, who had made man's mouth. The Lord will not accept an excuse, once He has spoken for us to do, or go. We are responsible for what has been placed in our hands to do. So may we in faith go forth to do the thing He has called us to do.

Some day we will be called upon, as the talent holders, to give an account of our stewardship, we do want to be found faithful. Are you now ready to give an account of your stewardship? If not, Why?

At War Again

Rev. Frank Rice, Evansville, Ind.

The die is cast. The four angels have turned the winds loose; the flood gates of hell are opened. War again stalks the land, Boys of a new generation go to fill the cold empty shoes of those of 1914 to 1918 who gave their all in the furnace of war that was to end war. Through mist and rain, through sleet and snow, through tears and heartbreaks boys once again at midnight hours crawl out through the mud and many undesirable circumstances grapple with death in all of its hideousness. Boys are again groaning and dying. Through long, long days and nights, through weeks and months and years, through the endlessness and torture of it all. Mothers will wait, listening, straining and ever praying for the safe return of their boys. But this and that mother's son will not return, and

the mothers will have to console themselves the best they can with the pitiful pittance of a gold star that they will hang in their windows, and a nice letter saying that their son died bravely in action. Thus is war and it is useless sacrifice, countless millions have been sacrificed

God's kingdom under Christ the Prince of Peace is the only hope for the groaning and disillusioned world. God's kingdom will oust old Satan and destroy him. Then nations will learn war no more, but they shall beat their spears into pruning hooks and their swords into plowshares.

A SUFFICIENT SIGN

Around the dial of a clock in a church in Strausburg, Germany, are these words: "One of these hours the Lord is coming."

I Am He!

Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Catlettsburg, Ky.

"But he said, I am He." (St. John 9:9).

We see Jesus as He passed by and saw a man which was blind from his birth. Here is a picture of the sinner from the time he comes to know good from evil. He is blinded by Satan to the goodness of God. But God be praised, Jesus always passes by and sees that the poor blind soul is touched, and if he will obey His voice, cleanses from sin.

He made clay of spittle and anointed the eyes of him who was blind. Do you remember the touch of His hand when He anointed your eyes that you might see just where you stood before God. That awakening touch is the greatest blessing any sinner ever has. The goodness of God leadeth men to repentance (Rom. 2:4). No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day (St. John 6:44). Bless His name. If you have been there surely you know it.

Notice that he wasn't healed by the touch but was told to do something for himself. Told to go wash in the pool of Siloam (sent). You are not saved by being awakened to your need but by obeying the call to repent and believe. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death (2 Cor. 7:10). Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3). This man went and washed and came seeing. Oh yes when we do the thing God says we surely will see. Then the neighbors began to ask questions. Remember when you cleaned up, straightened up, made restitutions and prayed through what a different person you were and how the folks begin to question if it was you? Some said, This is he; others said, He is like him; but he said, I am he. Oh if you have the blessing you know it. You don't need to ask. But you can say with assurance, I am he that was blind but now I see.

Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

An Editorial

The following is a brief sketch of the life of Rev. T. H. Newsom of Springtown, Texas, the man who has been contributing the splendid poems to the Gem.

He was born August 9th, 1876, twelve miles from where he now lives. Mrs. Newsom was born in the house where they now live.

Rev. Newsom took advantage of every opportunity in his early life, to educate himself, in which he was successful, to the extent that he has spent thirty years of his life as a school teacher.

It was while he was teaching at Springtown, Texas in 1902 that he met Miss Mattie Young, who became his wife.

The high point of the history of the life

of Brother Newsom is the fact that he is a Free Will Baptist minister, and has spent half of his life carrying the Gospel of our blessed Lord. His first church to pastor was his home church and when he was forced to retire because of his health, he was pastor of his home church, which is indeed a commendable record. Rev. S. L. Morris, former husband of Sister B. F. Brown, was presiding over the ordaining council at the time Rev. Newsom was ordained to the Gospel ministry. Most of his ministry has been in the county in which he now lives, which is a record that speaks for itself.

Brother Newsom has for the past fifteen months been in poor health, confined to his own room and much of the time to

his bed. It is during these hours that he writes the many fine poems you have been reading, and will continue to read. He writes an average of two poems per week.

His ambition is that someone will put music to them, and they will become church hymns.



Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Newsom

I Know

I know that my Redeemer lives
And reigns upon His throne;
Salvation unto me He gives,
And claims me as His own.

I know in whom I have believed,
In whom I fully trust;
My doubts and fears are all relieved,
By faith, I am made just.

I know I've passed from death to life,
God's children all I love;
I hate the things that gender strife,
And grieve my God, above.

I know this body will return
To dust, from whence it came;
Most wonderous things, I shall discern,
Revealed through Jesus' name.

I know I have a home on high,
Not made with human hands;
Prepared by Jesus in the sky,
Designed by God's own plans.

Where Shall We Spend Eternity?

The loftiest thought did e'er engage
Attention of the wisest sage,
Does not concern material things,
That only present pleasure brings;
Our most important thought should be,
Where shall we spend eternity?

All earthly things will soon be past,
Things most enduring will not last;
The loftiest mountains melt away;
The strongest temples soon decay,
Our most important thought should be,
Where shall we spend eternity?

All the inventions man has made,
All the achievements, all plans laid,
All the great works, which he has wrought
By his own hand, doth come to naught;
Our most important thought should be,
Where shall we spend eternity?

All now is Chaos in this world,
All nation's flags are now unfurled,
The globe is slit in two great clans,
Each forwarding its own pet plans;
Our most important thought should be,
Where shall we spend eternity?

"The most important thing by far"
We're daily told, "is win the war."
I'm praying God, that war shall cease,
In His own way, He'll give world-peace;
But most important thought to me,
Is where we'll spend eternity.

The Church

When Jesus had finished His work here
below,
And was ready to ascend up on high,
He promised His Spirit, on all to bestow,
Who with all His will, would comply.

His Church, He established, His work to
resume
That the world, through it might be saved;
Mankind was condemned to inevitable doom
Save the Lord redeem the enslaved.

The Church through Jesus salvation must
preach
That the world may learn of His grace;
"Go ye to all nations and earnestly teach,
My gospel to each nation and race."

As members of Christ's Church, down
 here on this earth
 We'll do all we can for the lost;
 Teach them that salvation is through the
 New Birth,
 The blood of the Lord is the cost.

**"Whatsoever Thy Hand Findeth
 To Do" Eccl. 9:10**

Whate'er thy hand findeth to do,
 Then do it with thy might;
 No task should seem trivial to you,
 If doing, be that which is right.

"Whatever" includes everything,
 With which we may meet in this life;
 If weal of woe to you it bring,
 In times of great joy or of strife.

'Tis only when small tasks are done,
 That greater ones, we even dare;
 Important victories ne'er are won,
 Except defeat, we learn to bear.

A pleasant smile may bring great joy,
 Into a heart, forlorn and sad;
 A kind word, all gloom may destroy,
 And make some one happy and glad.

Then help me to do the little things,
 And find much joy in doing them;
 If to some darkened spot it brings,
 Brightness, where erst-while it was dim.

Christ Crucified For Man

When Jesus Christ was was crucified,
 Upon Golgotha's hill;
 The sun refused to give his light,
 According to God's will;
 The temple veil was rent in twain,
 The earth, also, did quake;
 The rocks were rent, but all in vain,
 Did nature protest make.

Why did the blessed Savior die,
 Forsaken and alone?
 Why in His anguish did He cry
 To God upon His Throne,
 My God! My God! Oh why hast Thou
 Also forsaken me?
 Yet to Thy will I humbly bow
 That Sinners may be free.

The awful price that Jesus paid,
 That man might be redeemed;
 The awful sacrifice He made,
 No mortal e'er has dreamed,
 The finite mind cannot conceive
 God's mercy and His love.
 By faith alone, can man believe,
 In God's Son, from above.

God give me faith that I may see,
 Things that are not revealed
 To natural, sinful men like me,
 But long hath been concealed
 In mind of Christ, our blessed Lord,
 Until He came to earth;
 But now are known through God's own Word
 To all of spiritual birth.

Lord, since that I may know Thy will
 Through study of Thy Word;
 And guided by Thy council, still,
 May wield the Spirit's sword,
 Help me to do all that I can
 To rescue those who're lost,
 By teaching them God's Holy plan,
 Whatever be the cost.

Our Duty to God

Our custom should be, first day of each week
 To meet at the temple of God,
 To worship our Lord, His blessings to seek
 And walk where the Savior has trod.

Don't say you can live as upright and true
 Outside of the church and its power;
 Until you enlist, the world will claim you,
 Its evils o'er you will still tower.

Our time and our talents we owe unto God,
 To be used in His service below;
 He expects us to serve at home and abroad,
 Then blessings on us He'll bestow.

God builded His Church to be the abode,
 Of all whom He has redeemed;
 That each should help others to carry the
 load,
 And prove how much they're esteemed.

O sinner, surrender your life to the Lord,
 And enlist with His people today;
 Obey His commands, and trust in His Word,
 Walk in the strait, narrow way.



Our Boys in the Service



"Take Her Down"

THE U. S. SUB backed away from the Jap gunboat it had just rammed. The Jap, done for, hit back hard. Machine gun pellets cut a white line in the blue water, creeping closer, like a hissing snake, until it struck the pigboat's dark hull with a spiteful clangor. The sub's distance from the stricken Jap was widening. The commander had ordered the sub's deck cleared, but he fell, wounded, as the last of his men scurried below. They started to come back for him, but he saw that in a matter of seconds the Jap's three-inchers could be brought to bear. He spoke three words in sharp command: "TAKE HER DOWN." The hatch cover clanged. They took her down. To the sub's safety! To his death!

So graphically portrayed, this story of Commander Howard W. Gilmore ranks among the leading epics of courage and self-sacrifice known among men in time of war.

Strong in the tradition of Navy, and Navy principle, this heroic officer made a clear-cut decision. And of this we are certain—he had no thought of himself, no self-pitty, no remorse, no regrets at his choice.

As one pictures the waves washing over the vanishing sub's shadow, obliterating every trace of "what had been," the impact of the Commander's three little words drives home a truth. This phrase gave the crew escape from the enemy, freedom from possible capture and imprisonment, salvation from almost certain death—certainly, a new lease on life. By this short phrase the Commander sacrificed himself for the salvation and deliverance of his men.

Paralleling the truths wrapped up in this realistic story of World War II is another phrase of three little words that

came from the lips of One who also died that men might live, One who, by His death, offers to you a permanent escape from the enemy of our souls, a sure freedom from his imprisonments, a final victory over death, with the assurance of life eternal.

Three little words—"IT IS FINISHED!"

By those three last words, spoken on the cross by the Lord Jesus Christ, placed the period to God's final draft of His plan of salvation for you and for me that we might escape the arch-enemy of our souls—Death! (John 5:24; 1 Cor. 15:52-57) Yes, Christ died for you and me that we

we might be free from the shackles of sin and enjoy the liberty that is in Christ Jesus (Galatians 5:1; John 8:36). He died for you and me that we might have life and that more abundantly (John 1:4; 10:10).

Commander Gilmore had but one life. He laid it down willingly that his men might be kept from death. But noble as that sacrifice was, it will not save those men from *ultimate* death, for "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). As unselfish as that sacrifice was, it may be that still others will have to lay down their lives so that these same men may elude the enemy again.

But Christ will not have to die again, for when He said, "It is finished!" Christ's redemptive work was done. God's plan of salvation was complete. The way of escape from death to eternal life was opened—by simple faith in Christ.

The crew of the sub had to accept the way of life provided for them by the words of their commander—"TAKE HER DOWN!" If they had not heeded his words, they would have perished. And so



must *you* accept God's completed plan of salvation, for "how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3).

Accept Christ as your personal Saviour and receive God's salvation now!

Jesus said, "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).

— Paul Turner

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Missionary Department



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

The work in our foreign mission department continues to go forward in a very definite way. For this we praise the Lord and thank our people for their continued response.

I have just recently returned from the town of Milo, Iowa, where I went to confer with Miss Olive Vansyoc, relative to her becoming teacher of the Willey children in Cuba. Miss Vansyoc was recommended to us by the Christian Workers' Bureau of Moody Bible Institute. I found her, in my judgment, thoroughly qualified for this place in every way. She had three and one half years of college, then taught eight and one half years, and then had two years in Moody Bible Institute; graduating

from Moody Institute in 1942. I found her to be a devoted Christian, and agreed to the Free Will Baptist doctrine in every particular. She is to become a member of the Free Will Baptist Church immediately upon her arrival in Cuba. She is now making preparation for going, and expects to be going soon as she is able to obtain her passport. A teacher for this place has been a long and urgent need. We are thankful that plans are now so definitely in the making for the filling of this place. Miss Olive will of course do other work also other than teaching Tommie and Barbara soon as she can begin to get hold of the language. Her picture appears in this article.

Some very sad news came over the wire from India recently, informing us of the passing of Rev. H. M. Clay of Kotagiri. Brother Clay is the missionary who has been seeing after the work which Sister Barnard had established when she left there. He has been handling our funds and giving all the attention possible to the



Miss Olive Vansyoc

work while Miss Barnard has been in the states, and unable to get passage back to the India field. Brother Clay was not a Free Will Baptist missionary; but he was certainly doing us a great good, and we are going to feel the loss keenly. But we must say with one of old, "the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

In August, I wrote the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon, requesting their advice as to opening up a work in India, particularly in Purnea District of Bihar Province. I just received an answer to that letter this week which sounds favorable. It said they were getting in touch with the Bihar Christian Council and would let us know their reaction as soon as possible.

The work with the school in Cuba goes forward. \$3,000.00 of the \$5,000.00 goal

has been reached. The Willeys and the native workers have been, and are, working hard. The field in Cuba is broadening, new preaching points are opening up. Never before have Free Will Baptists had a greater challenge than the one which is crying out to us in Cuba.

Miss Bessie Yeley, who went to Cuba last spring, is becoming very much adjusted to the work. She has recently moved to a field where she will take full charge. Until this move, she has been living near the Willeys, assisting them at various preaching points, and helping Sister Willey with teaching the children.

I have made out my semi-annual report of receipts and disbursements. I hope you will pay very close attention to the report which appears following this article. Also in connection I am giving a list of the suggested quotas for each state which was set at the National Association in July. I am sure you will notice in this report how our people in the various states are awakening to the great missionary movement. Praise the Lord for it. Notice how some of the states, in the first six months, have gone way over the half of their suggested quotas. Some have nearly completed their quotas already, while some are falling behind. I believe our people will do more in the last half of this associational year, than they have done the first half. You who have come so near reaching your quota just come right on. It will be so much better if you give even twice the amount. In fact, we need to build an extensive treasury. Our monthly receipts should run into the thousands. We are going to see a world unusually ripe for missionary work after this war is over. God help us as a denomination to be ready to strike hard when the hour arrives. As there is so much talk now-a-days about post war plans and prospects, let us, as a people, be anxious to spread the gospel of our Christ, looking upon the post post war days with a missionary eye. As our school in Nashville qualifies American missionaries, and our school in Cuba qualifies native missionaries, let us at the same time build up a treasury so as to be able to send them and support them when the war is over.

But as you give, don't fail to pray, and, are you willing to go?

Let us dedicate our every denominational power and resources to this one specific purpose, that is the salvation of the lost.

SUGGESTED QUOTAS
For Missionary Work

Missouri	\$3,500.00
North Carolina	3,000.00
Oklahoma	1,000.00
Tennessee	900.00

Ohio	600.00
Illinois	500.00
Texas	500.00
Michigan	500.00
Georgia	400.00
Alabama	300.00
Kentucky	300.00
South Carolina	300.00
Virginia	250.00
Mississippi	200.00
Florida	150.00
West Virginia	150.00
Total	\$12,550.00

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NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY TREASURER
July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943

Bro't forward from last year	\$2,349.25
Received by states as follows:	
Missouri	\$2,230.75
North Carolina	1,133.11
Ohio	495.00
Texas	407.85
Georgia	345.03
Tennessee	321.40
Illinois	306.15
South Carolina	264.75
Michigan	218.20
Florida	100.00
Oklahoma	88.96
California	60.50
Alabama	26.00
West Virginia	23.20
New Mexico	5.00
Nat'l. Woman's Auxiliary	
Convention	650.89
Unified Program of the	
National Association	540.76
Offering at National Ass'n.	50.00
Sale of missionary pictures	2.00
Refund from British Control	5.44
Trinity F.W.B. Church	
Nashville, Tennessee	26.20

Special disbursements for Cuban	
School of Missions	3,000.00
Total	\$7,618.38
Balance, Jan. 1, 1944	\$2,032.06
— Rev. Winford Davis, Treas.	
Monett, Mo.	

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN
MISSION TREASURER
Receipts for the Month of December

Missouri	\$360.49
North Carolina	160.00
Ohio	135.00
South Carolina	112.00
Georgia	86.00
Florida	25.00
Illinois	25.00
Texas	15.00
Tennessee	9.80
Alabama	1.00
Trinity F.W.B. Church	
Nashville, Tennessee	26.20
Nat'l. Woman's Auxiliary	
Convention	62.74

Total	\$1,018.23
— Rev. Winford Davis, Treas.	

Disbursements

Regular monthly expenses	\$4,618.38
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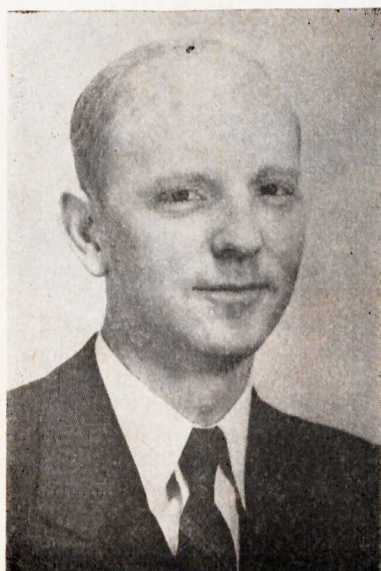
When we instituted the National Unified Program, we were answering the call of Christ, the Great Commission, given to men. The disciples were to have fellowship with Christ, and with one another. By carrying out the Great Commission. We have fellowship with all Free Will Baptists when we enter into a co-operative witnessing for Christ. Christ was the center of thought with His disciples in their day, so is He with us as His disciples today. As the Holy Spirit directed the early Church, so does He direct us today.

God created the world. He set it in order. He established a harmony of all His creations. So to be in harmony with God we must carry out a well balanced

program. The program we believe to be of God, given to Free Will Baptists through thought and prayer is the Unified Program.

Jesus, who was in the creation, and who makes us a new creature in Him, had a well balanced life. The whole man was developed. "Jesus increased in Wisdom." Free Will Baptists are growing the same way. We spend 40% of our Fund for Christian Education. Jesus went to no college but He, through prayer and obedience to God, by going to the synogogue on the sabbath, gained titles greater than degrees. Such titles as "Son of God, Son of Man, Master, Teacher, and Saviour." These titles came to Him because He prepared Himself to be recognized as such. He also grew in stature. His hands, feet, ears, and eyes grew as yours and mine have grown. He could see more, reach further, hear more, only as He was trained to do so. Physically, Free Will Baptists are growing. We have larger numbers in our services, larger and more spacious buildings.

For Home Missions, we spend 20% of our Fund. Here at home we are making progress, even though it might be slow. He grew in favor with God. How can we grow in favor with God unless we serve and obey Him? What does He want us to do? Live for others even as Jesus lived for others. When we have studied, done good work here at home, then we see others. So Free Will Baptists give 30% of the Fund to Foreign Missions. When you help the less fortunate person then God honors you and your work. "In as much as you do things for others, you grow in favor with God, and He honors you.



Rev. Robert B. Crawford

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EDITORIAL

HOWDY FOLKS

Brother Rollins our good friend and brother who has so ably carried on as the editor of the Gem for these past years, has told you that the new editor would be here. I am happy to say that I am here, and here to serve you, to the very best of my ability. It is my desire and the desire of the staff here to make the Gem a blessing to every reader. We are thankful for the way our paper has grown for the last few year, and our desire is that it may continue to grow. It is surprising to me how Brother Rollins has done so well with all the responsibility there is here at the publishing house, it is indeed too much for any one man. We thank everyone for your contribution to the Gem, and we want you to continue to send us your sermons, church reports, and items that will be beneficial in spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't be discouraged if your article does not appear in the first issue after you send it in, we will keep them on file and publish them just as fast as we can.

We have some good sermons filed away that will be coming later, but we do want to encourage you preachers to keep on sending your sermons.

We shall endeavor to be prompt in our business transactions with you, we will get your printing jobs back to you, in at the most 30 days, other orders filled promptly.

A NEW PAGE

A new page is being added to the Gem this month, which we hope you will like.

This page is known as "Gleanings by the Editor", some of these incidents perhaps you have already read, but I am sure that everyone has not.

WANTED

I am making this appeal to every reader

of the Gem, that you will try to get at least one subscriber to the Gem this month, and I believe if you try you can do it, don't you.

If you can't get someone to subscribe, you subscribe for some one that is not able to subscribe for themselves, there is no better way to spend some of that money you are making.

We want to see our subscription list double in the next few months, and we are depending on you to help.

It is almost a sure fact that paper is going to be rationed in the near future, so you had better get all your friends on the mailing list before that happens.



Rev. C. B. Dees, Editor

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Thus the doing of your work shall be no miracle. But you shall be a miracle. Everyday you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by God's grace."

GLEANINGS

By the Editor

THE EXCHANGE SHIP GRIPSHOLM

Brought to the United States on December 1 and 2, some 366 missionaries representing 46 boards, agencies and Churches of the United States and Canada. Since Pearl Harbor they had been enemy aliens in Japan-controlled areas. While some of them had suffered malnutrition during their stay in concentration camps or prisons, none had been maltreated and no atrocity stories were heard. Most of them are expecting to return to missionary service when the war is over.

STRANGE THINGS

One person said that things are very strange. Civilized nations of the world are at war, and all the savage tribes are at peace. Another incident that deserves mention is of an American airman who was shot down and landed with friendly natives and they led him to Jesus Christ.

—Herald of Holiness.

TURNING OUT THE GOSPEL

Proud parents recently took their three and one half year old son to his first church service. The minister had not preceded far with his message before the youngster inquired of his mother in a loud stage whisper, "Can't we turn off the man and get some pretty music?" The multitudes today are tuning out the ministry by not attending church.

—Christian Victory Magazine.

THE BREWERS DIGEST

In May, 1941, said editorially, "One of the finest things that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence by high ranking officers to make beer available at army camps. Here is the chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who

will eventually constitute the largest beer consuming section of our population.

17,000,000 CHILDREN

A few days ago we received a letter from a student of education in America. He pointed out that there are more than 17,000,000 children in America who are at present receiving no religious training. Here is something worth pondering! What will America look like when these 17,000,000 pagans grow up to maturity?

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—The Cresset.

THE BIBLE IN OCCUPIED EUROPE

According to the Bible Society's popular report, just issued, there is a remarkable interest in the Bible in the occupied and Axis countries. The British and Foreign Bible Society alone distributed 100,000 copies in Hungary, 64,000 in Czechoslovakia, and 39,000 during the six months in Rumania.

—London Christian.

THE ENEMY WITHIN

"Unbelief is as much an enemy to the Christian as it is to the unconverted. It will keep back the blessing now as much as it did in the days of Christ. We read in one place that Christ could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief. If Christ could not this, how can we expect to accomplish anything if the people of God are unbelieving? I contend that God's children alone hinder God's work. Atheists, Infidels, and Skeptics can not do it. Where there is union, strong faith, and expectation among Christians, a mighty work is always done."

—D. L. Moody.

VICE AND CRIME

Vice and crime among the younger classes are increasing in the confusion of war. It needs the attention of a quartette of institutions: Government, School, Home, and Church.

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Grew in favor with Man. As Jesus did things for men, they approved and liked Him. We have a plan of Superannuation that is growing in favor with man. We tell the aged minister we will do something for him in a loving way to care for him when he is old and worn out. To the young minister we give a plan of insurance where he can have an income when he

is older. Men like the plan so Free Will Baptists are growing in favor with man. We give 10% of the Unified Program Fund to Superannuation.

Please read the article on page 54 of the "Year Book of Programs for Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Society" written by Brother J. C. Griffin on the Unified Program. This is a good article. Please read and study this article.

The Great
Commission
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



Others Have Done It---Why Can't We?

Mrs. Sylvia Dodd, Student in Free Will Baptist Bible College
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This is a second in a series of articles by Mrs. Dodd on this subject. She is taking excerpts from the lives of famous missionaries and using them to challenge us as a people to do more for the cause of world wide missions. May the Lord thus use these articles to the glory of His own name.

Adoniram Judson—Apostle to Burma

Adoniram Judson was born in Malden, Mass., August 9, 1788. He was the eldest son of Adoniram and Abigail Judson, the father being a Congregationalist, a man of inflexible integrity and great strength of character; the mother more gentle but devout and true. She taught her son to read at the tender age of three.

At the age of 16 he entered what is now Brown University. He graduated at the age of 19 as valedictorian of his class.

Judson solemnly dedicated himself to God on December 2, 1808 at the age of 20. Two years later he decided that God had called him to a difficult and distant field. He told his friends that as he was walking in the woods at Andover in a gloomy and sullen mood, suddenly, out of a clear sky the command came to him, "Go ye" so forcibly that he felt that he

must obey. After this experience he never faltered.

While young Judson was considering the question of his own duty, four young men came from Williams College to Andover. They were Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Luther Rice and Cordon Hall. These men with Judson, started what is known as



Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd

the "Haystack Prayer Meeting" and they consecrated themselves to the work of foreign missions. The Haystack Monument now stands in Williamstown to mark the spot of these gatherings. These young men took council together concerning matters of the kingdom and pledged each to hold himself in readiness to go on a mission when and where God should call.

Judson was married to Miss Ann Hasseltine in 1812 and they, in company with Mr and Mrs. Newell, sailed to Calcutta. Ten days after their arrival they were ordered to return to America; but at last permission was given to go to the isle of France. Later they went to Rangoon, Burma. On the wearisome voyage, Mrs. Judson was taken seriously ill and on reaching Rangoon she was carried into the town where a place was found for her to recuperate.

Everything appeared forlorn and gloomy and at the first the brave missionaries' hearts almost sank within them. Yet, they looked up, took more courage, and soon were engrossed in their new duties, chief of which was the study of the language.

After they had been in Burma (Rangoon) six years, Mr. Judson ventured to preach a sermon, his first in Burmese. As a result of this effort he saw the first Burman convert, and had the privilege of baptizing him. Oh, what joy must have come to their hearts to see the fruits of their labors. The secret of their unwavering faith may be found in the corner of one of their books:

"In joy or sorrow, health or pain,

Our course is upward still;

We sow on Burma's barren plain,

We reap on Zion's Hill."

Not many months after this, Mr. Judson was arrested and thrown into prison. He was kept in stocks for many months in a prison that had never been washed or even swept since it had been built. The teeming filth and intolerable odors were beyond all description but even here the man was not idle. Mrs. Judson hid a Bible and some paper in a pillow and slipped it to her husband. In the confines of this filthy prison and amidst suffering Judson worked on the translation of the scripture into the Burmese language. Over and over

again he proved that the grace of God was sufficient.

During the imprisonment of Mr. Judson the only dependable person whom Mrs. Judson had was the Bengalee cook and a faithful Burmese convert. They helped care for Mr. Judson and also for Mrs. Judson, to whom a baby girl had been born.

In addition to the almost unbearable circumstances, Judson and the other white prisoners were hurried off without warning to the death prison. They were made to walk over nine miles of burning sand under the noonday sun with chains about their ankles. Judson's ankles were horribly mangled and his already fatigued body was subjected to almost more than it could stand. At the news that her husband had been transferred, Mrs. Judson secured a pass and started at once with the tiny babe in her arms to secure the release of her husband. She succeeded in so doing and

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after awhile she had him nursed back to health.

Another serious blow came to Judson while he was away on a tour of the field. Word came to him that his faithful wife had passed away. Her frail hands had dropped forever the weapons, and the work of earthly life. Judson hastened homeward and found a new-made grave under a hopia tree. Little Maria, the only solace for her father, soon joined her mother and was laid to rest by her side. So great was Dr. Judson's mastery over himself that he did not allow this great sorrow to interfere with his work but continued preaching, teaching, and translating.

When Dr. Judson had worked in Burma for a number of years without a rest he was urged to go back to the states for a short furlough. It was only after much prevailing with him that he consented to go. Upon getting back to the states he made a tour of the country and received a tremendous ovation for the good work that he had so ably done. He met a very charming young lady in the person of Miss Emily Chubbuck, a native of New York. Miss Chubbuck was a school teacher and a writer and after a brief courtship she and Mr. Judson were married. They left for Burma six months after their marriage. However, Mr. Judson was destined to outlive three wives.

A number of years later, after a long and prosperous ministry, Judson became afflicted with a terrible cough which racked his weak frame. A long sea voyage was advised. On this voyage Judson breathed his last. Death came at three o'clock on Friday April 12. He was buried at sea.

During his ministry in Burma he translated the Bible into the Burmese language, had a Burmese dictionary more than half done, saw 63 churches under the care of 163 missionaries and native pastors, and wrote thousands of tracts which were sown broadcast.

In the little town of Malden, near Boston, Mass., one may see on the Baptist meeting house on a marble slab these words inscribed:

In Memoriam

Rev. Adoniram Judson,
Born August 9, 1788

Died April 12, 1850
Malden his birthplace,
The ocean his sepulchre,
Converted Burmans and
The Burman Bible
His monument—
His record, is on High.

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN AUXILIARY

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend the meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, be put out if you are not appointed on a committee; but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the Chairman to give your opinion on some matter, tell her you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary but when members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their talents to help matters along, say that the Auxiliary is run by a Clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let someone else do it.

Selected by Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Report of Lizzie McAdams National Field Worker

Dear Co-Workers:

Here it is a new year and the old year is behind us with all of its blessings and opportunities. The new year is ours to launch out into with the open doors, and white harvest fields to glean for the Master. With past experiences some for good and some not so good, we should profit by both and do a greater work for the Master.

We missionary workers have a great field especially since our nation is still in war. We can help pray down the great revival, that is promised God's people, in the latter days. It seems that if we could get enough Christians interested in praying for a world wide spiritual awakening, it would do more to quiet the enemy, than anything else. From nine to ten o'clock each morning would be a splendid time to pray. Then another good plan would be to get groups together and pray for a revival. God is still able to shake worlds. Read Isa. 59 and the first three verses, then study and pray and then pray some more. Auxiliary workers join me in prayer that this will be the best year of our auxiliary work since we became a convention. I will be in Texas for a few weeks and then go north again. We had to close our meeting at Third Fork Church near Hemple, Mo. on account of a severe snow storm that made the roads impassable to the church from the main part of the neighborhood, a few could walk but it was too cold for that. Then about the time some

thought it wise not to continue, the "Flu" began to spread. Then in two days after I reached home, I took the "Flu" and have been in for nearly three weeks, but praise the dear Lord, I am better and even while I couldn't get out, I have been writing to numbers of our workers, to encourage them in the great work. Back to our Third Fork meeting, Sister Melba White is pastor, but only got to be with us twice on account of the illness of her mother. We have some splendid people in this church. They need our prayers and encouragement. They are few in number. We made our home with Bro. and Sister Walter Kerns, who were so kind to us. When I say us, I mean God sent Sister Franklin to help in this meeting too. She is a great servant of the Lord and a spiritual power for God anywhere you put her. May God bless Bro. and Sister Kerns is our prayer, also Sister Franklin who is at Bryan, Texas at this time. God bless our kindred in the Lord everywhere, with Christian love and prayers, yours for Jesus.

—Lizzie McAdams



GENERAL ARTICLES



A Visit to Missouri

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Superintendent Free Will Baptist Orphanage
Greenville, Tennessee

During the fourteen years that we have followed the Master as a minister of the Gospel—sometimes afar off—we have enjoyed the fellowship of our Free Will Baptist folk in thirteen different states. It has always been a pleasure to visit with our people. Recently, Mrs. Woolsey and I paid a visit to our folk of the Indian Creek Association of Missouri. Since Missouri is my mother's native state, it was a double privilege to visit it. However, old man winter made his first appearance of the season while we were there. I could say plenty about Missouri weather but will leave that for the editor of the Gem. Anything short of his flowery

language, oratorical ability and power of elucidation would fail to do justice to the subject.

The principle object was to bring home our two newest children and latest additional members of our family, Ray and Nadine Bowman. These children are of excellent parentage and have bright prospects for the future. The Rev. Mrs. Harrison Perkins of Jennings, Oklahoma, who along with her husband, Rev. Perkins, is among our leading ministers of that state, is the children's paternal aunt. Their mother was, at the time of her death, a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Drumright, Oklahoma. We feel closer

than ever to our folk of Oklahoma and Missouri. Their aged paternal grandfather, John Bowman of Monett, Mo., is a former member of the county court and a former deputy sheriff. However, he is now both physically and financially unable to provide, and care for all the children. For the six years since the death of his daughter-in-law, he and his wife have done their best until old age and reverses made it no longer feasible. When the death angel visited this Free Will Baptist home, seven small boys and girls were left motherless. We were truly glad that we were able to open our doors to these dear children.

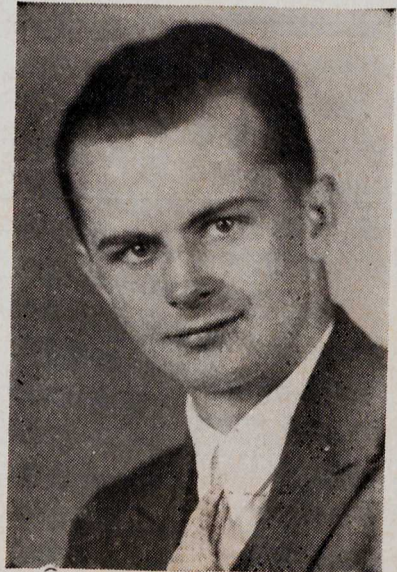
For sometime we have longed for the opportunity to be with our Missouri folk in their services. When the board accepted the children and the two States' Welfare Departments finally gave permission to cross the state line with the children, we realized that under the present conditions, we must not permit the children to travel that long distance alone. Accordingly, Mrs. Woolsey and I made arrangements for the other members of the staff to care for the Home in our absence, and wrote our Missouri brethren to arrange for services at some of the churches near Monett. Accordingly an itinerary was arranged which included visits to five churches. The weather was exceedingly inclement throughout. A severe flu epidemic, the worst for over two decades, was raging in all its fury. However, although the audience in every case was of necessity small, the interest was as keen and sincere as any we have ever seen. We had the opportunity to visit in some of the most loyal Free Will Baptist homes, not only in Missouri, but in the country, such as the homes of Judge J. B. Jefferson of Merls Chapel; the Carter's, Ramsey's and Bradley's of Aurora; the Allred's, Rollins', Powell's, and others of Monett. Cash and commodities received for the orphanage totaled close to a hundred dollars. Some of the churches visited seemed interested in adopting a child to clothe or some similar project.

We have never seen a group more progressive, nor more consecrated and spiritual. These combined qualities assure a wide awake and useful church group. We visited

the churches at Carterville, Aurora, Monett and Merls Chapel; we were slated to visit the Macedonia Church but due to the weather and conditions of the roads we were forced to leave for home; however, our good friend, Rev. W. K. Weston, the pastor of Merls Chapel kindly consented to take our place at Macedonia and tell the folk about our work.

It was indeed a pleasure to visit the modern and up-to-date office of the Free Will Baptist Gem. We were agreeably surprised to find such modern and fine church edifices. It would indeed be a sign of rank ingratitude to fail to mention the kindness of Brother and Sister Allred. Brother Allred sponsored the application of the Bowman children and also planned the itinerary and did everything in his power to make our stay both pleasant and profitable. In spite of the scarcity of gasoline and rubber, Brother Allred used his car without stint in our behalf. Mr. and Mrs. William Bradford, uncle and aunt of the Bowman children threw their doors open to us during our stay in Monett.

Our people all over the country have, and are rallying to the support of the Home in a wonderful way. May God bless each and every one.



Rev. Paul Woolsey

The League Department

Something for Missouri Leaguers to Work For

Miss Alberta Dodd, Missouri State League President, Flat River, Mo.

Missouri Free Will Baptist Young people are a wide awake group desirous of doing things for the Lord and their church. This has been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt by the splendid manner in which we have responded to the needs of the work both financially and spiritually. We are proud of our record of accomplishments as a state League organization; but this is not to boast nor to leave the impression that we have gone our limit and done all which we possibly could have done. There is probably more yet undone than we have ever done. And, in my estimation, the thing which we need most is a program of some sort that will bring our young people of Missouri closer together and give us the opportunities of fellowship and study together. The solution to this problem is:

A Two Weeks' Summer League Encampment

Now this is no original idea of mine because the possibility of such an encampment has been discussed before. But I want us to do more this time than merely discuss the matter. I want us to *PRAY* definitely about the matter and then *DO* something about it.

Other states have Free Will Baptist young people's camps. Camp Leach in North Carolina is a very fine camp sponsored by the Leaguers of that state. Their annual sessions have proved to be extremely beneficial to League work in particular and the whole program of work in general. The states of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama are jointly sponsoring encampment for their Leaguers. Previously the Leaguers of Georgia alone have carried on this work and for the past few years have been permitted to use an abandoned C. C. C. camp known as Camp Sawyer. However, the camp has grown until the

group has decided to build their own encampment and already they have purchased a beautiful location and are making final arrangements to erect necessary buildings soon.

These young people are just like Missouri young folk. They are not wealthy nor are they poverty-stricken but they are intensely interested in serving the Lord and their interest and zeal have been loosed in a real effort and the effort has produced visible results. *Leaguers of Missouri*, would you like to have a camp? Well we can have it if we want it badly enough! Let's begin to plan definitely and if you have any suggestions let me hear from you.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE Monett, Missouri

Once again as today closes another year for us, no doubt each of us have had stumbling blocks in the past year. No doubt each league has had hard problems to solve. The path so thorny they would almost close the pathway, but by the help of God we made it through.

As League attendance hasn't been so well, due to the bad weather, but by the Lord's strength, our League is still moving onward.

As last Sunday night was the election of new officers, the following were elected:
President Jewell Turner
Vice President Lonnie Weston
Sec.-Treas. Clarice Mae Fredrick
Quiz Leader Orphia Greenway
Group Captain Francis Bradley
Reporter Dorothy Lovell

Flossie Jones was elected as president of the Junior Department.

We want to even make our League more prosperous in the future than in the past. We want to press onward and upward

toward the mark of the high calling.

Now, as we go to League, the faces we saw a year ago, are not seen. Their voices are not heard. Their place in the League is vacant so that should encourage each of us to work harder, to have the home fires burning, when our boys return.

Only a few days ago another one of our precious boys had to leave, to be in service for our country.

How we do miss our boys' presence, but may our prayers go up as one man's prayers that God will keep His hand of protection around them.

Just as Uncle Sam calls boys in the ser-

vice, so the Lord calls people to work in his vineyard.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Then the League is an excellent place for young people to prepare themselves for the future.

As each of us as Leaguers face the future, may we face it with renewed courage, and bravery as never before.

Pray for our League that our record will even be greater in 1944, than in 1943.

Yours for Christ,

—Dorothy Lovell.

Church Letters - Field Reports

Oklahoma State Field Worker

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell

Since we have a State Field Worker on the field, I thought that you would like to have his report each month. His business is to boost the state work and the Unified Budget Program.

For Month of November, 1943

Sermons preacher	29
Associations visited: Canadian, Center, First Oklahoma and First Mission	4
Received for Foreign Missions	\$44.85
Received for expenses	86.35
Subscriptions to the Gem	3

Rev. W. E. Wilson elected as co-field worker in the Canadian Association.

Rev. Paul Pursell was elected co-field worker in the Center Association.

For Month of December, 1943

Sermons preached	15
Expense money received	\$73.63
Offering for Foreign Missions	43.43
Miles traveled	425

—Rev. John H. West, Clerk of Ex. Board

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

State of Oklahoma

November, 1943

Ada Church	\$21.50
Vance Chapel	6.20

Zion Hill League	2.00
Stratford Church	8.00
Burriss City Church	10.00
Tulsa Church	10.00
Christian Grove	4.57
Sulphur Church	16.29

December, 1943

Tulsa Church	\$10.00
Sulphur Church	5.75
Christian Grove	1.89
Non Church	27.33
Total for Nov. & Dec.	\$113.44

—Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Treas. for Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church Mill Creek, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We would like for you to know how the Lord has been blessing our Sunday School. The year of 1942 our Sunday School average was 13 per Sunday for that year, but for 1943 our average was 34 per Sunday, so we feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us at the Mill Creek Sunday School the past year. We are fully trusting in the Lord and looking forward to a greater year in 1944 than we had in the past year.

We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Bro. Wm. Reeves. We feel that he is a God sent man to our church and Sunday School, as he has helped us out wonderfully in our Sunday School work.

We ask the prayers of all of God's people

that we may always be found faithful and working for the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,
—Mrs. Wiley Coffey, S. S. Supt.

REPORT OF ILLINOIS TREASURY

Mary Jane Mayo, Treasurer
1309 Forest Ave., Mt. Vernon, Ill.
For the Fiscal Year of 1943

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Mt. Vernon Church	\$126.50
Ina Church	46.00
Rev. William Buster	2.00
Pleasant View Church	47.00
Rescue Church	100.00
Bear Point Church	35.00
Harmony (Benton) Church	18.00
Mt. Zion Church	6.00
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting	62.20
Total	\$445.70

Foreign Mission Fund

Mt. Zion Church	\$ 6.00
Pleasant View Church	31.50
Rescue Church	392.25
Ina Church	40.00
Bear Point Church	25.00
Total	\$494.75

Superannuation Fund

Rescue Church	\$8.40
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Jehoida Chest Fund

Union Church	\$1.00
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Home Mission Fund

Ina Church	\$5.00
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Unified Program Fund

Rescue Church	\$2.00
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Education Fund

Bear Point Church	\$10.00
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting	35.00

Total	\$45.00
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REPORT OF MISSOURI TREASURY

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer
Monett, Missouri
For Month of January, 1944

Foreign Mission Fund

Mrs. Clyde Tow, Cassville, Mo.	\$10.00
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Macedonia Church and S. S.	4.40
Rev. Cecil E. Horner, Bourbon, Mo.	5.00
Merls Chapel Sunday School	4.66
Northeast Missouri Mission Band ..	25.00
Wagoner Church	10.50
Rev. Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo. ..	5.00
Shibleys Point Church	1.00
Fredericktown Church	7.21
Mt. Olive (Neola) S. S.	4.98
Independence Church	15.24
Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo.	10.00
Rev. D. Long, Patton, Mo.	1.00
True Blue Class, Neola S. S.	1.00
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek S. S.	5.00
Oak Grove Church, Cave Spgs. Ass'n ..	2.00
Woman's Auxiliary of St. Louis	6.00
Hickory Grove Church	6.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School	2.40
Leadington Sunday School	3.40
Eldorado Springs Church	2.05
Aurora Church	3.12
Tri-Unity S. S. Convention, St. Louis ..	23.00
Myrtle Long, Patton, Mo.	1.00
Hulda Slinkard, Patton, Mo.	2.00
Rock Chapel	6.00
Mrs. Margaret Turner, Granby, Mo.	5.00
Miss Esther Peterson, Greentop, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Nettie Davis, Monett, Mo.	3.00
Macedonia Church and S. S.	3.80
Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo.	2.00
Flat River Church	43.81
Hopewell Church	2.00
Wiley Circle of Flat River Auxiliary ..	15.00
Monett Church	4.40
Flat River Mission	10.00
Mrs. G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.	5.00
Sunday School of St. Louis Church ..	18.09
Jones Chapel	10.00
Amity Church	2.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	59.31

Unified Program Fund

Myrtle Church	\$ 6.50
Hickory Grove Auxiliary92
Ladies Aux. Pleasant View Ch., Ill.60
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	4.23
Oak Grove Church, Cave Spg. Ass'n ..	3.00
Myrtle Sunday School	20.00
Monett Auxiliary	3.20
St. Louis Third Church	50.00
Copper Mines Church	2.00
Monett Church	8.81
Merls Chapel	5.00
Pleasant View Auxiliary (Illinois) ..	1.16
Norman Church	7.00

Wiley Circle, Flat River Auxiliary	2.50
Macedonia Church	2.16

State Budget Fund

Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	\$1.00
Carterville Church	6.50
Monett Church	9.76

Educational Fund

Fredericktown Church	\$7.21
Leadington Sunday School	1.33
S. P. Easley, Portales, N. Mexico	6.00
Mrs. Margaret Turner, Granby, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo. ..	5.00

Benevolent Fund**FOR TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE**

Merls Chapel Sunday School	\$5.00
Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo.	4.00
Mrs. Margaret Turner, Granby, Mo.	5.00
S. P. Easley, Portales N. Mexico	10.00

FOR SUPERANNUATION

Fredericktown Church	\$7.22
Carterville Auxiliary	1.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary	2.70
East Texas Quarterly Meeting	10.00

Jehoida Chest Fund

Hickory Grove Auxiliary	\$1.00
Ladies Aux., Pleasant View, Illinois ..	7.46
Copper Mines Church	1.00
Pleasant View Auxiliary of Illinois ..	2.64
Carterville Auxiliary	1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00
Hazel Creek Union Auxiliary	1.00
Hickory Grove Church	1.60

The Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It gives me great pleasure to write you again. Since I have not been able to write for some time I have had a spell of poison hands, but the Lord has healed them and I am back at work again.

We are enjoying many blessings in our church. We are having much Spirit and wonderful attendance. We also have remodeled our church, which is a great advantage.

We are looking forward to 1944, as our greatest year in the service of the Lord. We want to thank the Lord for the wonderful blessings that he has given us and also for the ones He is going to give us

in our year of 1944. We are very thankful for our brother in Christ, Rev. Harvey Hill who preached for us last Sunday in the absence of our sick pastor, and he did a wonderful work for the Lord. Since Brother Hill is seeking a location for a Mission, we ask you to pray that God may lead in every move. We want to support him with our prayers and our presence as often as we can, and surely our financial support. We have lots of sickness in St. Louis, but it seems that everyone is doing nicely at present.

We are indeed thankful for our new editor, Rev. C. B. Dees, and we are praying that God will bless him in his new work and that we shall have a successful year in our Gem, and we can only do that by supporting our Brother Dees in every possible way. We were very glad for the wonderful message that the Lord brought through him at our church recently, and we trust that God will send him our way again soon.

We are looking forward to our next Sunday School Convention which will convene on the 9th of January. We invite you to come and help us serve the Lord, also to the St. Louis Singing Convention on the fourth Sunday in January. We ask that you pray for our boys in the service: Bro. Bert Carver, one of our deacons, Bro. Jimmie Langley, Bro. Eugene Davis and many others, and we will pray for your boys. God bless them and use them and keep them. Since I am choir leader, Bible Class teacher, and Gem correspondent, I count on your prayers that the sweet Spirit of God will so abide that I may be a blessing to the Lord so that others may receive a blessing through the work that He gave me. I want to be a soul winner. Praise the Lord.

Oh, yes, I want to tell you since my last writing that I am a very proud grandfather to a awful sweet baby boy, and I want to help raise him for the service of the Lord. Also pray for my son who is in the service, that he may come back to the Lord. May the Lord bless our former editor, Bro. Rolling and his family, in their work for the Lord and with all that he needs

We are thanking God for our new Sun-

day School Superintendent, Sister Opal Hughes, who is doing a wonderful work for the Lord and for our Sunday School. Sister Hughes is a very spiritual woman and always is led through prayer.

May the Lord bless every reader and the editor and all is our prayer, amen.

Be ye steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. 1st. Cor. 15:58.

Your brother in Christ
Edward Simmons, 2632-A Allen Ave.

Somewhere in Australia.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I last wrote to you. I am happy that I can still say, within my heart, I am a servant of the Lord Jesus. What a wonderful promise was made when the Saviour said, "And Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Though we are miles from loved ones, home and church, the Holy Spirit abideth still. But as we look around, we see the effects of sin on all sides. Then we begin to wonder who has failed God. Surely a lot of us are guilty, either directly or indirectly. I saw a tract once entitled, "Will You Be Surprised." Let us think for a moment upon the race of life. We enter this race when we are born of the Spirit of God, and start running toward the goal. For various causes, I fear some are slowing down in their race. A few reasons are, the present conflict, and vacant spots in homes, and other things. Should these slow us up? No let us press forward with a greater zeal.

I am sure we have all heard the fable of the Tortoise and the Hare. The Hare thought because of his great speed he was sure to win. After he had started, thinking he had plenty of time, he laid down and took a nap. While he was sleeping the Tortoise passed, on to the goal. How surprised the Hare was when he found out he had lost. "Are you napping?" Have you ever thought how sad it would be to see a soul walk up to the Judgement Bar lost, without Jesus Christ as his Saviour. Are we sleeping? God forbid. Hebrews 12:1, "Wherefore seeing we also are com-

passed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

I hope you will also read Ecclesiastes 9:11. Meditate on these thoughts. I pray each one of us will press forward with a greater zeal for Jesus. As a weak and humble servant of the Lord, I ask an interest in your prayers, also for my wife and little son at home. May God bless you all. Press on!

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A. P. Q. 24 % Postmaster
San Francisco, California

The Sunday and League Convention Of Georgia

The Sunday School and League Convention of the Union Association of Georgia met for its eleventh session at St. Paul Church near Omega, Georgia on Sunday, December 19th, 1943. The meeting was called to order by a song service conducted by the moderator, Bro. C. J. Faison. After singing several songs, prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Harrell. The Secretary then outlined the program for the day. The welcome address was given by Bro. Harrell. Response given by Mrs. J. F. Harmon. The Secretary then gave a reading written by Mrs. J. B. Rice who was unable to be present. The subject being, "Does Suffering for Christ Count?" We enjoyed the reading very much.

Rev. C. J. Harvey brought the eleven o'clock message, using for scripture lesson a part of Rev. 2 and 3. His subject was "The Dead Church." Bro. Harvey brought us a good message. We were then dismissed for lunch. A bountiful dinner was served on the ground by the sisters of the church. Everybody enjoyed the noon hour.

The afternoon session was called to order by the moderator. After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. C. J. Harvey. We then entered into the business session. Our delegation was rather small on account of weather conditions, but we had some very good reports. The minutes of last session were read by the Secretary, Miss Irene

Lourette. The next business was electing a field worker. Bro. Mitchell Henson was elected, and Bro. W. L. Harrell was elected his assistant. An offering of \$19.36 was given to help pay their expenses.

We were very happy and indeed honored to have Miss Edna Slatten of the community with us. Miss Slatten is a returned missionary from India having spent several years in India, only came to the States on account of ill health. She spoke for us, bringing us a very interesting message of India and missions. She told us of some things Miss Barnard had told us. Miss Slatten is not of our church, but really is a servant of God and is a light to her community and church. After her talk we had a discussion on missions, and a offering of \$16.00 was given for missions.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey was elected as corresponding secretary.

Greenwood and Midway churches asked for next session. On vote Greenwood will entertain next session on third Sunday in April, 1944.

We then gave the church and community a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in entertaining this convention. We were then dismissed to meet with Greenwood Church in Mitchell County third Sunday in April.

Would like to say that when the call came to St. Paul Church in behalf of the \$400.00 Georgia is to raise, they had a mind to work and they gave an offering of \$50.00 for this cause. The treasury of the State Woman's Auxiliary taken charge of same and turned it over to our Foreign Mission treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis.

—Mrs. C. J. Harvey

REPORT OF REVIVAL MEETINGS

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Bristol, Ga.

The saying, "The time of revivals is a thing of the past" has been somewhat unjustly said. The year 1943 was a time of revivals and soul-stirring in some sections of the country.

During the time I was out of college in the summer, I conducted ten revival meetings. The Lord worked marvelously in all of these meetings. His hand was

not shortened, and His power was not weakened. There were approximately 125 young and middle aged people who came to Christ as their personal Saviour and stated that they were satisfied with their salvation after He had saved them, besides many others who were revived and put on fire for God. The Spirit of God was felt in all these meetings in a great way. Scores of people have a greater realization of their duty toward God and their church and a new zeal to win others to Him.

The Gospel of Christ is still attractive; the Lord Jesus still saves men and women and gives them the peace which the world cannot give. Oh, that we had more people with a burdened heart and a burning passion for lost souls! What can make a Christian happier than to be a soul-winner? In my short ministry, it has been my privilege several times to see from twenty-five to forty precious souls gloriously saved in a revival meeting.

I have a few more months in college before I receive my A. B. Degree. Then I plan to be a full-time evangelist. Pray that I shall be a better witness and a greater soul-winner than ever before.

—Rev. Ralph Lightsey.

Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I wrote a letter. Our church is coming along fine and the Lord is blessing the work, and having fine services and good attendance people are getting saved. Brother Lewis is preaching mighty fine sermons and many sinners give their hands that they might be saved some time. Help us pray for them that the Lord might save them for we have a big work here in St. Louis where sin abounds on every hand. They have remodeled the church inside and everything is looking fine and we are going to have a revival starting Sunday, Jan. 16th. We are expecting great times, for we are trusting in the Lord saving sinners. There were three saved at the altar Sunday night, and we know the Lord has power to save when we come to Him.

We had our Sunday School convention January 9th. Such a crowd. The house was crowded and a good program. Fine music and singing. We started at 1:30 p. m. and we couldn't hardly get stopped. Everybody in good spirit and they were enjoying themselves but we had to close at 5 p. m. so people could go home and get ready for church. It was the best Sunday School convention I was ever in. At the close they took up a collection for missions and it was over \$20.00, so that will help carry the gospel to save sinners. Sunday School is coming along fine good in attendance and good teachers, I don't think could be a better bunch of teachers than we have here and the church elected a lady superintendent for this year of our Sunday School. We have a fine League and a fine bunch of young people and they have some good times.

F. McCauley

1622 Hickory Street, St. Louis

Wanette, Oklahoma

Dear readers of the Gem:

The 1943rd Christmas having past, and it was left up to the church to celebrate it in the right way, the world took advantage of the day and instead of solemnizing it and paying tribute to our Saviour (The King of Peace) they desecrated the day. This also included many church members (God pity them). Even in my old days I'm still interested in leading the lost to Christ. If I had it in my power to make a present to the entire world, on December 25th I would be so glad if I could give them Jesus. My eye sight has failed me I can not be active as I once was as a minister. But I can still live a life above reproach. We do not have a Free Will Baptist church in Wanette. But when the Free Will Baptist Church is spoken of here, they all say that is the church that Daddy Dearmore belongs to. I am proud of our church and all our members that honor God with their lives. A letter from any of you will always be appreciated. May God bless you all.

—Elder W. E. Dearmore.

MY SCHOOL DAYS

Written by Rev. Winford Davis

I stood in the valley of youth today,
Where as a school boy I once used to play,
Happy and gay at the noon hour release
We would run here to eat what to us was
a feast.

Sandwich and onion, tomatoe with salt,
Mother's good pie, the best ever wrought,
First to close pail then up hill would run,
"Batter first" yelling, Oh, but what fun.

Strike one, strike two, and then to first base
From my mind, memory's scene, time can
never erase,
Then the teacher's first bell meaning time
to retreat
First to the drinking cup, then to our seat.

Just before recess with hand lifted high,
"May we go get water, my buddy and I?"
Then down to the spring at the foot of
the hill,
On a stick, borne between us, the bucket
we'd fill.

The bright shiny willows, the fish in the
brook,
To us far excelled the monotony of books,
Too often we'd tarry a bit beyond measure,
Then teacher would chasten, and not to
our pleasure.

Yes, and for a close friend a selection we'd
make,
From the opposite sex, quite natural, we'd
take,
His sister I'd choose, and for my sis her
brother,
It would seem to us surely there would
ne'er be another.

Smile exchange, note writing, childish re-
lations,
Just momentary fancies, youth's infatu-
ations,
They helped tint the picture of school days
of yore,
Time has brought changes; these days are
no more.

But often we ponder in dream and in tho't,
Of places and things which have now come
to naught,
The sand in the road, the giant oak trees,
The next thing to sacred past experiences
has made these.

Ciphering and spelling on late Friday
evening,

Then down through the pasture toward
home with face gleaming,

No one can know the extent of true joy
Without having once been a country school
boy.

Lord, as years keep on mounting and hair
tends to whiten,

As natural charm fades, and eternity
brightens,

One thing I ask, grant it ever may be
That the picture of school days remain
plain before me.

THE CALL TO MISSIONS

Within my heart "a still small voice" I
hear

It calls—it calls again—it calls me where?
To some foreign land my Lord may want
me go

The Way of Life to tell to those who do
not know.

I hesitate—fear grips my heart—"Lord, I
cannot go."

What's that? Ye are not your own, you
know.

I shed my blood on cruel Calvary
That all men everywhere might be made
free.

Yes, Christ shed His blood to give eternal
Life to all.

Dare I claim it and fail to answer this
Call

To carry to others this precious message,
too?

No, Lord I could not fail and to Thee be
true.

Myself, My all I give into Thy nail-scarred
hands,

Break me, melt me, mould me according
to Thy plans.

I know that where you lead will be for
me life best,

Help me go according to Thy plans is my
request.

Written by Gertrude Bowe, student in
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EMPTY DAYS

How our hearts are filled with sadness
When we see our boys depart,
And we put our arm around them
Try to hide our aching heart.

Then we gather round the table
Bow our heads in humble prayer,
And the tears begin to trickle,
As we view that empty chair.

Once our home was filled with sunshine,
Now it's like a dismal tomb,
And our hearts are torn asunder,
When we pass that empty room.

Well we know just what's inside it,
Things placed there by his own hand,
And it brings back precious memories
Things we think we cannot stand.

Then it seems I hear him tell me
Keep your chin up and smile,
That's the way I love you mother,
I'll come back after awhile.

Keep on praying for me mother,
Till the clouds have rolled away,
Till the shadows all have vanished,
And there dawns a brighter day.

—Author Unknown.

Contributed by Mrs. Delphia McDonald
515 Stevenson St., Flint, Mich.

I'M GLAD I TRUSTED HIM

There'll be fire on the mountains, on the
land and the sea,

When Jesus my Saviour comes down to
earth for me,

The Holy Ghost will carry me on wings
like a dove,

I'll enter that Grand Estate where all is
rest and love.

The sun will be turned to darkness, and
the moon to blood,
This old world will be on fire with a ter-
rible flood,
A flood of fire and brimstone, do you want
to be there?
Where there's weeping and crying and
darkest despair.

But I'll not be here on that great and
terrible day,
I'll be with my Saviour in that mansion
far away,
Singing wondrous praises and beholding
His precious face,
And telling the blessed story of Amazing
Grace.

I'll tread the streets of gold in that city
so fair,
Where the Lord is the light, where there
is never a care,
And when He smiles upon me, won't that
be divine,
To think I only trusted Him, and took
Him as mine.

Oh, won't you come go with me, up to the
pearly gate,
Jesus my Saviour will open it, I know we
won't be late,
He is waiting there to welcome me and
when He says come in,
I'll say Oh Hallelujah, Now I'm glad I
trusted Him.

— Rev. Tracy Dees
Waltonville, Illinois

Hope for the Christian, and Warning to the Unsaved

I'm glad that God was so kind,
To leave us a Bible so we could find
The place of perfect peace and rest,
So we can go there if we do our best.

Where Satan's temptations will be laid
aside,
And in the Saviour's arms we'll hide,
But its sad to think of those here below
Who the Saviour's love refuse to know.

But some day they will look to Him,
And beg Him to rescue them,
But maybe then 'twill be to late,
Then they'll listen to their sad fate,

But they have put Him off to long,
And cannot join His happy throng,
So friend don't let this happen to you,
Get on fire for God and He'll see you thru'.

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sion.

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OBITUARIES

MORTON—W. H. Morton was born in Iron County, Missouri, April 22, 1865. He was married to Sarah Williams of Springfield in 1901. To this union four children was born, two of whom died in early childhood. Also a son, Charley Morton, by a former marriage, died in early manhood.

For the past 40 years Mr. Morton had lived most of the time on a farm near Tunas, Mo., in Dallas County where he was living at the time of his death Dec. 25, 1943, at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 3 days.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Hopewell and he has been

a citizen of such type that he will be missed by many.

He is survived by his widow, Sarah Isabel; a son, Clyde Morton, of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Duff of Buffalo, Mo., and Mrs. Gerta Morton of Bristow, Okla.; Harry Ricker whom he has reared as a son from early childhood; one brother, John S. Morton of Tunas; and six grandchildren.

Although he had failed in health considerably in his last years, he always had a word of cheer for his many friends.

Funeral service was held at Hopewell church, Monday, Dec. 27, by Rev. Frank Linton. Interment was under direction of Vaughn and Reser Funeral Home of Urbana.

DRYER—John F. Dryer was born in Hickory County, Missouri, Sept. 16, 1861, and departed this life at the home of Walter and Estella Bridges Jan. 15, 1944, being 82 years and 4 months of age.

He was married to Marget Jane Pope Feb. 11, 1895, who preceeded him in death Feb. 11, 1939. To this union was born two children: Mrs. Myrtle Nunn of Urbana. Loyd Dryer who passed away June 23, 1929. He leaves to mourn his passing one child, Mrs. Myrtle Nunn, one step child, Mrs. Estella Bridges of Urbana; 7 grandchildren, also 2 brothers, F. S. Dyer of Urbana and Eli Dryer of Hustonia, Mo.; 2 sisters, Mary Hopkins of Urbana and Margret Olinger of Fresno, Calif. and a host of friends.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Missionary Baptist church at Hopewell, later moving his membership to Pleasant Ridge and remained a faithful member until death.

Funeral service was held at Pleasant Ridge at 2:00 p. m. Monday by Rev. Frank Linton. Burial followed there under the direction of L. B. Jones.

Mc DANIEL—Riley Everett McDaniel, son of Nathan and Francis McDaniel, was born Jan. 31, 1881, and departed this life on Jan. 10, 1944, at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 21 days. He was sick only a short time.

He was united in marriage to Georgia

Sutton on Dec. 30, 1906. This home was blessed with six children.

Riley was converted in 1918 and lived a Christian life to the end.

The children are: Graden McDaniel of Halfway, Vircy Ragsdale of Long Lane, Herbert McDaniel of Phoenix, Ariz., and two boys who have answered the call of their country, Everett McDaniel of South Dakota and Paul McDaniel of Illinois. One daughter died in infancy. The father, mother, 4 brothers, a sister and 2 half-sisters and a grandchild preceded him in death.

Besides the children, he leaves his companion, 6 grandchildren, 4 brothers, Roy of Long Lane, Gus of Kansas City, Kan., Adam of Bolivar, and Joe, address unknown. He also has two sisters, Edith Agee of California and Iva Glenn of Kansas City, Kan., and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was a devoted companion, father, grandfather and neighbor, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service was conducted at Prospect church 2:00 p. m. Friday, by Rev. Frank Linton. Burial was in Wollard cemetery under direction of L. B. Jones.

NOELL—Mrs. Ellen Blair Noell, 64, wife of Clayton Noell, 1016 Greenup St., Catlettsburg, Ky. was fatally injured at 6:45 p. m. Dec. 20, when a train struck an automobile in which she was a passenger.

Mrs. Noell was a daughter of John and Evelyn Conley Blair. She was a native of Magoffin County, Kentucky and had resided in Catlettsburg for the past 25 years. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church. She was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral service was conducted at the Free Will Baptist Church at two o'clock Thursday afternoon with Rev. L. E. Colliver officiating. Burial was made in the Williams cemetery.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Craig and Mrs. Sara Layne, both of Catlettsburg, one brother, Sam Blair, of Ashland, one sister, Mrs. John Roark of Ashland and three grandchildren and a host of friends.

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