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GOSPEL SERMONS



The Body of Christ

Elder B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.



Eld. B. F. Brown

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" — 1Cor. 12:13.

The Apostle Paul is here speaking directly to the church at Corinth; but his message is not for Corinth alone; and when he says, "We all," he could mean all those who are baptized into the "one body" by the "one Spirit," not only at Corinth but everywhere, even to include us of today.

In Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians he says in chapter one verse 2: "Unto the Church of God, which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." Peter addressed his second epistle "to them that have obtained a like precious faith." Jude addressed his epistle "to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." Certainly these instructive, inspiring messages are for us — the "we all" surely includes you and me: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

BAPTIZED BY THE SPIRIT

Yes, we have all been baptized into the

"one body" by the "one Spirit." We were once Gentiles (or Jews) and servants of Satan; but we have been transformed and become willing and obedient servants of God, by the renewing of our minds that we "may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). We now have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16; Phil. 2:5), and can think the thoughts of God, which are written for our consideration and can understand the Holy Scriptures, at least that part which was written for us.

Since only dead bodies are buried, and since baptism suggests there has been a death before the baptism by the Spirit. By the baptism of death (Rom. 6:3,4), we are baptized with Christ into death, and buried with Him, which our baptism in water symbolizes. Surely then if our old life, now dead and buried with Christ, was wholly sinful our new life, to which we rise with our risen Saviour by the power of the Spirit, must be altogether a holy life.

Now when we go back to "those things whereof we are ashamed" (Rom. 6:21), we deny our resurrection with Him to newness of life, and "forget that we have been purged from our old sins" (2 Peter 1:9). When we think of these things, it may seem strange to us that truly born again Christians will go back again to sinful things of the old life, yet we know that many do that very thing. It is because we walk in the counsel of the god of this world, or in the counsel of the ungodly (read Psalm 1).

We have been born again by the power of God the Spirit (John 1:12; 3:5), and become the sons of God, let us then, be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14), and show to all about us that we are the sons of God.

THERE IS ONE BODY

Yes, we are "all baptized into one body." Paul says (Eph. 4:4), "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" — One body, one Spirit, one hope. If we are in this "one body" which is the body of Christ, led and upheld by the "one Spirit," which is the power of a Christian life, we have hope, otherwise there is no hope; that is why there is only "one hope."

This "one body" is the true Church, "the Church of the firstborn," whose names "are written in heaven" (Heb. 12:23). Into this "one body," the true Church, we are born by baptism by the Holy Spirit. This means that all we have and are is consecrated to God — devoted to Him and given into His care and keeping, nothing held back. Satan would like to destroy this unity; so sends out his false teachers to publish his false doctrines, by which many are deceived and much wheat becomes tares, because of Satan's untiring efforts there are many fowl among the branches of the mustard tree. There are many members of the visible church who are Christians only in name. There are many children "of the wicked one" among the children of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:36-43).

The Lord has made ample provision for the welfare and edification of this "one body;" for within the body of Christ, the true Church, there are God called, Spirit filled prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers: "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all

come in unity of the faith, of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (Jno. 13:17). We cannot satisfy God, nor even ourselves, with anything we try to do in the power of the flesh; but if Christ be "the hidden man of the heart" (1 Peter 1:4) and we fully trust and obey Him, He will strengthen us and we can do all things through Him, just let go, and let Him.

CHRIST HEAD OF THE BODY

Now this "one body" would be incomplete, even helpless and perhaps useless, without a head; but it has a head, which is none other than the Lord Jesus Himself. Christ is the Head of the church and He is Saviour of the body" (Eph. 5:23). Much is required of the Church; but Jesus said in Matt. 28:18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." This "all power" is freely given unto all who are willing to go in obedience to His will and commands.

Christ is far away to them that believe not; but to all true believers He is closer than near, He lives in them.

All members of the true Church "are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones, and they two shall be one flesh" (Eph. 5: 30-31). He and she the Head and the members form but one Christ. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ" (1 Cor. 12:12).

Comparison of a Christian and a Soldier

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(1) As it is an offence against the government, so is it an offence against God to fail to answer His call. (Consecration) Rom. 12:1-8

(2) In the same way the government

gives a soldier a blood test; God gives a person a blood test to see if he has the Blood of Christ covering him.

(3) Just as the government classifies a prospective soldier, God classifies us. (How

do you rank?)

(4) A Christian, like a soldier, often gives up his home, wife, business, and many comforts of life in order to be in the full service of the Lord.

(5) The government examines a prospective soldier. God also examines a Christian to see if he has certain defects before He places him in responsible service. (A careless, worldly Christian can not qualify.)

(6) If accepted, they teach him a field he can fill. In the same way God teaches you after He calls you before He puts you in certain service. Jesus had a preparation period.

(7) After getting some "book learning" or education they put some to work with experience. A flyer, for example, is told what all the instruments are for and how to use them. This is learned from books and classes. But it is made clearer as they are shown in a plane. However, they do not just "run across" it before going into this special service but get acquainted with all the instruments they will use. A Christian, in like manner, will have book (Bible) learning. Also practice before going into this special service. Then after enough training and a final review you are sent to special service. Likewise, so is a Christian.

(8) If a soldier does not reverence and obey those in command he is punished; often K. P. If we do not respect and obey God's Word we will be punished. Gal. 6:7

(9) A soldier is to never question his commander's word or order. What he is told to do, regardless how useless it seems, he is expected to do it. We are to never question God's Word regardless what we think. Matt. 8:9

(10) Just as the soldier has a uniform issued to him by the government; God gives us an armor-uniform. Description Eph. 6:10-18

(11) A soldier does not gradually leave his home and civilian life in which he is accustomed to and gradually grow into the army life. Neither should a Christian gradually give up his old habits. He should cut them off; not taper off!

(12) There are some soldiers who do no more than necessary and yet get along.

Sad to say, but there are Christians who do the same.

(13) There are some basic things all soldiers learn regardless of what type of service he will be in. A Christian is trained in certain basic spiritual matters also.

(14) How reliable is the soldier, that never listens to his officer or instructor, but is all the time telling him why he can not and does not learn and obey his commands or instructions? Some Christians are the same way. They like to pray and tell the Lord all their troubles and why they aren't better Christians, but they seldom want to know what God wants them to do. If they did, they would read His Word, because prayer is a means for you to talk to God and reading the Bible is God talking to you.

(15) A soldier while in training is to eat the right food and do the right things that will fit him for better active service. So is a Christian to eat the right food, the Word of God. (Matt. 4:4), and to practice its laws.

(16) It is for the soldier never to start; than to start and then decide he doesn't want to be a soldier. It is better for the Christian never to start and then turn back.

(17) If a soldier does not know how to use his weapons he may be killed; or, he may harm himself. In the case of a sword he could cut himself badly. In the same way a Christian must know how to use his weapons: the sword of the Spirit, the

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Bible, prayer, testimonies, etc. To get good results he must keep in practice.

(18) In the same way a soldier goes over; a Christian is often called by God to go over to the other races. But their call is to show them life; not death.

(19) Every soldier is to see that the American flag stays up. If the flag-bearer is shot another takes his place and bears it. It is not to touch the ground. In the same manner, we are to lift up Christ and His Blood Stained Banner. That is our flag. John 12:32

(20) As the soldier relies on his armaments, so is a Christian to rely on God and what weapons He has furnished: prayer with its great power, His word (thesword), testimonies, His promises, and His power to keep them.

(21) A soldier on the enemies territory is on very dangerous ground. Likewise, a Christian on the devils territory.

(22) A brave soldier never considers danger. Neither does a brave Christian. (Are you brave?) Phil. 4:6

(23) A true soldier who loves and stands for what he is fighting for never considers compromising. If you are a Christian who loves Christ and stands for His teachings; you should never compromise with the world or any of the devil's things.

(24) A soldier fights to kill but a Christian Fights to live. (Mainly to live spiritually.)

(25) When a soldier is in action and accomplishes a great amount of good he

receives honors and a lot of praise from his side. The Christian is praised and rewarded by God and His people, when they accomplish a great amount of good and victory. (Leading one lost soul to Christ is much accomplished.)

(26) A satisfied soldier is of less value than one who is dissatisfied. For the one who is dissatisfied will try to change the matter. A Christian who is satisfied with present conditions is of less value than one who is dissatisfied with the present situation, for, he will try to change it.

(27) Just as the soldier is willing to give up his life rather than give up what he is fighting for, likewise will the Christian. He would rather give up his life than his Lord and Saviour and His great promises.

(28) A group of soldiers who have a good morale can really go. They are hard to stop. They get something done. The same of a Christian. A band of Christians who are of one accord, loving, obedient, and having zeal will accomplish something worth while. But the ones who only strive, argue, and fight will accomplish little.

(29) If a country and her people are neutral, then she and her people have not the help and favor of any nation at war. If she would join one or the other, that one would help her and she would share the benefits of that nation. In the same way a person must not be neutral. If they are neutral, a good moral person, they do not get the pleasure of either.

Don't be Afraid to Sow

Mrs. Martha Dalton Cassville, Mo.

Do not feel badly because you are unable to measure the importance of your confessions. Right when you think "Oh there's no use telling the story, there is no use defending the right, no-one will listen, no-one cares," may be the time some one might be helped. The following is true: A lady who always made certain to confess her Lord in all places and under

all circumstances, chanced one day to take lunch in the home of a very worldly and carnal minded young lady. The young lady invited her guest to attend a show which the guest politely refused, saying it was against her belief. The hostess was astounded to know it had been years since her guest had attended shows. This led to other discussions, during which the guest

was forced to gently rebuke the other for her rebellious attitude toward God, because of a sister who had been taken away under extremely tragic circumstances. Of course the guest might never have known that her words were not useless, had not a friend of her hostess dropped in "come in," said the hostess, "We're talking religion." Here's the first person who has ever been able to get under my skin!"

There was a young unmarried man who was employed on a ranch on the great Plains. A place you would say where there would be little opportunity to work for Master but the Spirit of God was with him. Most of the workers on the ranch loved John. He was so kind and had nothing to do with anything indecent, yet one among the workers persecuted him, cursing him and reviling him before the others. When he was reviled, he reviled not again, when

he was cursed he blessed the other and expressed a willingness to pray for him.

Do you think these others among whom was not one saved person were in sympathy with this one who treated John thus. Not one of them but esteemed John the more highly. Nor was the respect for Christ's followers, won by this boy the only good done; One of these young men carried the story home to his wife who was a struggling christian longing and striving to be more like the Master. This tended to renew her determination to practice this same beautiful example. John may have felt at some times that his burden was very heavy. How could he know the benefit derived from it all. "God is not unrighteous to forget his labor of love which he shewed toward His name. He sowed in tears, no doubt; he will reap in joy in the day of reward.

Walking With God

Rev. Frank Rice Evansville, Ind.

As we are trying to outline a few reasons for walking with God. We are starting with Enoch. Enoch was the son of Jared the seventh from Adam and seemingly by reading he was sixty five years old when he started to walk with God. The scriptures say, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, translated at the age of three hundred sixty five. Enoch walked with God until the end and God carried him away with Him. Heb. 11:5; "by faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found because God had translated him. For before his translation he had the testimony that he pleased God. Now dear reader Enoch was more than walking with God, he was pleasing God. Jude 14:15 His witnessing for God, "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints to execute judgement upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds, which they have ungodly committed, all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners

have spoken against Him.

Oh dear reader how precious it is with us today to know Jesus is dealing with us in mercy, yes He is a merciful and just God; but some time in the near future the doors of mercy will be closed.

Today is the day of salvation, seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near, tomorrow may be too late.

Now, Noah was a son of Lamech and Noah was a just man and perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God, God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually and it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth and it grieved Him in His heart. The Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast and the creeping things and the fowls for it repenteth me that I have made them. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

God put him to work for the earth was corrupted, the end of all flesh has come before Me and behold I will destroy them with the earth. God gave Noah the divine plan to build the ark. Make the ark of gopher wood, this is to make it light so it would easily float, pitch it within and without with pitch, the pitch was to make it safe and secure for every thing that was in the ark, when the door was closed. Noah never got discouraged, just hammered away until the ark was finished. Listen dear reader it meant something to Noah to be walking with God, and using what material the Lord provided for him. Noah could have possibly made it in his own way if he wanted to short cut the job. Noah used nothing but what God said use.

I have heard of carpenters who after they got the blueprints to build with, sometimes to make more money leave off a few things and change the plan, that is mans work. But when God wants us to do something for him if we do it right we have to follow God's plan because God never fails. Now Noah has completed his work, the ark is ready, I can see the door, as it only had one door. I can see the lion and all the other animals and everything coming in at the same door, even the mole. After every thing was in the ark that God told Noah to bring in. The Lord said unto Noah, come thou and all thy house into the ark for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. The Lord shut the door. Listen dear reader sin was the cause of Noah building the ark as is mentioned in other paragraphs of this message.

When Jesus was leaving the temple after He had told His disciples there shall not be a stone left that is not thrown and other things Jesus had told them, that caused the disciples to ask these questions. Tell us when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming, the end of the world? Jesus said: Take heed that no man deceive you. That is good advice for us today, "why?" For many will come and say I am the Christ. You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, false prophets will arise and deceive many. Jesus spoke to them in parables; when a fig tree brings

forth leaves, you may know that summer is nigh. Heaven and earth will pass away but My word shall not pass away. No dear reader the word of God will stand every law and all the peace treaties will fail. The day and hour that Jesus will return no man knoweth. As the days of Noah were so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Listen dear reader, we are living in an awful wicked world, today our people straying from God. As iniquity abounds the love of many shall wax cold. Hebrews 11:7; By faith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of righteousness which is by faith. Listen dear readers Jesus is the Door and the way, the truth, no man can come in only by the door. If you enter in you will have to be born again, walking with God.

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The Need for Prayer

The night is far spent, the day is at hand let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Rom.13:12.

Dear Gem Readers:

To barge through the door of a glittering generality is to awaken the inner man. Not only is he then struck with a flare of truth, but he is pressed back against the wall of security, and into the light of a living God.

Sometime ago I was thrust into the war of sickening circumstances. Being young free, and honest I accepted the elements within the Melting Pot of the world as safe and without fault; but now, even as I write I know that we, America, have fallen from the level of a God fearing nation. How many nights have you gone home and there found your dear old mother with the Blessed Book upon her knee opened? How many times have you passed by your neighbors home and heard the sweet notes of a favorite hymn floating through the evening winds? Beloved! It just isn't practiced anymore. The home has become merely a place to live, not a place of love, for God and one another. We have become lovers of self boastful, and having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof. The correction must, and will begin in the home, your home.

Boys in camp have a dark future before them. They need your prayers, not your cigarettes. Many are the boys that rush into town to meet the new girl behind the bar with "a beer please." Then while they are getting acquainted they like "a beer please." Soon they realize that the clock has just struck ten and that it is time for, "a beer please." Since they have met the new girl now, they decide that they should go out and have a good time, but the barracks must be the next stop. Gee! just when they were going to have a good time too. Listen! a world without fault will never be, but a fault with out reason is

too much to see. There is a promoter for these actions indicated, and one can't rightly place the whole wrong upon the boys. Mother, Father these are your boys and you should begin today, to humble yourselves and cry unto God with all sincerity. That these boys might also look unto their Maker.

The little town of Leesville, Louisiana is making a strong drive to smash the joints and sales of liquors, when more towns near camps will act in like manner America will flourish again. When we can say as the Psalmist; "O Lord, truly I am thy Servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid, thou hast loosed my bonds." Then and then only will we see Jesus smiling upon us. So let us all look into the heavens and whisper, from our heart, a prayer.

The necessity for strong drink is out, The purpose is void and the results. DEATH SPIRITUALLY. The necessity of a church going people is demanding, the purpose is RIGHTEOUSNESS, and the results. LIFE EVERLASTING.

*Your Bro. in Christ,
P.F.C. Waldo Kicensiki.*

WHAT IS LIFE?

"Life is a challenge, choose it;
Life is a chance, take it;
Life is an opportunity, seize it!
Life is a battle, wage it;
Life is a song, sing it;
Life is a joybell, ring it;
Life is a promise, test it;
Life is a drama, act it;
Life is an adventure, risk it;
Life is a race, run it;
Life is a contest, win it;
Life is a duty, dare it."

Be Ye Ready

Rev. Vinita Broyles Hancock, Iowa

Dear Gem Readers.

As this is my first attempt to write to the Gem, I hope this will miss the waste basket.

I hardly know just how to start, but the first thing, I must say am happy in the Lord because I know my sins have been forgiven.

I was converted when I was ten years of age, and I have missed the way in coming short many times, but the Lord has proven so true, and has helped me over so many rough places. Jesus is our example, and a pattern for us all, and he was always praying to the Father.

Then I wonder why our nation is trying to go along, not going to Him in prayer. The Lord called me into the ministry three years ago, and although I have been tried in the fiery furnace, I find that my God is the same God, that he was to the Hebrew children.

I find in this christian warfare, the closer I try to walk with God, and the more determined I am to make Heaven my home, the harder Satan tries me.

I am so thankful that as long as we allow Jesus to lead us by the hand that Satan can't touch us.

We don't need to expect to please every body for we can't do that and live for Jesus. There are people that will talk about us, and us doing our best, but the Mother of Jesus was talked about, and so was our blessed Saviour.

Jesus said "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

We need not to think we can sail thru on flowery beds of ease, because we must suffer with Him if we expect to reign with Him.

We are living in a day when there is sin all around us, but His word says "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. His grace is sufficient if

we will only trust Him. My aim is higher ground and I must keep my eye single looking upward to heaven. Christians we can't afford to slow down as Satan would love to have us do, because there is too much at stake. Just think of our dear boys, what they are suffering for us.

I wonder, when I see many lukewarm christians failing Jesus, if they won't be like the foolish Virgins. Christ taught us to watch and pray, because He said He would come as a thief in the night.

I want all you Gem readers to pray for me and my companion that we will be ready when the mid-night cry is given and that we will come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us. I enjoyed the nice poem that was sent in by Sister Ancel Alexander of Niangua. There was so much truth in it.

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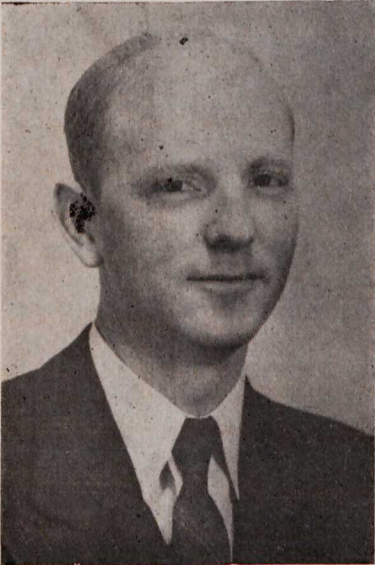
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Free Will Baptist along with all denominations have different interests. That is as it should be, Jesus had many interests in coming to earth. The main reason He came was to save the lost. Our main interest can be no less than to see that many come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The plan, purpose and passion back of the Unified Program is to glorify the Christ by maintaining and exemplifying a spirit of worshipful giving. When we give, we give to the eternal and ever present Christ. We give because what He has done, is doing, and will do for a sin cursed world in bringing it to the glories of the Heavenly Father. When we give to Christ our

gifts will live forever. It has been truthfully said, "There can be no immorality without generosity. Men live forever only if they give forever." In the Unified offering the consecration prayer can correctly be ended—"for Jesus sake."

There are those who give as the pharisees gave, the tithe, (Luke 11:42) but that is not enough. We must exceed what they did if we expect to live the happiest and most profitable christian life, and if we expect to get to heaven. (Matt. 5:20). We worship the heavenly ones and lay up treasures in heaven when we give a real offering, above the tithe, to the One who is the fulfillment of the Law. Carry your tithe and offering to God's store house, then there will be enough money for all things needed: To help the needy, to pay the minister, to care for current church expenses, and to give to every worthy cause through the Unified Program. Souls will be saved and fed from such a ministry. We believe first in seeking the Kingdom of God and then things will be added or come in their proper time and place. "Look right at souls, but wrong at things and and you miss most of God. Look right at things and wrong at souls and again you miss God. When both are seen in the light of God you walk in the light as he is in it." So don't get too concerned about things, but the thing to do is to get concerned about giving God His right place in your things and thoughts.

We hear Christ with his cross in His voice proving I gave all—willingly for the joy of my mission and for the joy set before me at the right hand of my Fa-

ther. Again Christ, with the Cross in His voice needs to speak to us when money talks in all the known languages of men-in a world in which money talks mammon, we are to talk Christ. We propose to talk no more than Christ in talking about the Unified Program. "Love ever gives and where it lives, it gives." (John Oxenham) You do not love Jesus Christ if you do not love in giving unto Him. It is when we are giving in Jesus that we are living in Jesus. Taking an offering is not an anticlimax, but the proper issue of the religion of our Redeemer. The outcome of our income must be the success of Christ's cause. The gift of eternal life is everlasting giving. There is a relationship between the economic and the eternal. The way one uses his finance shows his real fineness.

My prayer has been for Free Will Baptist that they will not be overcome by benevolent needs, but will see the real issue in giving money, that is for the salvation of souls through evangelism. So far Free Will Baptist have responded more easily to the visual than the vital. We should all pray for the day to come when Free Will Baptist will say it is no longer I-but Christ. Christ lives in us and ours. Paul said if you are look-

ing for me I am no longer here. This is Christ. This is Christ talking. So may we walk and talk as Christ directs. Christ must have control of our minds, moods, motives, methods, and money. When Christ is alpha and omega and central in our lives He is also over our cash. Shylock said, "You take my life when you take the means whereby I live." There is more to life than money but precious little to life without it. Life is abundant through Christ. John 3:16 is a great statement. "God so loved the world that He gave His-" This is not just a message to be delivered by preachers, but a practical program for all life. A God is on the giving hand, who loves us so much that He gives us the love to give to Him; not to us be the glory. We then give unto Christ our substance for that we hope for.

As I close this article, I bow my head in prayer, literally, asking God's blessings to attend these lines that have been given to me. If you will think deeply about the things written you will be less inclined to cover your defenseless heads with the shadow of your own wings. The shadow of your wings. The shadow that isn't enough. We stand in need of the Eternal; Unto Him we look, love, live and give.

Announcement

Christian Workers Institutes will be held this summer as follows:

MICHIGAN

Highland Park Church, 242 Victor Ave.
June 5-16.

Teachers: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

ALABAMA

Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, Alabama. June 5-16.

Teachers: Rev. Domon Dodd, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

GEORGIA

Camp Sawyer, near Bainbridge and Brinson. June 18-30.

Teachers: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. George Waggoner, Other to be supplied.

MISSISSIPPI

Pearce Chapel Church Smithville, Miss.
July 17-28.

Teachers: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Damon Dodd.

This is a portable Bible College going into different states. Be sure to avail yourself of this helpful service coming near you. Courses in Bible Doctrine, Public Speaking, Women's Aux., World Wide Missions, F. W. B. L. and Sunday School, Evangelism, Personal Soul Winning etc. Local papers will carry announcements.

Fill out the blank below and send to the person in your state or the Institute you expect to attend. Pray and plan to attend.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 242 Victor Ave.
Highland Park, Mich.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.

Miss Marie Ivey, Jakin, Georgia

Rev. M. L. Hollis, 1105-Military Street,
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WANTED-MORE MINUTES

Associational and state minutes have arrived rather freely to the National Statistician's desk within the past few weeks. For this he is grateful, since they will aid

in making a worthy report this year. However, more minutes should come from the following states: Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Texas, and California. Some of these states have sent in no minutes at all. Please send one copy of your 1943 minutes (associational or state or both) to Clarence Bowen, Box 821, Wake Forest, North Carolina as soon as possible.

Clerks in other states should check their memories to see if they have sent their's in. Only about one-third of all minutes have come in. There is no need for a statistical report if anything less than ninety per cent of all minutes come in. Up to this time, the total membership reported does not exceed much over 80,000. Thus you see, Mr. Clerk, that you must do your part now. Perhaps next year we can have a better system of getting these reports. For that I hope.

—Clarence Bowen

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Direct From the Cuban Mission Field

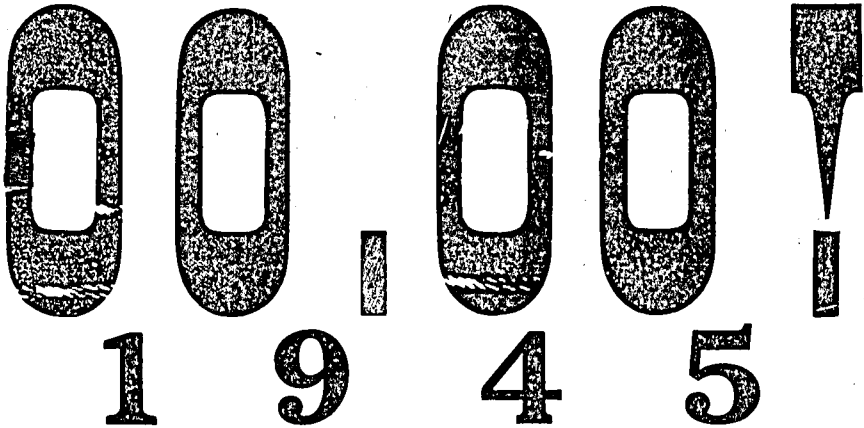
I am writing this to you from our Mission Field in Cuba. Having just landed here in Pinor Del Rio, Friday night at 10:00 o'clock the 14th of April. We had a splendid trip down, made all connections perfectly. The Lord went before us in a very definite way. We do praise His name for it.

You will notice the figures at the heading. \$18,000 needed during 1944-45, I have not been prompted to express this need only since I came here; for I knew the need before I came. However I am more keenly conscious of it now, though I have only been here three days. Have only visited one of our fields since landing. That was our church at Sabalo, yesterday, (Sunday). We went most of the way by train, then on in to the church by ox cart. A distance of three miles. It was a convention day and people were there from as far as forty miles. The services of the day were characterized by much singing, testimony, and preaching service. I brought a message in the afternoon through Bro. Willey acting as interpreter. At the close of the message I made an appeal and nine precious souls

came and kneeled in the altar thus making a sincere and definite start for the Lord. They are people with no background what so-ever in the way of Christian knowledge. They will be taught by their pastor, Pedro Royo and held on probation for a period of six months before baptism. It was a great day in the Free Will Baptist Mission Field of Cuba.

Yes, we must have money, more money. Oh! that our people of means would get the VISION. Here is our Cuban school of Missions with only seven students now; but a prospect for 30 or 40 students another year, if you will only make it financially possible. We are soon going to need more land for our school and mission center. Some of our stations here need chapels badly. We now need a couple more horses, we are also in desperate need of another American man on the field to assist Bro. Willey for he is doing two or three mens work.

While I have touched upon a few of the many needs of Cuba I have said nothing of other needs. Suppose the door to India should suddenly open; what great demands would then be made on our treasury.



Then, too, the need of promoting the Foreign Mission cause among our people in the states. We must have means of arousing interest, literature, tracts, itinerates, etc. Certainly we must have funds.

Wife and I expect to be here until about the middle of May. We greatly desire your prayers while we are here.

If you do not receive a receipt for your contribution as quickly as usual remember I am in Cuba. Please be patient, when I

return you shall have due acknowledgment. Your donation will be in safe keeping until my return. Just continue to send them on to Monett as usual.

May the Lord bless you all back in the states.

Greetings to you from the Willeys, Miss Yealey, Miss Van Syoc, and all. You shall hear from us again, many things we would like to tell you, but space will not permit.

Report from Miss VanSyoc

Many of you have been asking concerning the new missionary in Cuba and what her reactions are to the field. Perhaps you'd enjoy hearing first handed.

I arrived in Cuba, February 27, and immediately liked the country. It is beautiful, the hills and the palms. I feel right at home and have felt that way since I arrived. It is the place appointed by God.

My chief difficulty, of course, is that I cannot speak Spanish. It is a real handicap when I meet our people. Pray that the Lord will help me grasp the language quickly.

I have met many people and like them.

One Thursday night, I went to Rio Seco to visit Miss Yealey. I gave my testimony at the Young Peoples' Meeting. Of course, Miss Yealey had to translate. I think there were nearly one hundred people at the meeting. She has a fine group of

young people there, and there is great opportunity for the furtherance of the Gospel with all ages.

The school for training native workers is something that you may all be proud of. I have never seen a finer group of young people. They have a good teacher. He is a Cuban and understands his people and is well trained. You should all rejoice that your money is helping support such a cause.

I started teaching the Willey children the second week I was here. We have been working hard because they had not had much of this years work. I like Tommy and Barbara and am enjoying teaching them. To me, it seems almost as if we were playing school, with only two pupils, but to them it seems very like work.

This certainly is a needy field and I thank God for the way He led me to it.

The realization of the great need here struck deeply today. This is Good Friday. I went with the children down town to see the parade. I think three-fourths of the population of Pinar del Rio was in it. The altar boys led, with girls dressed in white, from the parochial school following. Then came a number of women dressed in white bearing a glass casket with the statue of Christ wrapped in white. On further were men carrying the statue of Mary dressed in black, a handkerchief in her hand and tears painted on her cheeks.

The day was very quiet because they believe that Christ is dead.

One little girl said, "On Thursday, God is sick and on Friday He dies."

Thank God that Christ died once for our sins, but today He is living, an intercessor to whom we can go any time.

Pray much for each of us that we may be used in that capacity which He has prepared for us.

How do I like Cuba? I feel almost guilty, enjoying so much being a missionary.

Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas



Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Newsom

If to God you would be true

If to God you would be true
 Let thy will, be His will too;
 And His Spirit direct you,
 Each and every day.
 If you'd be completely whole
 Clean of body, pure of soul;
 Let Him lead you to that goal,
 Each and every day.

With pure thoughts, employ the mind
 Feed the soul on bread divine;
 Dwell in atmosphere sublime,
 Each and everyday.

Let the Holy Spirits power
 Flood your soul, each passing hour;
 With a penecostal shower,
 Each and every day.

Hold communion with the Lord
 Make a study of his word;
 Wield the Holy Spirits sword,
 Each and every day.

Strive to save all that are lost
 Rescue them at any cost;
 Helping those that need thee most,
 Each and every day.

Happier then you'll ever grow
 Brighter still your faith will glow;
 As toward heaven on you go,
 Each and every day.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

Amazing grace How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now I'm found,
 Was blind but now I see.
 Can mortal tongue ever express
 In language more profound;
 Emergence from deepest distress,
 To joys which do abound.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved; (relieved)
 How precious, did that grace appear,
 The hour I first believed!
 How beautifully doeth this portray
 The cleansing of the soul!
 Trust in the Lord, His word obey,
 His precious name extol.
 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.
 In all the conflicts of this life
 Thou art my strength, my guide;
 Thou wilt sustain me in all strife,
 With me wilt e'er abide.

My Advocate

When loved ones sorely disappoint
 Me in "most sacred" things;
 When strictest confidence betrayed,
 Shall bitter anguish bring;
 There's one who'll ever faithful be,
 Whatever be the test,
 Whose loving arms encircle me,
 Reclining on His breast.
 In him I can safely repose
 Though storms may wildly rage;
 He'll shield me 'gainst the fiercest foes,
 May my soul engage;
 In every conflict He will be,
 E'er present by my side;
 He will my shield and buckler be,
 Whatever may betide.
 He's my companion and my guide
 Wherever I may roam;
 Where'er I go, He's by my side,
 To pilot me back home;
 He'll strengthen me when I am weak
 Uphold me lest I fall.
 He'll help me climb the mountain peak,
 And scale the steepest wall.
 When I'm forsaken and alone
 Despised and destitute,
 He'll send His angels from God's throne,
 My cause to prosecute.
 Then when in judgement I shall stand
 He'll be my advocate;
 My pardon full, He will demand,
 Establish my estate.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus is my advocate,
 He sits at God's right hand,
 Pleads that the Father reinstate,
 Me in His righteous band;
 Then with the angels I shall sing,
 Hosannas to the King;
 We'll make the vaults of heaven ring,
 With praises to the King.

What does the world offer you

What does the world offer you?
 Riches and honor, fame and renown,
 A warriors praise, a victors crown.
 What does the Lord now offer you?
 Riches and honor in heaven above,
 A glorious prize, God's boundless love.
 What does the world now offer you?
 A glamorous career, the plaudits of men;
 A life of pleasure, the pleasures of sin.
 What does the Lord now offer you?
 A life of service that brings great joy;
 A crown of glory with-out alloy.
 What does the world now offer you?
 A few fleeting years of toil and care,
 With troubles and trials most ever-where.
 What does the Lord now offer you?
 Eternal life that never shall end,
 Where saints and angels voices blend.

Chorus

O glorious gift! the gift of God's love!
 O glorious prize! bright mansions above;
 O glorious gift! the gift of God's grace:
 O what a joy to look on His face:

O Faith that will not waver

O faith that never wavereth
 E'en though the heavens fall;
 O faith that e'er prevaileth
 Though danger may appall.
 Our fondest dreams oft fail us,
 Are lost in nothingness;
 Still faith in God prevaileth,
 Through His own righteousness.
 O faith that never faileth
 Though dark the heavens loom;
 O faith that e'er prevaileth,
 Though fearful seems our doom;
 O faith that will not waver,
 Though hopeless all appears;
 When dauntless souls e'en quaver,
 And heroes quake with fears.

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EDITORIAL

High Again

Mrs. Nettie Wright of Houston, Texas is leading again this month in sending in subscriptions. She has sent nineteen, this should be an incentive to some more of you folks to get busy.

WHY THE GEM IS LATE

You perhaps are wondering why you are so late in receiving the Gem this month, but you are quite fortunate to get this month's issue at all. I came here Jan. 6th. without any knowledge of a print shop whatsoever.

When I came I had no idea that Mr. Rollins was going to walk out on us like he did. I feel that this is a severe blow to this phase of the work. There is one thing, I am sure of, and that is, that my coming here was in the will of the Lord. I'm trusting Him to give us the knowledge to carry on His work, in printing the Gem.

IN MEMORIAM

Since it isn't long until Memorial day, we have so many things to thank the Lord for, and so many things to remember. I want to call your attention to one thing, I think we ought to remember to thank the Lord for, and pray that it may continue to do the good work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that is our paper the Gem.

Many dark hours have been brightened by its visit to the home, many shut-ins have enjoyed your visit with them through the pages of the Gem.

We should also remember Rev. B. F. Brown, whose picture is on page three of this issue, who is the man that nursed the Gem along in it's infancy, and has made many a sacrifice that this paper may prosper for the Lord.

I had intended to give you some history of the Gem in this issue, but since things have changed like they have, I will have to wait awhile, before I have time to pre-

pare it. The following article is copied from Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan. 1929 issue, giving the policy of the paper. Our intention is to continue this same policy.

It will be our desire to give you the kind of paper you want, the kind of other work you want, not what we think you ought to have, but what you want.

FOUNDING A PAPER

"Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass"—Ps. 37:5.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem: Greeting in the matchless service of our blessed Redeemer.

It gives me pleasure to know that our hopes for a Free Will Baptist paper will soon be realized. Now just as the Holy Bible is the oracles of God (God's Word to His people, and the whole world) — a channel through which we can learn of Him, and is the "Foundation" upon which alone, Christian character can be safely built. So also is a good denominational paper that is founded upon those holy teachings, for the purpose of bringing its churches and its work and the cause of Christ, which it represents, into a closer relationship, one with the other, so that the beliefs and doctrines for which we stand, which are truly those which our Lord enunciated, may be broadcasted thru our Free Will Baptist paper.

ITS MISSION

The mission of our paper shall be to develop a spirit of desire to know each other better, by each church bringing its reports of the work done in its respective field, stimulating energy for continued advancement (for we cannot stand still).

Your church may be Africa so far as that is concerned, but thru a paper all our own, we will become neighbors and be able to talk or commune with each other thru

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GLEANINGS

By the Editor

The Seamen's Psalm

By Caption J. Rovers.

The Lord is my Pilot: I shall not drift.
He lighteth me across the dark waters.
He steereth me in the deep channels;
He keepeth my log. He guideth me by the
Star of His Holiness for His name's sake
Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and
the tempest of life.
I shall dread no dangers; for thou art near
me.
Thou preparest a harbor before me in the
homeland of eternity.
Thou anointest the waves with oil; my
ship rideth calmly.
Surely, sunlight and starlight shall favor
on the voyage I take.
And I will rest in the port of my LORD
forever.

The Link.

Building A Church

"I am building a church," said a small
boy, playing on the floor with a set of
building blocks, "and must be very quiet."
His father, eager to encourage this un-
expected reverence, asked, "and why be
quiet in church?" "Because the people are
asleep!" was the immediate answer.

Moody Monthly

Brevity

The OPA recently got out a pamphlet,
using 2500 words to announce a reduction
in the price of cabbage seed. . . St. Louis
Globe Democrat. The account of creation
is told in Genesis in 400 words; the ten
commandments contain 297 words; and
John 3:16..the Bible in a nutshell has
only 25 words.

Christian Victory

Different Results

A housewife fell into an open man hole.
She sued and got several thousand dollars
damage. A colored lady finding an open
man hole tried it. She got bruised up,
and was also arrested for trespassing.

John Paul

Why I Didn't Go To Church

I worked all week and I took Sunday
morning for much needed rest.

I sent the children to Sunday School
and that left the house quiet—so condu-
cive to relaxation.

It took me the greater part of the morn-
ing to read the Sunday paper. You see,
I like to keep up with the news—including
the funnies, the trashy gossip and the
mushy stories.

There was some things about the pre-
mises that needed attention, and as I work
all week I had to take Sunday for keeping
up with these duties.

I was getting short on gas and had to
save what I had for a little afternoon drive.

We were to have company for dinner and,
of course, had to prepare for them.

I attended several meetings during the
week, some of them being of a religious
character in part, and I guess that was
sufficient.

My favorite radio program comes on just
at church time and I didn't want to miss it.

I could hear a better sermon over the
radio than my own pastor can preach and,
of course, there were no collections.

I was in the crowds all through the
week so that it was a relief to have an
hour or two away from the noise and
hustle.

Well, you see, I have my own notion
about things and I don't think the preach-
er could have told me anything that would
change it.

I have to go to work at a certain hour
every day, and it's such a relief to feel
that I am free from that compulsion.

Well, to tell the truth, I just don't care
to go; I'd rather do something else; I
don't want to take on any religious re-
sponsibility; I would rather go to a ball
game or curl up in a cushioned chair; I
don't claim to have very much religion,
and, in fact, I have about all I want.

Religious Telescope.

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O faith that e'er abideth
 When hopeless seems the cause;
 O faith that God provideth,
 For all who love His laws;
 O faith to which we anchor,
 Our souls in time of need;
 O faith by which we conquer,
 All foes through Christ indeed.

Chorus

O faith that will not waver
 E'en though the heavens fall
 O faith that will not quaver,
 Though dangers may appall;
 O faith to which we anchor,
 O faith by which we conquer,

This brings a joy divinely sweet

All our foes through Christ indeed.
 The greatest joy that I have known,
 Is when I'm with the Lord;
 When I commune with Him alone,
 I'd abide His ev'ry word
 This brings a joy divinely sweet,
 A peace so perfect, so complete.
 No earthly pleasures can compare
 With what I thus enjoy;
 All things with me, He thus doth share,
 Tis joy without alloy;
 This brings a joy divinely sweet
 A peace so perfect, so complete.
 He'll ever be my truest friend,
 In whom I may confide;
 He'll faithful be unto the end,
 In Him I'll e'er abide;
 This brings a joy divinely sweet,
 A peace so perfect, so complete.

The Great
 Commission
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Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
 World
 For Christ



Mrs. Margaret Lundy
 Coeburn, Va.

A tribute to the Womans Auxiliary

The oldest member, Mrs. Margaret Lundy of the Woman's Auxiliary of Mary's Chapel church, Coeburn, Va.

I am 80 years of age and certainly proud to be a member of such a worthy organization. While on my sick bed about a year ago, I was visited by niece a member of this auxiliary who told me all about this plan. The first I had ever heard, which was music to my ears. They visited me had prayer, and songs were sung my soul was fed. Bringing back memories of my mother, also my departed husband who went away 30 years ago. I have 3 children gone on, I can't put in words just how much these sisters have done for me. They ministered unto me by food such as fruits, bread, can vegetables, ice cream and money. Their presence helped more than anything else.

Certainly glad to have been permitted to live and see this auxiliary in progress. This auxiliary foundation is Bible. Read

Luke 9: 10 and 10:17, which is very pleasing to the Lord. My grandparents served the Lord just like these auxiliary sisters are doing, work on sisters in Christ, make hay while the sun shines, keep up the good work. Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can.. When we leave this world our works will follow, work until the Lord says its enough come up higher you have been faithful over a few things I will make you ruler over many. When I was hungry you fed me and sick you visited me. I sometime get home sick for heaven. I am trusting my redeemer for strength to finish my journey. Well dear sisters I may not be with you much longer but you have been a blessing to me. Come on home where we can have a long sweet rest.

Sect. and Tres., Mary Kate Culbertson

\$ 18,000 FOR MISSIONS

Dear Co-Workers:

Since we last wrote it has been our privilege to visit a number of churches in Texas, which we found still enjoying a sweet experience with the Master. After visiting our home churches we visited, North Zulch where we found Bro. Lovering and wife whom we met in Fla. a few years ago. Bro. Lovering has been in Texas nearly two years and is doing a good work. We organized an auxiliary while there and we have heard since they are going forward with their program. We next visited Bro. Fort and his people in Bryan. They are coming along nicely with our program. Bro. Fort reported a good meeting in Fort Worth, with Bro. Thompson. but in all these places the rain has hindered. We failed to reach a number of our rural churches on account of so much bad weather.

We then visited our new church in Houston with Bro. Berry, who is doing a great work, for the Lord and our beloved denomination. The church has been organized now a little more than a year, it was our privilege to be there and speak on the first anniversary. The service was grand and basket dinner was served.

The women had their first auxiliary meeting, we had visited the church a few days before and organized the auxiliary. That night just before church time a lady called Bro. Berry and said I want to make your church a gift of a church lot. You can imagine how we all rejoiced to know a Missionary Baptist woman was so impressed with the work, that she wanted donate a lot. Bro and Sister Berry and their faithful members are doing a great work. They have our full program, league, Sunday School and auxiliary. For a new church just a year old they are doing beyond even some of our churches that have been organized for years. God bless them and give them courage to go on, is our prayer.

Time flies so rapidly, I soon found myself on the way to Okla. to visit a few places, while enroute to Hannon Mo. for a revival. It was a great privilege to visit our church in Ada, Okla. with Bro. C. E. McKinzie and his people. We organized the church 19 years ago, after a great tent revival. Bro. G. W. Fields was the first pastor and did a great work among the people of that city. Bro. Fields has now passed to his heavenly reward, you often hear his name called and it does us good to know that our faithful servants can still live on after their bodies have long been absent from our midst. I thank God for the good pastor and his good people at Ada, may this be a great year for them.

We next visited our two churches in Tulsa. Bro. Franklin is pastor of the Second Free Will Baptist Church and we felt such a sweet fellowship with him and his people. The service for one night only was deep and spiritual. We as a denomination can rejoice over our new churches in different sections. The next night was spent with Bro. Bingham's church, another good spiritual service was enjoyed. I find this church a hundred per cent. The women had just started in their auxiliary program, Thursday afternoon when I walked in, it was such a joy to see them carry out the auxiliary program in every way. Our women are doing things for the Lord in a wonderful

way. After service Friday night Bro. and Sister Bingham brought me to the bus station, I came on to Hannon and we had a glorious day, yesterday. The first of our revival. We ask all to pray for us that God will give great victory.

Women every where lets keep our "Jehoida Chests" working for it is only a short time now, until our National Assn. meets and we want the very best report that we have ever had.

Lizzie McAdams

Christian Education

The social progress of any people is measured by their knowledge. A nation that ranks high in illiteracy is behind in social progress; her people have a low standard of living; their morals are lower than a nation whose people are educated.

We hear so much about post-war world and the need of training and educating the youth of Hitler's Europe from the ideals of Naxxism and despotism. This is true and the job will be ours, as a nation, if we are to win the PEACE, but we too, need re-education.

We could do with a general over-haul job of technical education, but more than our need for book-learning looms our need of re-education in the Christian.

We need to re-learn to be tolerant of other people and their opinions. Among many races, society has set the Negro race outside the pale of acceptance. Negroes are human! Christ gave His life for the Negro as well as the white men. We need to learn to be tolerant of the Negro's ignorance and mistakes for after all most of it is due to the white mans lack of teaching to the Negro. As someone has said, "We need to not merely have enough education so as not to look up to anyone, but also enough not to look down on anyone."

We need to re-learn responsibility. We need to learn the meaning of: "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are our brother's keeper and the sense of responsibility must be learned anew. Too long have we lived with this rule, "Let the other fellow look out for himself." We are responsible

for our fellow man's welfare and his souls salvation insofar as we can help him to a knowledge of Christ.

We need to go farther and learn anew the meaning of kindness. As a nation we have disregarded the Golden Rule and have lived to the code of an eye for an eye. We must learn that Christianity is not something we put on or take off as our Sunday gloves, but it must be worn every day. God hasten the day when we shall learn to be kind to the one whose opinion happens to be different than ours. So many times do we find these words: "And He was moved with compassion." Oh that the tears of compassion might again flow from the eyes of America for her poor neighbors.

We need to learn when to talk and when to keep silent. We need enough education to realize it is wrong to talk about our neighbors, our fellow man, our brother or sister in Christ.

We need to relearn the American way of life that has created and preserved us a nation. Our fore-parents were Christians and they adhered to the Golden Rule. We need to return to Bethel. They believed that all men were created equal. Again may we say, "A people is measured by their knowledge."

We have our College in operation. The students are learning tolerance, kindness, compassion for a lost world, and are making themselves ready to serve us!

God Himself has given us our precious doctrine: that salvation is for all who will accept it! Let us not fall in our part, training our consecrated youth to carry it to a lost and dying world.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards Desloge, Mo.

Flat River Woman's Auxiliary

Dear Gem Readers:

We are so happy to report to our great family that our auviliary here is still working for the Master.

We enjoy such wonderfully spiritual meetings each week and have just concluded a two-day study class of the Year Book of Programs. This was such a feast, for after all we get out of anything just what we put into it, surely every one who

came put their all into the study for better trained service.

We studied the first part of the "book" by topics, which were discussed by all, thereby giving each one a responsibility in the day's service. We have found it to be true that the more we study and are informed on any subject the more we understand and appreciate it. Even so with God's work, we must be informed, before we can be inspired to greater service. Truly that is our part of the Great Commission, to prepare ourselves for what ever service the Master would have for us.

So pray for us that we may ever be where He can use us best and that many souls will be saved through our efforts.

Not long ago a precious mother was saved in her home, through the efforts of our personal workers. We are so happy that our women realize the paramount importance of their work is the salvation of a soul.

May all our women continue in the plan of work that was inspired by God and accomplish much in His Service.

He Understands

When I was burdened, sad, and blue,
I cried, "O Lord what shall I do?"
I need a friend that understands;
A broken heart and outstretched hands,
That would stretch out to help the lost.
I'd pay the price though great the cost,
But Lord if you stand by me now,
I'll not forget to pay this vow;
Of praying true and sincere prayers,
And praise Thee through the midnight hours.
I'll tell of Thee to all I meet,
In home, at church, or on the street.
I'll help to raise Thy banner high,
By training our youth on Thee to rely.
Just this I ask dear Lord I pray,
Give me some souls from day to day,
To help to lead to Thy wounded feet.
This cheers my heart, makes the way so sweet.
I forget the pain, the frown, the scorn,
When I see a precious soul reborn.
Thy heavy cross becomes a crown,
When faith and joy in Thee is found,
And then I know as I lift my hands,
I've found the One who understands.

Mrs. Melvin Bingham

Church Letters - Field Reports

From A Soldier

Dear Gem Readers:

I have only wrote one letter before to the Gem, but feel led to write another one. I am now in Nothern Ireland, after across the water, in which the Lord was with me very much. I thank the Lord for the knowledge and for helping me to explain the Bible to my buddy who is really showing interest in the Lord's word. Pray for me that I may be the christian before him that I should be.

I am a member of the Free Will Baptist church in St. Louis, which Rev. Mark Lewis is pastor. The Lord has blessed us very much in our church, and I know better and greater blessings are yet to

come. I desire your prayers that the Lord might bless my wife and I and use us some way in His service. I also desire your prayers that the Lord may bring me back home to my wife and the church I love. I also desire your prayers for Rev. Harvey Hill's mission that he recently started in St. Louis.

In closing I would like to give you what is known in the army as, "A Soldiers Prayer."

Lord, Thou see'st how I am a soldier for my country and for Thee. Thou art Thyself a soldier and a captain, the captain of Salvation. I, a soldier, come to Thee, the Soldier, praying for help to be the soldier I ought to be. Help me, my Captain, to be valiant, chaste, considerate,

humane, manly, a husband not ashamed when he meets his wife, a son not ashamed when he meets his mother and his father when the battle is done, and a soldier not ashamed to meet his God.

A Soldier for God and Country
Jimmy Langley

(Edt. note) This young man is a deacon in the 3rd. F. W. B. church in St. Louis, the blank places is where the censor cut out.

God's Plan For Us

A fellow told me the other day that there was one great dread in his mind from which he could find no relief, he always worried about the time when his wife would die. "In fact," he said, "I've worried about it so much I wish it were over."

From the humorous side of that little story we get nothing but a somewhat flat joke, but when we think of it more seriously it teaches a great lesson.

The worrying man had made his own plans concerning the span of life for his wife and himself. He apparently had not considered the fact that there is another who will decide which shall be called first; if he had he would have been relieved of a great deal of worry, he would not have been so greatly concerned with something which he knew nothing about.

God has made definite plans for all of us, but the tragedy of it is that He gave us a mind and a will of our own. He has created us in his own image and promised that by fulfilling certain requirements, we may live with Him in a better world, or, we of our own will may refuse to accept the conditions which He has set forth and spend our eternity in a place where death would be a welcome but impossible escape.

It is not necessary for me to tell you of these things, for you have surely read them many times; but rather that I could impress you with the words of mortal men, such as you and me, who in spite of their greatness among men, realized their infinite littleness in God's great cre-

ation, rather that we could be made to realize that our life is as the flower that buds, then blossoms in radiance and beauty for a short while only to wilt and wither away leaving nothing but it's fruits as evidence of it's having existed at all.

In longer terms we may think of life here as the seasons of the year. Surely, we know that after spring comes the summer, then the season of fruitfulness has passed and our chance of preparation for the long and stormy nights of winter has passed with it. Knowing these things we make all due haste to prepare ourselves for the time when preparation is no longer possible. Only the foolish do otherwise.

So it is that if we spend the spring, or youth, of our life in folly, we may find that the summer season is shortened, and though we thought there was yet time, an early frost would find us, as the grasshopper, still singing and feasting on the things which must surely die when winter comes.

Mrs. S. P. Yocham

Foreign Mission Fund Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer Monett, Missouri

Receipts by States

Missouri	\$218.24
North Carolina	80.00
Texas	52.46
Oklahoma	46.42
Illinois	40.00
Alabama	10.75
Florida	10.50
Georgia	5.00
New Mexico	5.00
Ohio	5.00
South Carolina	2.00
Tennessee	1.00
Trinity F. W. B. Church, Nashville .	21.32
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National Womans Aux. Convention	129.12
Total	963.55

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Our Boys in the Service



Lieutenant Goodwin Saves a Comrade

IN THE FIRST REAL BATTLE HE HAD EVER SEEN, LIEUTENANT WALTON GOODWIN found himself in the thickest of the fight. His platoon of light tanks was well ahead of other United States units in this engagement on the Tunisian front.

German anti-tank fire soon knocked out two of the machines, while Goodwin's own tank hit a mine and was wrecked. As they escaped from the wrecked machine Goodwin used smoke grenades to hide their movements while some of the men ran to a nearby scout car. But as they reached the car it was struck by a German shell and two of the men were killed. A third managed to crawl 20 yards, with his leg nearly severed.

Goodwin crawled through the hail of gunfire to the side of his wounded comrade, but he saw that his friend's shattered leg needed to be amputated before he could be removed from the field. So from a first-aid kit he administered morphine and applied sulfanilimide to the wound and then amputated the leg with a pocket knife.

Then he put the wounded man on his shoulder and started to run for cover. And they remained silent until Lieutenant Goodwin had crossed the brow of the hill with his burden and was out of range of the guns. So the Germans themselves showed their respect and consideration for this boy who was risking his life to save his wounded comrade.

Goodwin was immediately made commander of his company in recognition of this act of heroism. It is no wonder

that our brave boys are winning victories when they manifest such courage as this where the shells are flying thickest. Another Hero not only risked His life to save someone, but gave His life for them. And it was not a friend, but one of His enemies that He gave His life to save. That Man is my hero, and He always will be, because I was the enemy He laid down His life for.

It takes something more than courage to lay down your life for an enemy; it takes love to do that. But my Hero, the Lord Jesus Christ, had what it took; for "the Son of God..loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). I do not know of a single reason why He should love me, as I had no love for Him, and I had sinned against Him and disobeyed Him times without number. But He just loved me in spite of everything, and He loved me so much (John 3:16) that He willingly crossed the brow of Calvary's hill with my burden of sin and guilt. And there, lifted up on the cross, He suffered all the punishment that I deserved for my many sins, and He put them all away forever by the sacrifice of Himself. What amazing love that the Lord of Glory should do this for His enemies!

"For..when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:10,8). Have you received Him yet, dear friend, and thanked Him for doing all this for you?

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its columns. Your trials will be my trials, your problems will also be mine. Our perplexities can' by co-operative prayer, be taken to the throne of grace where we cast our cares upon Him who careth for His own. Thereby a relationship infinitely closer than ever before existed will be the result, and the desire of our hearts will be realized.

ITS PURPOSE

Dear friends, a paper all our own, will prove the faith we have in the message we are prepared to present to the world, and must win the respect of many friends outside of our denomination, and will eventually bring people into our ranks.

Let us consider the great command, "Go ye into all the world." Has the Gospel done anything for you? You say "YES."

Then tell your neighbors. Are there not yet fields of ripened grain? Does your field need an awaking? Send word to your paper and let us all know about it. When we know each other better, the distance will not be so great between us; we'll be listening in on the radio.

Finally brethren, the purpose of this, our paper, will be fully realized only by the united co-operation of every member of our Free Will Baptist church groups, that can possibly subscribe for it themselves, and also enlist the interest of their friends outside of church circles, in order that our joy may be shared by others also, and the cause of Christ be advanced.

May the blessings of God abide on our efforts. Amen

Eld. Edward Hilliar
4301 N. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Gem Readers:

We have had so many special blessings, since our last report. We don't know how to begin to praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness.

First we thank God for several precious souls being saved at our regular services, and a number of new workers coming in

to help us. Truly the Lord has heard our prayers and sent laborers into the vineyard. Our Saturday night radio program is a great blessing, several churches bring their singers and a fine fellowship is felt among our people. Then we had our New Home church meet with us one Sunday afternoon. Their good pastor Rev. C. E. Benton brought a fine message, then proceeded with a baptismal service, there was a fine spirit of co-operation, among the members of both churches, truly we were made to remember the scripture, Psalm 133:1, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Then we must say our Week of Prayer preceeding Easter, was a wonderful success. The mission chairman of our Women's Auxiliary, Sis. Lena Lister, planned the week's program using a different speaker each day, some members of our young Women's circle were used, and praised very highly for their splendid help. While carrying on this great work, we are made to feel the spirit of the greatest of all Missionaries.

When our pastor was ready to start to Nashville, Tenn., to the Pre-Easter conference our entire Sunday School of fourteen classes, officers and teachers made a special offering to our Christian Education Plan. The total offering was \$44.00. When we hear people talking of how much money they are banking and their plans for new homes and good things for themselves, we look up and praise God for the investment our humble people have made in helping to spread the gospel to all the world, and hear the Giver of all good gifts say, Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given unto you good measure," pressed down and shaken together. Really our church has been blessed and every need supplied.

We are asking our friends to join in prayer with us for a revival begining, May 7. Rev. Raymond Riggs of Detroit, Mich. is our evangelist.

Church Reporter, Evelyn Miller
Pastor Rev. Melvin Bingham

Pikeville, Kentucky

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been quite awhile since we have reported to the Gem, but we are happy to report that we are still in this great warfare.

This great nation wide, yes world wide we may say has effected us in many ways. Many have gone away to work while other's have answered the call to serve this country of ours that we love so dearly. But in spite of everything that might hinder, the Lord has wonderfully answered our prayers for a pastor. We want to thank Him for ever, for sending Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach of Flint, Mich. to Pikeville church.

When we leave things up to the Lord, He will always do them up for us in the very best way. We feel that we have two of His best workers with us. We are thankful that God has opened the way and made it possible that our church can support a pastor and his wife. What a precious promise when He said we could do all things through Him! We do believe that from the depths of our hearts to-day.

All of our services have begun to grow in number and we feel sure that many will fall in line with us and help this great cause along.

Bro. and Sis. Roach held a most successful revival at our church in March. The Spirit was manifested at each service, three were added to the church.

We are also glad to report that our church has inaugurated the Foreign Mission program.

Our Johnson County Quarterly Conference convenes this week end at Secco, Ky. We have a large delegation appointed to attend. We are expecting a feast from the Master's Table. Our church will have an offering to take to the conference for the Ky. orphanage of \$160, already in treasure, possibly more will be coming in later.

We feel confident that God is going to continue to bless our efforts at this place.

With a full time pastor now, we will be able to accomplish much in the name of our Blessed Saviour.

Reporter, Mrs. Albert T. Webb

Thompsonville, Illinois

Greetings in the Name of a Risen Saviour:

At the close of this Easter-tide, I'm so happy and rejoice in a risen Saviour, because I know the Lord and feel I'm in the center of His Holy will.

Last night we had one of the most glorious services in the history of my christian experience. God came in a mighty rushing wind of power, to an overflowing of shouting and praising God all over the house.

We had two soldiers with us in the service, one led the singing and the other the praise service. When the praise service started, the pastor never got a chance to preach.

Last week was our Pre-Easter week of prayer, sponsored by the Woman's Aux., which proved to bless every soul in divine presence.

We had a mid-night prayer meeting on Monday night in which the Lord met with us. The writer of this letter and a very unworthy servant of God, has submitted to preach the gospel and it was my happy privilege to preach this night. About 10:30 a group, with their good pastor, Rev. Everett Albright, from the Liberty F. W. B. Church, came after their revival service and tarried till midnight with us.

Tuesday night a wonderful message was presented by our pastor, Rev. Claude Childers.

Wednesday night a soul stirring message was given by Rev. J. M. Smith.

Thursday night another great message was presented by Rev. Harry McClerren.

Friday night another wonderful message was presented by a former pastor, Rev. Jake McAnamaly.

Saturday afternoon the church met for its regular conference meeting to transact the business of the body, which lead

to the regular week end services by the pastor. A wonderful message was given Saturday night and Sunday, with good crowds and a grand and glorious interest. Sunday was our communion service and what a better time than Easter Sunday.

Our Sunday school, prayer services and the Woman's Auxiliary is all growing in the interest of His Kingdom work.

May God bless you all is my prayer. Must stop as I'm taking up too much precious space in our blessed Gem.

Reporter, Opal McClerren

Pastor, Rev. Claude Childers

PROGRAM

of the second annual session

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

of the

Progressive Association

When convening with the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church at Cordova, Ala. on June 3-4, 1944.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

June 3

10:00 A. M. Session opened by the President, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala.

10:15 A. M. Welcome address by Miss Florence Sides; Response by Mrs. Murry South, Parrish.

10:30 A. M. Reading of letters, Seating of delegates, Recognition of visitors.

11:00 A. M. Special Music by Sulphur Springs Quartet.

11:05 A. M. Address: "The Mission of the Church Through the League, by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

11:30 A. M. Song by Congregation.

11:35 A. M. Convention Message by Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.

12:00 Adjournment for Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 Song by Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.

1:35 Address: "The Ideal League," by Mrs. Damon C. Dodd

2:00 Business Session.

2:30 Round Table discussions on "Problems of the League and Solutions," led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Assignment to homes by the local pastor.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional by Rev. A. J. Burgess, Ala. City, Ala.

8:00 Message by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

June 4, 1944

9:45 Sunday School.

10:30 Song and Prayer.

10:40 Reading letters and reports of various Sunday Schools, seating of delegates, recognition of visitors.

11:00 Message: "The Value of The Sunday School to The Church and the World," by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.

12:00 Adjournment for Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Devotions led by Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.

1:15 Address: "The Ideal Sunday School Officers." By Rev. K. V. Shutes.

2:00 Discussion of Six Point Record System.

2:30 Business Period.

Appointment of Delegates to National Sunday School Convention. Election of Officers. Report of Committees.

3:00 Adjournment.

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WHY I BELIEVE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

By J. Edger Hoover

Director Federal Bureau of
Investigation

In 1920 there resided in a certain Mid-western city a family consisting of seven sons and a daughter. To their parents the reform school was more familiar than the Sunday school.

The sons were aged six, seven, eight, nine, ten eleven, and twelve. Soon the boys began associating with members of a gang who later became notorious desperadoes. They started stealing equipment from cars and selling it to junk dealers, and for these minor offenses they were sent to reformatories. Upon their release they again associated with the gang—now automobile thefts and robberies claimed their attention. Today all seven brothers are behind the bars for their failure to conform to the rules of our social order.

It is not necessary to mention other specific illustrations of the somewhat chaotic trends in our modern society, cold, bare figures on youth in crime are sufficient. Nearly 20 per cent of all crime is committed by boys and girls of less than voting age. Last year it was not the hardened criminal of middle age who was arrested most frequently—it was rather the boy of nineteen. During 1939 persons under 21 years of age committed 12 per cent of the criminal homicides, 29 per cent of the robberies, 46 per cent of the burglaries, 33 per cent of the larcenies, and over 52 per cent of the auto thefts according to fingerprint records received by the FBI. Certainly such figures portend dark days ahead for a nation whose criminal army already aggregates 4,750,000 and whose appalling crime bill amounts to approximately \$15,000,000,000 annually.

The monetary cost of crime overlooks numerous elements which cannot be evaluated in dollars and cents. It does not include the thousands of mothers of our youthful offenders who have held tight to their hearts the babes for whose future they dreamed and planned. What greater challenge to decent citizenship is needed than this bitter disappointment to the motherhood of America? Then there is the victim—and the victims family. The dependents of a murdered man are given no thought when the crime is planned and consummated.

I am convinced that there is little likelihood of our diminishing crime by studied effort to reform habitual criminals.

The house has already been burned down, it cannot be re-erected from the debris and ashes. The only possible way to strike a telling blow at crime is to strike at it before it gains momentum through its affiliations and thru the cunning technique of law evasion acquired so quickly in association with the underworld. The time to strike is during youth when our boys and girls are being molded into manhood or womanhood to follow one of two courses—the tangled path of crime or the straight one of honesty and decency.

Honesty more than anything else is needed in America today. We must look to the home, the school and the church primarily to establish this basic principle in our youth. Significant in the attack of the church upon the legions of crime and delinquency is the work of the Sunday school. Of course I believe in the Sunday school. Crime among youth would become practically negligible if the young people of America attended Sunday school regularly during their formative years. Surely no one cognizant of the true crime situation in the United States could be blind to the importance of the activities of this institution in reducing materially the army of youthful offenders and delinquents.

In addition to its strictly religious aspects the social features of the Sunday school are of paramount significance in the lives of its students. Who are the everyday associates of your boy? Of your girl? Do they run with the crowd? Do your boys associate with those who idle away their time on the street or in the alleys or who frequent the corner pool-rooms or saloons? The Sunday school offers our young people an opportunity to make worthy friends. I firmly believe that there is a vast difference in so far as character is concerned between the average Sunday school attendant and the boy who habitually frequents the corner dive. Also there is the opportunity for much healthful and wholesome fun and enjoyment in the Sunday school parties or socials, athletic contests and other similar activities sponsored by many Sunday

schools. These unexcelled diversions are important in the lives of many boys and girls.

What of leadership and preparation for the future life of a citizen? Sunday school classes are organized groups for uplifting moral instruction and each member has a definite task to perform.

Through the Sunday school it is possible to impress upon receptive youth the principles of Christianity. These, it must be recognized, are foundational in a democracy and in a society predicated upon justice and liberty. Today our democratic institutions are being assaulted by those who would substitute for American ideals and practices the revolutionary doctrines from foreign shores. These exponents of hatred and atheism seek to infiltrate their hideous and outrageous propaganda into democratic America through the medium of our youth. More and more they are seeking to paint for our young people rosy pictures of the conditions in their own lands. We in America want none of their panaceas or their deceitful preachment. The Sunday school and other similar institutions can play a vital role in guarding our citizens of tomorrow against the atheistic and the undemocratic teachings of those who would "save America."

I believe every child should be taught the Golden Rule and its application to the ramifications of our modern life. The Sunday school affords an excellent training ground for the inculcation of this principle in our youth. It is a fact that too many misguided and neglected boys and girls are theiving, robbing, and engaging in numerous other criminal activities. We know that some mysterious and diabolical hand does not take the child from the cradle and place it upon the road to crime—a road which leads only to misery and destruction. More of our children should be reached by the Sunday school—more should be taught that they cannot get something for nothing. I am reminded of the case of Alvin Karpis a young man who wanted everything in life without working for it. He craved every-

thing which other persons possessed; he wanted big cars and plenty of money. During his brief criminal career Karpis was implicated in fifteen bank robberies, numerous murders, and three kidnappings, which brought him enough loot to satisfy the wants of a millionaire. Today Karpis is in Alcatraz for life and should be an example to those who do not respect the rights of others.

Hero worship might be called a characteristic of youth, but what hero should our boys and girls worship? Shall they heroize John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and others like them? Floyd's name was emblazoned across the front pages of our newspapers on many occasions and he was brave indeed when he enjoyed the protection which he bought in various criminal hideouts throughout the Southwest. But eventually he was forced into the open by the relentless search of the FBI. At last he was hunted down—the so-called "Phantom of the Ozarks" was nothing but a dirty hoodlum having no qualities worthy of emulation.

The Sunday school teacher can be a friend—a comrade to our youth in addition to being a teacher. As he tries to live according to the ideals of Jesus Christ the hero of Christianity, he will inspire respect and admiration for those ideals on the part of boys and girls.

As we who are engaged in law enforcement face the future, we hope for the day when crime among the youth of America will be substantially reduced. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is equally as interested in the prevention of crime as in its punishment. Sunday schools delinquency in the past and their future in this regard is bright. Proper support to insure the continued growth of this institution presents a challenge to the American citizenry.

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A Wonderful Thought

A wonderful thought for those who weep mourning the loss of a mother, departed, fallen asleep.

O dearest mother we saw thy white soul, shining behind thy face. Bright with the beauty and celestial glory of an immortal grace.

What wonder we stumble, faint and weeping, and sick with fears, since thou has left us all alone with sorrow, and blind with tears.

We miss thy loving tender care, we miss thy words of comfort and cheer, but some day, in heaven above, we'll meet you dear mother, where all is peace and joy and love.

How will that cherished face look when next we meet? Will it be changed? So glorified and saintly, that we shall know it not. Will there be nothing that will say? "I love thee and have not forgot."

O! faithless heart, the same loved face transfigured shall meet you there, less sad, less wishful, in mortal beauty divinely fair, the mortal vail washed pure with many weepings, is rent away. The great soul that sat within its prison hath found the day, so think of us dear mother, while o'er lifes waters we seek that land, missing thy tender voice and the helping of thy pure hand. Till through the storm and tempest we are safely anchored on the other side. Where we will find thy dear face looking through deaths shadows, not changed, but glorified.

Mrs. L. A. McMurry

Alabama Christian Workers Institute

We are happy to announce that session three of the Christian Workers Institute, will be held with the Cordova church, June 5-16 or first two weeks in June. The board will cost \$4.00 per week.

We hope more of the ministers will attend this time. Only two of our ministers attended the last two, but we had a fine group of young people.

This great work is getting the pew above the pulpit.

Brother preachers, we are looking for you to be with us this time.

Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd will teach.

This is one of the greatest moves of the church. Use this opportunity to become a better worker in your church.

The Sunday School and League Convention of the Progressive Association, will meet with us June 3rd. and 4th.

K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.

NOTICE

Because of the resignation of Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Fifth Vice President of the Woman's National Auxilliary Convention, Miss Tommie Franklin has been asked to act in her place and she has kindly consented to do so. Please send all reports or any correspondence concerning this department to—Miss Tommie Franklin, P. O. Box 212, Bryan, Texas.

Rebecca Stewart

LEAGUE RALLY AT MACEDONIA

Dear Gem Readers:

I will attempt to report our League Rally, of April 30th. at Macedonia, since I was elected as reporter.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Dees at 11 o'clock after which all present enjoyed dinner in the basement of the church.

Afternoon services was opened by singing the League song, "Onward Christian Leaguers." Prayer by Rev. B. F. Brown, next the congregation standing repeated the League "motto"—The kingdom of God first, in unison.

The following program was rendered, Scripture reading: Ouleda Lombard
Prayer in behalf of the boys in service: Rev. C. B. Dees
Welcome address: Mrs. Lawrence Davis
Response: Rev. Kenneth Turner
Song: Ralph Davis

Song: Four small girls from Monett

Solo: Roy Alyea

Reading: Jean Powell

Duet: Mrs. Ruby Rickman and Jeslyn Marshall

Talk: Rev. C. B. Dees

Duet: Mrs. Ruby Rickman and Jeslyn Marshall

Reading: Darlene Greenway

Talk: Rev. B. F. Brown

Solo: Ralph Davis

Merls Chapel, Macedonia, and Monett Leagues were represented.

The next League Rally will be held at the Aurora church in July.

Reporter, Mrs. C. B. Dees

A PREACHERS ADVICE TO PREACHERS

"This generation of rollicking, dancing, card-playing, theatre-going, God-forgetting, Christian-rejecting sinners needs to hear some earnest preaching, preaching that deals with sin and the punishment that sin will inevitably bring; faithful, earnest, fearless preaching on God and His attributes, His creation of the world and His rights in it. His creation of man, His love for him, and His right to rule over him and guide him—ought to be faithfully urged upon this generation. There is great need for preachers who have no desire for ecclesiastical office, for the applause of men, for the wealth of the world, for ease of body, or an escape from the reproach of the cross; but whose universe is filled with the presence of the infinitely holy God, who walk in awe of Him and worship Him in the beauty of holiness."

H. C. Morrison.

AWAKE

Awake, dear friends, a call to fight,

Rings loudly through the land,

The day is spent, A wasted age,

Proclaims the night at hand.

"Fear not," "Fear not," the Master said,

Dear Lord, give courage bold.

Fear not the one who kills the flesh

But cannot kill the soul.

THE A B C's OF THE LIQUOR EVIL

Arms more villains.
Breaks more laws.
Corrupts more officials.
Destroys more homes.
Engulfs more fortunes.
Fills more jails.
Grows more gray hairs.
Harrows more hearts.
Incites more crime.
Jeopardizes more lives.
Kindles more strife.
Lacerates more feelings.
Maims more bodies.
Nails down more coffins.
Opens more graves.
Quenches more songs.
Raises more sobs.
Sells more virtue
Tells more lies.
Undermines more youth.
Wrecks more men.
X-cites more murders.
Yields more disgrace.
Zeros more hopes.
Than any other enemy of mankind.

Bible News Flashes

Forty—Two To One

A recent Babson report states that the american dollar is spent as follows:

24 cents for living expenses, 21 cents for luxuries, 12 cents for waste, 11 cents miscellaneous, 10cents for investments, 9 cents for crime, 2 cents for education, and one cent for the Church. In other words the people of the United States spend forty two times as much for luxuries, waste, and crime as they do for the Church in a land called "CHRISTIAN". The report we copy leaves ten cents unaccounted for, Perhaps it goes for tobacco and beer.

INCREASE OF DIVORCE

In the United States at the present time, one marriage in five ends in divorce. Fifty years ago only one in twenty went to peices.

— Selected.

Our Unified Program in Alabama

Dear Brethren:

Until 1911, the Free Will Baptist church was one of the flourishing denominations. After the merging of Free Baptist and Northern Baptist, we were crippled for many years.

Our church is now taking her place in the world again. I have watched her grow with swiftness for the last ten years.

At the Alabama State Association in Alabama City in November 1943, we adopted a State Unified Program. If this is carried out, it will help us to take our place in Alabama as a denomination. In a few years we can have an Evangelist and tent in every Association in the State; we will have the Orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama paid for, and operating on cash basis. We will be doing a hundred times more for our college in Nashville, Tenn. and fifty times more for Foreign Missions and the worn out preachers.

THE UNIFIED PROGRAM

Thirty per cent goes to V. C. May, Vernon, Alabama for orphanage, 25 per cent will be retained in the treasury for State Missions, 25 per cent will be sent to Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Kentucky for National Unified Program, 20 per cent will be used for Superannuation. 75 per cent of this 20 per cent will be retained in the treasury for disabled preachers now; the other 25 per cent of the 20 per cent will be sent to the treasurer of the National Superannuation Board, Rev. J. O. Fort, W-27th St. Bryan, Texas.

This money will be used to insure all the preachers who are members of the State Association, and who can be granted insurance by the company, provided the individual who is insured will pay half of the insurance. Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Box 204, Cordova, Alabama, is treasurer of the Unified Program. Send money to her.

If you prefer to give your money to either one of these and leave the other out, it is your privilege.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Treasurer

Gods Plan

Great writers for many ages have, in brief words, tried to inspire us to a better way of living. Perhaps the most impressive in recent years, is a writing by Dr. John W. Holland:

"If any deed of mine can make my brothers load the lighter,

If any word of mine can make my brothers smile the brighter,
I'll go, I'll do that deed, or say that word today,

Lest waiting for tomorrow that brother pass away."

Others have tried to help us to increase our faith. To show or express how they feel concerning God's love for us, Bryant said:

"There is a power whose care
Teaches the way along the pathless coast.

The desert and illimitable air
Lone wandering but not lost.
And soon thy toils shall end
Soon shalt thy find a summer home
and rest,

And sing among thy fellows, Reeds shall bend,

Soon o'er thy sheltered nest."

Lewis Kennedy

HARGIS—Lillie may, daughter of John H. and Hannah Robinson was born Jan. 27, 1883, and departed this life March 30, 1944, at the age of 61 years, 2 months, 3 days.

On March 9, 1899, she was united in marriage to Abe Hargis. To this union five children were born.

She was converted at the age of 26 years and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Black Oak, and lived a faithful christian life until death.

She lived her entire life in Webster Co. Mo. For the past several months she had been in failing health and realized that she soon must go.

She made many request of her family and friends. Naming the minister she wished to conduct her funeral, also the song leader and writer of her obituary.

She was a loving and devoted mother

and will be sadly missed by her children, other relatives, also by her friends and neighbors. She was always willing to lend a helping hand in sickness and death or where ever she was needed.

Her husband preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1944. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Annie Brashers, Aurora, Mo. Mrs. Inez Brashers Crane, Mo. Three sons Luther of Marshfield, Mo. Vernon and Thad both of Niangua, Mo. and nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

One brother, Lum Robinson of Marshfield, Mo. Four sisters, Mrs. Sarah Ward Broken Arrow, Okla. Mrs. Maggie Waller, Mrs. Susie Linder and Mrs. Vada Rice all of Marshfield, Mo. and a host of relatives and friends.

May the Lord truly be near all the children who have lost both of their parents within a little longer time than two months. To them we would say "Weep not as those who have no hope, for surely your loss is her eternal gain.

Her funeral was conducted at Black Oak, by Rev. Ezra Vestal and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery there. To await the coming in the air of the Lord Jesus to claim His Bride.

Oh our precious darling mother
 How we miss you day by day
 Yet we know that you're rejoicing
 With our loved ones o'er the way.
 When awake or when we slumber
 We will miss you more and more
 Till one day we'll join you mother
 When this fleeting life is o'er.
 We are waiting now dear mother
 For the call that soon will come
 But while here we pray for courage
 Just to say "Thy will be done."
 We will meet you some day mother
 On that bright and golden strand
 There to sing His praise forever
 With the angels happy band.
 Oh what joy to mee you mother
 Where angelic spirits dwell
 For we know that we will greet you
 Where they never say farewell.

A Friend

Snido—Mrs. Mary M. Snido, a life long resident of Cedar County, who had lived in Eldorado Springs, almost since the beginning of the town, died last Sunday, March 26, at her home on South Forest St. She was 86 years old.

Mary M. Hawkins was born in Cedar County, Feb. 25, 1858. She was married in 1876 to Robert Leeper. To this union were born seven children, four of whom survive.

They are James Leeper, Eldorado Spring Roy Leeper, Coffeyville, Kans. Ira Leeper of California and Mrs. Etta Bacus of Eldorado Springs.

Her husband, Robert Leeper and three children, Archie Leeper, Andy Leeper and Mrs. Mary Barker preceded her in death.

In late years she was married to Jacob M. Snido who passed away twenty nine years ago.

Mrs. Snido had lived in the home where she died for over 52 years and had many friends and acquaintances in Eldorado Springs. She had long been a member of the Free Will Baptist church serving as clerk as long as she was able.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 oclock at the Sidert funeral home in this city and were conducted by Rev. C. R. Dick, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church. Interment was in the Eldorado Springs Cemetery.

In Memoriam

In memory of my dear husband and father, Joda Broyles who passed away April 17, 1943.

Darling father is gone from us forever,
 But in Jesus he is at rest,
 Away from the toils and cares of this life,
 In that happy home of the bless.
 The memories of his life live on,
 And hover around us all,
 And will lead us upward to Christ,
 If we will heed the call.
 Then when we leave this world below,
 And meet our Saviour face to face,
 We'll also meet dear father,
 In that happy place.

Mrs. J. A. Broyles and Children.

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