

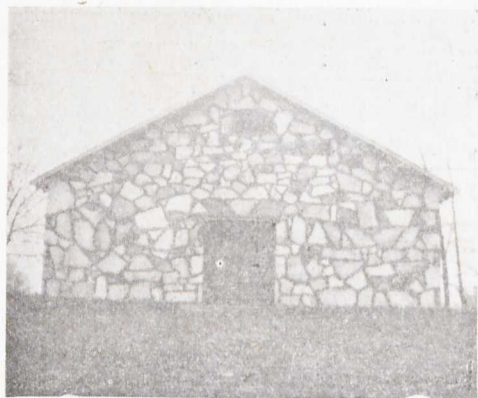
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GOSPEL SERMONS



Is the World getting Better

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It is being taught from the pulpit today that the world is getting better and better. This is the view point that is taught by those who style them selves to be what is today called "POST MILLENNIALISTS."

They would teach us that the world is to be converted by the preaching of the Gospel which will bring in the Millennium and that this present Dispensation will be a brilliant success. Lets measure their teaching by the N. T. and see whether or not it is true. Back there in a by gone day, people came to hear the preacher and on more than one occas'on saw him raise the dead, heal the sick, restore sight to the blind, but they, even though their eyes had beheld the "signs" refused to believe what their ears had heard with out first going home and examining the scriptures to see whether or not these things (what they had heard preached) was so. (Acts 20: 9-12; 17:11). But times have changed we hear to day the question "Is God Emeritus?" A subtle implication from the "Dragon" that "God the Father" has grown old and blind and decrepit, in other words that He grew tired and went to sleep. Men relegate God the Father unto the position of "Professor Emeritus" and it does seem that in this day and time people just will not examine the scriptures to see whether or not what is preached can be corroborated there. We hear on every hand such conversation as this: I know you're wrong brother, how do I know it? Simply because ole' Brother So and So preaches different and he's been preaching for 40 years and you've only been preaching 10 years, so I'll take his

word any time, before yours. Honestly now friends haven't you heard (in effect) the same thing. I heard one young minister say, "The words wrote in red in my Bible are spoken by Jesus Christ himself and I'll accept His sayings any time before the apostles." Folks every thing false is being taught from the pulpit today and it behooves us to examine the scriptures and see if they corroborate what we hear preached. People occasionally ask me to explain a certain teaching (point of doctrine) and after explaining and proving the correctness of my explanation by showing them that the explanation blends and harmonizes with other scripture through out the Bible. They will say to me, well thats not the way Bro. So and So see's it and neither do I. Preachers don't get discouraged, always preach what you can prove in the Bible and you won't ever have to remember anything. The trouble with most men is that they are not content to let the scriptures speak what they want to speak. They turn to the scriptures seeking proof of a pre-conceived view point, when the scriptures present a contrary view point they refuse to say, yea and amen. Rather than confess before men that they have been "honestly mistaken" they will "break, bend and twist" the scriptures so that they will conform to their teachings. They take the text clear out from the context, where in it becomen nothing but a pretext. Many people are going to fall into hell just because they refuse to take God at His word. We know that the scriptures must be rightly divided before they can be truthfully interpreted and accepted as our

rule to go by and folks believe it or not I talk to some ministers who profess to be called of God to preach the Gospel and they cannot name the divisions, in fact they make no attempt to divide the scripture, most of them "called themselves" they never study, to hear them tell it they go down under the bush and pray and God gives them a revelation, puts the very words in their mouth. I don't believe their testimony, neither does any other person that is able to rightly divide "The Word." The Bible "is" the word of God, it doesn't simply "here and there" contain it. The God of the Bible is a person and He can both read and write, if God did not write the Bible, we who profess to be "Children of God" are certainly teaching a fallacy and are due to become sadly disillusioned. But folks we are not left in doubt as to whether or not God wrote the Bible. The Bible stakes its divine origin on the fulfillment of prophecy and we are able to turn and see that many prophecies have been fulfilled in most minute detail.

The scriptures are a revelation of God, of the fall of man, the way of salvation, and of God's plan and purpose in the ages. The Bible treats of four persons, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and Satan; three places Heaven, Earth and Hell; three classes of people, the Jew, the Gentile and the Church of God. Paul tells us how the scriptures are to be divided in I Cor. 10:32. I cannot apply a prophecy that pertains to Israel unto the church, neither can one apply to Israel a prophecy pertaining to the Gentiles or the church. The language of the Bible is of three kinds, figurative, symbolical and literal. For example "Let the dead bury their dead," is figurative. Symbolic language is found in the description of Nebuchadnezzar's dream man, or Christ among the seven golden candle sticks. The rest of scripture language is to be interpreted according to the common rules of grammar. Read the Bible as you would another book, just letting the scriptures say what they want to say and not try to allegorize or spiritualize its meaning.

If the scriptures are not rightly divid-

ed we have no warrant for accepting them. Let me say that "inspiration," "revelation" and "illumination" are not one and the same thing, but rather they are to be distinguished. Bible inspiration defined is, the impartation through the agency of the Holy Spirit, the exact words of God to a writer or speaker. Bible revelation ceased with the completion of the Apocalypse. "Spiritual Illumination" defined is the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer, by which he has "spiritual understanding" opened unto him in order that he might understand the scriptures.

The natural man cannot receive the things of God (The Holy Spirit) neither can He know them because they are spiritually discerned (II Cor. 2:11-14).

Instead of using God's way to divide the scriptures, men have a little system of their own which they much prefer to use, namely to do that which God said not to do. God said what he had joined together let no man put asunder and by the same token one cannot unite that which God has separated, such as circumcision and baptism, or law and grace. People are preaching that we have to work for salvation and that we have to work (our own works) to keep it. If I have to work a work to depend on for salvation I'm bound to go to hell, because I'm a failure, a sinner. I was talking to a young woman one time and I asked her "why she was doing Christian work?" She replied, in order that she might have eternal life. This person had not studied God's word, she was taking the word of man. If she had of known the Bible she would have known that salvation is a free gift (Rom. 6:23) and that it could not be attained unto by works, (Eph. 2:8-9) we cannot separate what God has joined neither can we unite what God has separated and He most certainly has separated the Jew, the Gentile, and the church of God. But lets get back to the teachings of the post millennialists.

"Is the world growing better?" In starting let me say that I have talked to quite a few ministers who professed to be of p. m. belief. I never questioned all of them of course just some of them. Now

by questioning them I do not mean at length, for I've never yet had one of them to answer question no. one, here it is, "Show me in the scripture where, just one (not two) prophecy, ever had a spiritual fulfillment, never have I found one that could do so. Ask them to explain their teaching and they explain it away. The plain unvarnished truth in their hands disappears in the labyrinth of allegory or the haze and mists of spiritualization. We can make a spiritual application unto the history of the Bible, for example (Gen.

22) Abraham taking Isaac to the Mt. of Sacrifice, but we cannot spiritualize prophecy. Every prophecy ever fulfilled has had a literal fulfillment, all prophecy will be literally fulfilled. Still the P. M. teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is spiritual, that the first resurrection is the new birth, etc. How would it have sounded to Nicodemus do you think, if Jesus had said "Nicodemus you must be resurrected again," in lieu of "ye must be born again." Those who teach the first resurrection as being the new birth in doing so indirectly teach, once in grace always in grace, because the Bible says "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the FIRST resurrection on such the second death (Hell, Lake of fire v. 14) hath no power.

We have only to observe the character of civilization in the world to see that we are living in an evil age. If the present

prevalent conditions that are current today are the best we can expect under the reign of Jesus Christ, I think most every one will agree with me, when I remark "That His reign has been a complete failure." I forgot to remark that among other beliefs just as fantastic the P. M. believes that "Jesus Christ is reigning now." Some people believed this very same fallacy about 2000 years ago and the Apostle Paul lost no time in rebuking and correcting them (I Cor. 4:8) "Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: an I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you." (I Cor. 4:8) After approximately 2000 years of Gospel preaching unto the heathen there are infinitely more heathen today than in the beginning after centuries of sending out missionaries, there has been only around 4,000,000 converted, this doesn't seem as a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, P. M. preachers teach the leaven as being the Gospel, wherein he teaching is plain that leaven always typifies evil, both in the old and new Testaments. Jesus told His disciples, Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees, (evil false teaching) never in the history of the world has man's moral standard hit the low mark of today. "The wicked shall wax worse and worse". (2 Tim. 3:13) OH! If men would take GOD at His word, how much better off we would be.

LAWLESSNESS IS SIN

Wickedness is lawlessness and lawlessness is rebellion, whether against the law of God or of man. Rebellion against God is sin. The Bible teaches that the "whole world lieth in wickedness". (1 John 5:19) so we can safely say without fear of contradiction that the very "*Spirit of sin is in the air*". The Scriptures teach us that the world is headed for some great crisis, authorities everywhere are puzzled, despite their best and untiring efforts to quench it, the people of the earth are daily growing more and more unmanageable, perverse minded, determined to have their own way they completely break away from all semblance of law and order. Still the P. M. would have us believe that the present

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world set up is during the reign of CHRIST

World wide war is prevalent today, doesn't the Bible say something or other about the Christ being the PRINCE OF PEACE? Also that He will reign in righteousness, murder and rapine are rampant today.

Scripture gives us the answer as to the why and wherefore of this, "Reign of Evil" the plain teaching of the Scriptures is that "There are two opposing spirits" at work in the world today, the HOLY SPIRIT, who is engaged in taking out from among the Gentiles a people for His Name (Acts 15:14) He (Holy Spirit) is forming the "Body of Christ" which is the "CHURCH"

The Scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit as being the "Spirit of God," (1 Cor. 2:12)

and in the same verse speaks of the Evil Spirit (the one opposing the Holy Spirit) as being the "Spirit of the world".

In 1 John 4:5-6 they are called, "The Spirit of truth" and the "Spirit of error" the Spirit of error is the source of all false teachings, and the closer we approach the end of the age (not the world) the more multiple they become.

The Church is indwelt and guided by by the "unholy Spirit", or the Spirit of outside the Church is indwelt and guided the Holy Spirit, and just so the world the world, and as the Holy Spirit is a person just so the Spirit of the world is a person.

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Will a Man Rob God

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We find our question text in the third chapter of Malachi and the eighth verse. Will a man rob God? I cannot do otherwise than to decide with the prophet and the Word of God. Our answer is definitely YES, a man will rob God. We must shamefully admit that we have both seen and experienced it. The next likely question one might like to ask, Will a Christian rob God? In this answer we would not want to be misunderstood.

We must first take into consideration what constitutes a Christian. The most Bible students will define a Christian as "a follower of Christ," or "to be Christ-like."

If a Christian is to be like Christ, truly we would not expect such a one to be found robbing God. To be a Christian or a man of God we must be born into the kingdom by a spiritual birth. We understand by the Word of God before we can be born into His likeness we must see our need of Christ. Before we can see this need we must have first seen the wretchedness and insufficiency of self to prevail unto eternal life. So man turns to God and His Son, Jesus Christ, as his Saviour.

So we see a man dying unto the world and also to self before he takes on the needed new life.

Now back to the text, Will a man rob God? A robber is one who will take from another that which does not rightfully belong to him. We must admit such a one is very selfish. Since a Christian must die to this selfish spirit, he will not have the desire of taking that which does not rightfully belong to him, which after all constitutes a robber.

Now we are ready for another question. It is this, Who then, does rob God? Surely God does not condemn the heathen for this, for doubtless he is unaware of this portion of the scripture, or else he fails to understand because the scripture is spiritually discerned. The heathen or sinner's condemnation is that light is come into the world and they love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. It is not until after we become children of the light, is light or discipline expected of us.

Who then robs God? It is the professor, the luke-warm one who would like to share the beauties of heaven and is un-

willing to pay the price. We find his type in the first two verses of the fifth chapter of Acts. I quote, "A certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

He who robs God needs no accusation. His conscience has once if not twice warned him. If it has become seared it is his or her own fault. We must add in closing, it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. He that robs God must pay. Have I made it clear? Are you a tither, or are you robbing God of what is His?

From what Standpoint must Catholicism be opposed?

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In beginning this writing, I first want to state that I expect much personal criticism, because of the method by which some of these facts were gained, yet if the purpose of this writing shall not be in vain, gladly would I relinquish any coveted personal respect.

It is not for us who are older and somewhat rooted and grounded in the truth, that I fear Catholicism. It is what our complacency may bring upon our children and I hereby confess that concerning Catholicism's dangers, I very slowly have emerged from a state of mind that felt, "It can't happen here and as for other countries, Catholicism already has them in it's grip, so what can be done about it?" I have arrived at a state of alarm, not from statistics alone which show an increase in numbers, but from first-hand observation of the methods by which the ranks of Catholicism are gaining ground.

This would make a much more dramatic story, if I should tell you that I was placed in a convent at an early age and by some miracle awoke to its evils, managed to escape and just now felt safe to declare to the world shocking facts.

Such is in no wise the case. The case is that at seventeen, with my mind wide awake, and of my own free will I walked into St. John's Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. and made arrangements to enter nurses training. Since it was necessary for me

to attend school at the same time (my education being insufficient) and another girl near my own age was attending Parochial school, I imagined I should like it better than public school. Thus I entered unprejudiced in mind yet, not without forewarning, as I had always been told there was danger, wait, I didn't say any evil befell me. Indeed not, for I was a Christian though not a member of any denomination at that time. For reasons not worth the space to mention, I did not remain there long, but long enough to learn that the church which professes to be the One True Church is not a church at all, but a "Voice of Authority, a deceit and a racket, preying upon the ignorance of children through superstition to cause them to fear to learn the truth.

Yet what I learned there was insufficient to awaken me to any present danger that that "Voice of Authority" could gain a rapid foothold here.

I have lived and learned. I have seen political power centralized with such amazing rapidity that I am shocked out of my stupor. Who would have dared to venture, say fifteen years ago that the people of our country would allow powers be delegated to one man which formerly had been entrusted to the wisdom of a multitude? Perhaps the people will awaken too late to throw off this political yoke, but as people of the church, need we allow

our children to be enslaved by spiritual wickedness also?

Once again in recent years I had occasion to take a job as a nurse's aid in Kansas City; this time also at a Catholic Hospital. That completed my education in Catholicism.

But how to defeat them?

Must it be by publicly denouncing them? Or is there a better solution? As I stated before, they are not a church, yet they are rated and looked upon as such, and by denouncing them publicly, will we not be considered intolerant? It is deplorable that there seems no approach by which we can get the truth before the Catholic Laity who are simply victims of the sins of false teachers or prophets. We can have no fellowship with them for "what fellowship hath darkness with light?" Again "if the light that is in them be darkness, how great is that darkness!" That is the only word that seems to fit them: The church of Darkness, deep and black! as black as the swishing robes of the Secretive Secluded Subjects who bow to the will of an earthy tyranny.

Will these be the teachers of your child and mine tomorrow? Will the whole world again revert to an age of Darkness, because we choose to sleep on and take our rest? Had you not rather ask yourself, "What can I do to preserve the religious freedom that has made our country a land of lands?"

When Jesus said the children of darkness are wiser in their generation than the children of light, I wonder if that were not a challenge, seeing we are bidden to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Why not be wiser and teach our children more diligently. Give generously above what God requires of you. If you have no money, give service or an encouraging word or smile. Let's gain strength from within, then we can compete with the elements without. If we do not work while it is still called day, here is what the night will bring to our children:

A school where upon entrance of the priest every child must rise (I didn't) and

say, "Good Morning, Father." This so-called "father" will tell your child exactly what he or she can or can't do, inflicting punishment if it be deemed necessary. I heard one say "children you must not go to anyshows today, because it is 'All Saints Day,'" he didn't say anything about pleasing God.

This priest will substitute Catholicism for the Dear Old Book and instead of teaching them how to serve God they will be taught "How to serve a priest" in Latin (They had that on a sheet of paper and did not let me in on that! More darkness!

They will be taught that Peter was the first Pope, a lie if ever there was one, basing it upon the words of Jesus, when He said "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, etc." This will be embellished with some frightening superstition that proves to childish minds beyond a doubt that the Roman Catholic church is the one and only succession or continuation of St. Peter's church.

All these proofs and miracles took place in Europe (They know they can't fool Americans; or can they?) All the more reason we should keep our institutions truly American, no matter the cost.

Here is one story I heard, I shudder to think how many more the poor children are subjected to: "Children there is a certain valley over in France where a strange miracle now exists. There was a certain sister who was very good, although she had not been declared a saint by the church. This sister died in a country place, sitting upright. She still sits there exactly as she died. One can even approach her and feel of her, etc." At this point the children looked scared, some fidgeted but you could see it registered. Poor children! What a whip to hold over their heads! If you don't think superstition is a potent force why did it used to frighten you when a black cat crossed your path? Was it because you feared that ladder would fall on you that you refrained from walking beneath it or was it a feeling you were violating some hidden code that said "Don't Do It!" Did

you ever press four leafed clovers or wrap horseshoes with tinfoil and hang them over the door? If people will obey such things who are grown up and know better anyway, can we expect children to ever throw off this same kind of thing? No it is there to stay.

Another thing your child will have to do without is gospel music that can be understood, without first learning Latin. He will not be hearing, "When We All Got to Heaven," and love it, instead of heaven he will hear terra bona, this to preserve a dead language.

Your child will be taught to kneel before images of the saints. Even the likenesses of Christ show Him dead and we know He is alive forevermore.

Your child will be taught to use beads in some kind of systematic prayer.

The beads of sweat as great drops of blood in Gethsemane were the true beads of prayer, the kind of prayer we need to be praying for the safety of our little ones.

For the cross of Christ will be substituted a crucifix.

If I had thought before that any priest knew the value of true prayer I would have been disillusioned while waiting on patients in St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City. I think it was an oversight on the part of the sisters that caused me to answer a light in a large private room, oc-

cupied by a crippled priest. After that I answered his light regularly. In justice to the poor fellow let me state that he was in a bad physical condition; had been confined to his room for years, but of all the people I've ever waited on barring none, he was the most difficult to please. At first he gained the impression I was trying to rush out of his room, and before I learned what irritated him so, he lost control of himself more than once. I could not have told he held that high office except for the objects in his room, "raise the shade," he would command, "a little higher, no let it down a little," every thing, every move had to be with precision. I soon learned how to handle him, the key, obedience, that was what he was used to, he still must have it. When he ventured to hold a conversation it was not about God.

One day he signed a five dollar check another priest had given him and he sent me to the office to bring him five silver dollars. He smiled broadly, "That's the most popular priest in this town," said he. It was only then I let him know he was the only priest I had ever conversed with (except briefly). He was highly flattered, and I suppose began to think what a terrible impression he had made. After that he became quite religious, but it was too late. His unchanged nature had already been on display. Once he told me of his years of illness. "Often" said he, "I look at the crucifix and I say give me patience, give me patience!"

I suppose I should have told him to discard the crucifix and look with faith, higher, to the High Priest who could give him patience.

Still another evil and an effective one is teaching children to pray to the Virgin Mary and other saints. They entreat her to pray for them now and at the hour of their death.

When Mary told her cousin Elizabeth that from thenceforth all nations should call her blessed, this was true, but I'm sure she would be bored to hear her name chanted endlessly in substitution of that glorious Son she bore who looked upon her

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as He hung on the cruel cross and said "Woman, behold thy Son!"

One of the girls in training with me planned to become a Catholic. "There is something beautiful about the Catholic Religion," said she. "I was in the Chapel the other night and all the sisters were in there praying, all the lights were out except beneath the Virgin Mary." More darkness!

"But, you say, look at the good works they do." Sure and I know how they do it. I would be ashamed to tell you how small my wages were, another woman who was trying to support some children complained to me of what she was getting for work that should have commanded a much higher wage. If it were not for the baskets of food they give me, I could not possibly live, said she. The public sees the baskets but do not know they are part of their pay.

I hope this will awaken others, still if that is what we want for our children there is one certain way to get it. Keep your money and let them get all the credit for good works. Stay home from church and let the world believe, only they, care enough about their church to attend regularly. Protestants! Protestants! you who know the truth our fathers died in battle, to give us this glorious privilege, let us be bold to use it not after awhile, but now.

Do you believe the leaven of wickedness has died down to any extent or lost its evil power within the Universal Ranks? Because it is so ancient I was not expecting it to rear its ugly head at this particular time, but in an unsuspecting way it has gone modern.

In case you did not know it, one of the old customs was to erect a cross at the scene of some saints death. Certain, if not all of these shrines were supposed to contribute in some way toward the healing of people who made long journeys to visit them.

One of these places was Lourdes, France, I had read brief sketches of the life of a girl named Bernadette Soubirous, who for some reason was declared a saint. It seemed to be a favorite shrine.

I think it was since this war began that a victim of some accident found himself at Lourdes. He stated that if ever he got back home he would "Sing the Song of Bernadette." This he did in the form of a story told very beautifully of this girl of poverty, who choked with asthma, began being visited by a lovely lady (presumably the Blessed Virgin) in a strange manner. Bernadette and two of her sisters went for firewood some distance, which to reach they must wade a cold stream. Due to Bernadette's cough she was left behind and when her sisters returned found her pale and tense from her vision. The girl was abused, but kept visiting the spot always seeing the beautiful lady. No one least of all the church would believe her until the vision showed her a place to dig and find a spring. The waters flowing from them had healing power, but no recognition was given Bernadette until a ruler's baby was given water from this spring and was benefited immediately.

When at last the church recognized her she was urged to become a nun. While there she contracted tuberculosis and soon died.

Later a canonization ceremony was held in Rome, the church declaring Bernadette a saint.

The motion picture industry was quick to recognize its possibility as a money-getter, and it was put on the screen. I shall wait until another time to tell you why you should not go to the theatre, but if you haven't been convinced yet, please do not let your child see "The Song of Bernadette" unless these statements are meaningless to you.

Jennefer Jones has won five academy awards for her fine portrayal of Bernadette, but do you want your child to be a Catholic?

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom. 8:11

A Challenge to our Youth

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"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers..." 1 Timothy, 4:12

Paul begins this fourth chapter of 1 Timothy by giving Timothy some signs of the end of time, such as a departure from the faith, doctrines of devils, the speaking of lies in hypocrisy, some having their conscience seared over, and so forth. Surely if any people have ever seen times such as these described by Paul we are seeing them now, but in this twelfth verse Paul challenges Timothy in the midst of all these things which he had named, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an **EXAMPLE** of the believers,"

We are not sure just how old Timothy was, but at any rate, in comparison with Paul he was a young man; and we can very appropriately apply this lesson to us as the youth of today. In a day of just such as Paul described to Timothy we, as the youth of America, (and how much more Free Will Baptist youth), are challenged, "Let no man despise thy youth;" There are so many things of the world today to entice our young people, and we have even heard it said by older people that the youth just have to sow their wild oats. But I am glad that that statement isn't true. It is true that one isn't always so popular if he takes a firm stand for Christ and the right; but it is just as true that a young person can live a clean pure life for Christ. It is not necessary that young people have to sow any wild oats! It is just as possible for a young person to live a pure, clean Christian life as an older person, and many times it is easier; for once an older person sows his wild oats while young and then in later years gives his heart to Christ, I expect the temptation of the things of the world in which he has indulged aren't always so easy to resist. But if a person has never partaken of those things and knows nothing

about them the temptation couldn't possibly be as great. It is true, thank God, that a young person can live such a life that others can look on with admiration instead of disgust.

Yes, it is true, too, that it isn't always easy to take a stand for Christ; and of course, we cannot hope to do it alone but we can say as Paul in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." And, you know, young people, it isn't the easy things, it isn't the easy road that gives out the challenge. Our youth of America today are looking for excitement and thrills, they are looking for that which challenged them to give of their best and sometimes even their lives. Our young men seek to get into the Air Corps or to become a paratrooper because those branches of the service afford more excitement. Our young women are joining the Armed Forces for the adventure, but to me, being a Christian, living for Christ, brings just as much of a challenge, if not greater, than these things just mentioned. It is true that those things send forth a challenge but someday the war will end, and the challenge will be gone. But in this Christian warfare there is a life-time challenge. The challenge comes in tasks to be done and work to be accomplished when this war is over the challenge of the Air Corps and Paratroopers will be over. The task will have been completed, but not so in our Christian warfare. We need to wear the armour of a Christian as set forth in the sixth chapter of Ephesians daily. There is not time or place to lay it aside, but to be a real Christian soldier it should be worn daily and every minute of the day.

Most assuredly there is a challenge in the words, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an **EXAMPLE** of the believers," Paul goes ahead to tell Timothy in what ways to be an example of the be-

lievers" in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." And those words include every thing. Be an example of the believers in everything you do.

Truly there is a real challenge to us in this verse that we as Christians need to accept. What about it Free Will Baptist Youth? Shall we accept the challenge? God grant that we will accept it as individuals, and that we will live such lives that those with whom we come in contact will be led to accept it that they in turn

will lead others to accept it until the world will be led back to God! The future depends on whether or not our young people are Christians. The boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow. Shall we continue to bear the torch in the years to come, or will the "Light of the World" burn low because we have refused to carry it high as done by our Christian forefathers. We grant that the "Light of the World" will even spread farther than ever before, that it will encircle the globe into every heathen country because our youth did not fail.



Missionary Department



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

We are herewith giving to you the complete report of The National Foreign Mission Board which was given at the National Association recently at Flat River, Missouri. We trust that you will note its contents closely. This report was accepted and the recommendations adopted by the National Body.

You will notice that we have launched a \$40,000.00 campaign for the year 1944-45 and the Association has authorized us to set up a foreign missions office in Monett, Missouri. This office will be the National Foreign Mission Headquarters of Free Will Baptists. We are already busy getting this campaign under way and shall proceed to set the office in order in the very near future.

You have co-operated with us in a most wonderful way in the past as pertaining to this great foreign mission program; and, now, we earnestly solicit your continued and even increased co-operation on this newly launched campaign. We have all confidence that we shall have it. Can we do it? Surely we can. We had a 70 per cent increase in receipts this past year over that of the previous year, and no campaign was on nor was there anyone on the field in the special interest of this particular work. So with more means employed and more interest cen-

tered in this direction, I shall not be surprised if we even go above the \$40,000.00 mark before the setting of the next National Association in July 1945.

We have a splendid board with which to work. It consists of Rev. Bert F. Rogers as recording secretary, Weoka, Oklahoma; Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, North Carolina; Rev. Raymond Riggs, Highland Park Michigan; and Rev. C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas.

You will be hearing from us often as we endeavor to promote this phase of the work.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1943-44

The Associational Year of 1943-44 has been another great year for the Foreign Missions Department of The Free Will Baptist Church. Interest in the work has increased greatly throughout the various states that comprise the National Body.

This is shown first by the gratifying increase in receipts and then by the supplementary matter of correspondence, inquiries, and expressions of good will concerning the work which all go to make

up a very pleasing picture.

The total receipts of this past year have gone way toward double the amount of the year previous. Several of the states have given considerably more than the suggested quota which was assigned them a year ago. For all this, The Foreign Mission Board delights to express their sincere thanks.

CUBA

The Chairman of the Board, having been authorized a year ago to make a missionary itinerary of the field in Cuba, reports the itinerary was carried out with pleasing results and success. He finds the work going forward on the Cuban field with blessing. The Cuban School of Missions opened January 4th, 1944, with seven students. Around twenty students are in prospect for the opening again this coming September. Rafael Josue, who heads the school, is found to be very capable in every way. We are surely very fortunate to have this man as head of our Cuban Missions School. His wife is also a very capable teacher.

The \$5,000.00 campaign which was launched a year ago for the purpose of establishing this mission center in Cuba has gone forward in a very acceptable manner. Three thousand dollars of the amount has been raised and disbursed for this purpose; and, along with this, have gone funds to the amount of \$1,750.00 for the operating expenses of the school.

We have a nice eighteen acre tract of land bought and paid for which cost the total sum of \$800.00. We have some splendid possibilities both the school and the farm the students in attendance are building and continually working toward the materialization and realization of these potentialities. More dormitory room is to be constructed during these summer months in preparation for opening of the school again this fall.

To summarize the work in Cuba, we give the following facts and statistics.

Five organized Churches that are organized into the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptist. Aside from these, are thirty

five (35) preaching stations. These five Churches have a total membership of one hundred, seven Deacons, seven Sunday Schools, and three chapels. Besides the prospective pastors in the student group, we have three settled native pastors, Pedro Rojo, Pedro Oliva, and Santiago Delgado. Miss Yoley is also a settled pastor.

In live stock and poultry, we have thirteen head of horses, one of them being an Arabian stallion, two cows with calves, two heifers, some milk goats, one yoke oxen, a few hogs, a few chickens, some turkeys, and some ducks. Some of the horses are kept on the farm, and some are located on the field for the pastors to use.

Then, as was said, we have the farm and the school. This summarizes our work and possessions in Cuba. All we have is paid for. The district we are covering is about one hundred and twenty miles in length and about fifty miles wide. It lies diagonally across the province of Pinar Del Rio.

INDIA

The situation concerning the work in India remains practically the same and unchanged as of a year ago. Due to the grim realities of war, Miss Laura Belle Barnard is yet restricted from re-entering the field. The Rev. H. M. Clay, who had been looking after the work that Miss Barnard established while in India, passed away during the past year. Miss Elizabeth Coyle has taken over in his stead. We send the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) about every three months with which to carry on this work.

At her own request, Miss Barnard was released from under the support of the Foreign Mission Board in September 1943, at which time, she took up the work of teaching Bible in the Public Schools of Georgia. But during this time, she has written the Missionary Study Course Text Book which is now pending publication.

This book is expected to become the Free Will Baptist text book on the subject of Missions. It is the product of much labor and research and is indeed a worthy work.

We urge that you keep these matters concerning the work in India constantly before the Throne of Grace.

As concerning the activity of your Foreign Missions Board during the past year, we have the following report:

One called session was held April 10th, 1944 at the college building in Nashville Tenn. We enjoyed a very pleasant meeting and a number of important matters were given due consideration. The most outstanding motions passed at this meeting were as follows:

Motion carried that a monthly allowance not in excess of \$250.00 be authorized for the operating expenses of the Cuban School to cover the time which the school had been operating since its official opening January 4th, 1944.

Motion carried that we approve for record the agreement affected by correspondence providing an increase of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month in the salaries of Rev. & Mrs. of Missions. The treasurer was authorized to advance back pay on this expenditure Willey, Miss Bessie Yeley, and Miss Olive VanSyoc.

Motion carried authorizing the Chairman Treasurer, negotiate settlement for mission manuscript titled, *His Name Among All Nations*, with Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

During the time we have been here at this setting of the National Association, we have been very busy. The entire personnel of our board has been present at this session, and we have enjoyed some precious deliberations together. We give as follows the outstanding transactions of his meeting and, also, a recommendation for the consideration of this body.

Motion carried that in the transaction of all legal business by, for, and in behalf of The Foreign Missions Board of The National Association of Free Will Baptist of the United States of America, such as the signing of contracts and agreements, the purchase of property, etc. That either a duplicate copy or a photostatic copy of all contracts, agreements, and legal documents (titles, deeds, etc.) be made and kept on file in the office of the Foreign Mission Board.

Whereas; the evangelization of the world is the obligation of the Christian Church, and the Free Will Baptists are committed to participation in this spiritual enterprise.

Whereas; the achievements of the past few years proclaim the favor and approval of the LORD upon the Foreign Mission Program of the Free Will Baptists.

Whereas; certain limitations growing out of the war have surrounded and restricted our foreign mission work. Such restrictions will be removed at the close of the war.

Whereas; a missionary opportunity of largest magnitude may be reasonably expected to challenge Free Will Baptist at the close of the war, we therefore recommend to the National Association the adoption of the following:

1. That an extensive appeal in the interest of Foreign Missions be conducted by the National Foreign Mission Board throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination.
2. That a goal of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be established.
3. That a reserve fund with which to meet the demands of post war opportunities and reverses in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be authorized. This fund shall be deposited in a separate account from the current or operation fund of the Foreign Mission Board. It being provided that neither retrenchment in the conduct of the present foreign mission work nor a depletion of the current treasury is hereby directed, but the aforesaid reserve fund shall be created and set aside out of the excess of the treasury which is not actually required in the prosecution of the present Foreign Mission Program.
4. That the promotion of this program be and is hereby assigned to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association whose administrative office is Monett, Missouri.
5. That the Chairman Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions be hereby charged with the management of the administrative office at the salary of \$50 per week with traveling expenses allow-

ed. It being understood that not more than 26 weeks of the 1944-45 associational year shall be required in his ser-

vice of the Chairman Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.
Following is the Annual Financial Report of the Treasurer:

DISBURSEMENTS

For establishing of Cuban School of Missions	\$3000.00
Promotional funds for promoting the work over the Cuban field	3,600.00
For operating expenses of Cuban school since its opening	1,750.00
Salary of Rev. and Mrs. Willey	1,320.00
Allowance for the children of Rev. and Mrs. Willey	360.00
To the Willeys for rent and lights	300.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley as salary	660.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley for rent	40.00
To Miss Olive Van Syoc as salary	300.00
To Miss Olive Van Syoc for rent	20.00
To Miss Laura B. Barnard as salary until her release from the F.M. Board	150.00
For support of the work which Miss Barnard established in India	200.00
To National Executive Secretary for promotional work	900.00
To Miss Olive Van Syoc for traveling expenses to Cuba	113.00
To Rev. and Mrs. Willey for traveling expenses (1943) while in states	223.58
To Rev. Davis for expense of trip to Cuba, a thirty day missionary itinerary over the field	226.45
To Rev. Davis for traveling expense while rendering official services	17.86
Disbursed as designated for mattresses, oxen, horses, and saddles in Cuba ..	270.25
To Rev. Henry Melvin to cover expense of motion pictures taken in Cuba ..	100.00
For picture film and developing (both motion and still view) which were taken on recent itinerary in Cuba, picture cuts, and reprinting missionary pictures for public use	102.36
For telegrams and cablegrams	27.45
Postage	42.38
Stationary	15.00
Disbursed as designated gift to Miss Barnard	5.00
Funds advanced to Miss Barnard in order to help in her efforts to secure passage to India	35.00
Printing missionary pamphlets	19.00
Expense of calling Foreign Mission Board Meeting at Nashville	101.00
To Rafael Josue for the purpose of helping him get located at our Cuban school ..	65.00
For missionary literature to be used in Cuba	40.69
Getting excess baggage and supplies to Cuba for Missionaries	15.00
For receipt books, stenographic work, secretary record book, printing checks, check exchange cost at bank, etc.	35.33
Disbursements made which for various reasons was refunded	141.70
Total	\$14,193.05
Amount received during past year	\$14,958.64
Amount brought forward from last year	2,349.25
Total	\$17,307.89
Disbursements during past year	14,196.05
Balance in Treasury July 1, 1944	\$3,111.84

Prayerfully and gratefully submitted, Board of Foreign Missions: Winford Davis, Chairman Treasurer; Bert F. Rogers, Recording Secretary; R. C. Wiggs; C. B. Thompson; Raymond Riggs.

Report of National Foreign Mission Treasurer

July 1st, 1943 to June 30th, 1944

Missouri	\$4,157.68
North Carolina	2,124.18
Illinois	1,154.26
Ohio	870.00
Texas	789.28
Georgia	666.06
Michigan	582.97
Tennessee	522.65
Oklahoma	407.15
South Carolina	354.75
Florida	110.50
Alabama	74.37
California	60.50
West Virginia	23.20
New Mexico	20.00
Kentucky	12.25
Arkansas	2.50
National Woman's Aux. Con.	1,490.35
Unified Program Fund by N. T.	1,425.71
Offering at National Assn. in 1943	50.00
Sale of Missionary Pictures	2.00
Trinity F. W. B. Church, Nashville,	47.52
Refund by Miss Barnard	10.76
Total	\$14,958.64
Amount brought forward from last year	2,349.25
Grand Total	\$17,307.89

Receipts by States Receipts for June 1944

Illionis (Rescue Church and S. S.)	\$450.00
Missouri	432.51
Ohio	365.00
Georgia	137.34
Texas	120.17
Oklahoma	41.70
Alabama (Christian Workers I.)	10.22
Kentucky (Pikeville church)	6.00
South Carolina	2.00
National Woman's Aux. Convention	440.63
National Unified Program Fund by F. S. Vanhooose Treasurer	300.63
Total	\$2,306.20

REPORT OF MISSOURI TREASURY Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer Monett, Missouri Foreign Mission Fund

May 31st. to July 25th, 1944

Connelssville S. S.	\$5.00
True Blue Class Mt. Olive (Neola)	2.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) church	6.40
Ottis Martin, Greenfield, Mo.	5.00
Will Price, Arcola, Mo.	25.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Auxiliary	2.00
Independance Church	18.25
Monett Church	9.75
Shibleys Point Church	2.00
Niangua Church	12.00
Buffalo S. S.	3.23
Niangua Quarterly Meeting	1.00
Macedonia Church	2.23
Mine La Motte S. S.	4.50
Hickory Grove Church	5.41
Aux. St. Louis Third church	6.00
Fowler Union S. S.	3.50
Hazel Cheek Union Church	42.83
Amity Church	28.00
Fredricktown Church	13.49
Gladys Filmer Niangua, Mo.	5.00
Pleasant Grove S. S.	7.29
Jesse Thompson Anderson, Mo.	25.00
Mrs. H. A. Wallis Anderson, Mo.	20.00
Willey Circle of Flat River Aux.	15.00
Hickory Grove Church, Haddam, Kan.	6.50
David C. England (army)	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. C. Horner, Bourbon,	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. Ed Wade, Liberal, Mo.	5.00
Connelssville S. S.	5.00
Hulda Slinkard Patton, Mo.	1.00
Myrtle Long Patton, Mo.	1.00
Rock Chapel	12.00
Wagoner Church	5.20
Hope Welt Church	2.27
Ona Prewington Mill Creek, Mo.	1.00
Hickory Grove, Haddam, Kan.	8.00
New Harmony Church	15.00
Shibleys Point Church	1.00
Desloge Church	45.54
Blue Eye Church	3.45
Mt. Olive (Neola) Aux.	1.00
True Blue Class Mt. Olive S. S.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartly Wichita,	5.00
Independance Church	17.10
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	7.00
Sublette Church	5.00
Hickory Grove Church, Freeman, Mo.	7.79
Fowler Union S. S.	3.62
Aurora Church and S. S.	3.47
Monett Church	9.75

Willey Circle Flat River Aux.	15.00
Blue Eye Church	3.20
Macedonia Church	3.32
Myrtle Long Patton, Mo.	1.00
Hulda Siinkard Patton, Mo.	1.00
Designated as from a sister in Christ	
Greenfield, Mo.	1.00
Woman's Aux. of Shiloh Church Cave	
Spring Ass'n	4.50
Rock Chapel	16.00
Mine La Motte S. S.	1.55
Fredricktown Church	11.84
Amity Church	25.00
Flat River Church	69.07
North East Mo. Mission Band	50.00
Hickory Grove Church, Freeman, Mo.	27.06
Hannon Church	29.62
Merls Chapel S. S.	8.17
Hope Well Church	1.72
Woman's Aux. St. Louis Third church	6.00

Jehoida Chest Fund

New Harmony Mission	\$3.00
Twin Oak Church	3.00
Copper Mines Church	2.00
Hickory Grove Church	2.00
Macedonia Church	2.00
Hazel Creek Union Mission	3.00

State Entertainment Fund

Desloge Church	\$15.00
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Home Mission Fund

St. Louis Third Church	\$24.97
Aux. Shiloh Church, Cave Spring A.	4.50
S. P. Easley Portales New Mexico ...	5.00

Unified Program Fund

South East Mo. Aux. District Con. ..	\$4.50
Myrtle Church	3.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	3.99
Monett Church	12.11
Monett Auxiliary	3.90
New Harmony Mission	2.51
Copper Mines Church	2.50
Hickory Grove Aux.25
Hannon Church	2.50
Merls Chapel	6.10
St. Louis Third Church	77.82
S. E. Mo. Aux. Convention	4.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	2.00

Oak Grove Church of C. S. Ass'n. ..	10.00
Norman Church	8.00
Hannon Church	1.80
Monett Church	11.96
Copper Mines Church	1.50
Fredricktown Church	1.22
Macedonia Church	2.21
Merls Chapel	5.05

Benevolent Fund

Ottis Martin Greenfield, Mo. for Tenn.	
Orphanage	\$5.50
Fredricktown for Superannuation ..	25.32
Hickory Grove for Tenn. Orphanage	1.00
D. C. England for Tenn. Orphanage	10.00

Educational Fund

Fredricktown Church	\$25.32
Union Ass'n. Rev. Geo. Scott Jr.	7.00
S. P. Easley Portales, N. M.	10.00

Budget

Central Western Mo. Ass'n.	\$5.00
J. B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.	5.00
Carterville Church	19.09
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	2.67

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to certify the fact that the doors of the Free will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee will be opened to students desiring to enter for special training for service on September 14, 1944. Those who have Bulletins will observe the following in the "Calendar of the School Year": "September 14, Wednesday, 7:00 P. M. Dining Hall opens." It should read: September 14, Thursday 7:00 P. M. Dining Hall opens, in as much as the fourteenth is on Thursday instead of Wednesday. We trust that no one will be confused by this error. We ask the Brotherhood at large to pray much for the coming session.

Henry Melvin, Chairman; J. R. Davidson, Secretary; Melvin Bingham; Winford Davis; Fred A. Rivenbark, Board of Trustees Free Will Baptist Bible College.

EDITORIAL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 1944 session of the National Association opened on Sunday night July 9th. with a packed house and a marvelous demonstration of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Monday opened the Business of the Sunday School Convention, election of officers were as follows:

President, Rev. Damon Dodd; Vice President, Rev. Paul Kettelman; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Bowe; Asst. Sec. Miss Ruby Wood; Director of Organization and Education, Mrs. L. E. Ballard; Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. L. C. Johnson; Director of Literature Rev. L. R. Ennis; Director of Publicity, Rev. C. B. Dees; Director of Records and Reports, Rev. Robt. B. Crawford.

There was a lot of soul inspiring discussions in regard to a more efficient Sunday School. We are looking forward this year to having a more adequate supply of Sunday School needs, such as a text book and other helps and more training courses.

The aim of our Sunday School is to be an instrument in the greatest cause in the world, that of spreading the Gospel of Christ and helping to win souls to Him.

The Woman's Auxiliary opened Tuesday night and was off to a good start with a real spiritual service.

Tuesday morning marked the beginning of the business of the Convention, I do not have a complete list of the officers for the ensuing year, had hoped that some of the ladies would send me that list of names, they have made some great plans for this year, let us help them to make their plans materialize.

Wednesday night was the opening of the best National Association that we have ever had, a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the entire session.

The attendance was far beyond expectation, which goes to prove a statement that I have made many times, that people

do what they want to. Some would say I can't go because I can't get gas, or travel is too congested, but this Association proved that a lot of people loved the Lord and His cause enough to attend.

The new officers of the National Association are as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tenn.; Asst. Moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Mich.; Clerk, Rev. E. C. Morris, Glenville, Ga.; Asst. Clerk, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C.; Treasurer, Rev. F. S. VanHoose, Paintsville, Ky.; Statistician, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Bible College; Executive Sec. Robt. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.

We have some wonderful plans for the coming year, we have, I would say three important phases confronting us, namely Missions, Education and Literature, neither of these or any other phase can move forward without our support, so in conclusion let me say, if you want to see your denomination go forward do these three things PRAY, GIVE and GO.

SUBSCRIPTION

You have done well this month in sending in your subscriptions. I will name the two that sent in the most subscriptions this month, Mrs. Bessie Wilt, Flat River, Mo. sent in 16, Rev. Wallace Malone, Christopher, Ill. This is indeed fine let us keep the good work up.

NOTICE

We are glad of the fact that our people are concerned about the Faith and Practices of our church and want to be sure that they are right.

We announced several times that we do not have any Treatise, but the good people still are ordering Treatise almost every day, I had hoped to be able to give a definite date when we would have a new supply for sale, but as yet we cannot say when. The committee is preparing a copy and an emergency supply will be printed sometime before too long.

GLEANINGS

By the Editor

When we have Treatise for you we will make proper announcement through your church paper.

JUDGE SCOTT

Of a juvenile court says, "The sooner mothers stay home and care for their own children instead of farming them out under the guise of defense-plant patriotism, the quicker the problem of juvenile delinquency can be solved. Let us forget the almighty dollar and remember that our children, not our pocketbooks, come first."

TEN LARGE BULLETIN BOARDS

Can be found in Columbus, Ohio, each having a picture of Christ raising the widow's son. On each board there is an inscription, "Pray for your son and eternal peace." The boards are sponsored by the Richer Dairy Products Co., and the proprietor says that he has had about 5,000 phone calls, personal visits and letters from people who appreciate the boards.

"GOD CANNOT BE FOUND"

Not long ago a will was filed in Murphy, N. C., that created a puzzling situation. The will of a woman, whom many thought to be rather eccentric, left part of her estate to God. A suit was filed in order to settle disposition of the money, naming God as the defendant. The sheriff of the county was put in charge of the serving of the summons. Before long he made this report on the service, "After due and diligent search, God cannot be found in Cherokee County."

Rather strange, isn't it, that the God who fills heaven and earth cannot be found! The Psalmist testified: "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence?"---Christian Victory Magazine.

STRANGE PAPER ALLOTMENT

The largest grant of paper to any religious book publisher in 1943 was to the

Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, who received 367 tons. This is the cult known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," formerly known as the "Millennial Dawnists," founded by Pastor Russell, and furthered by Judge Autherford.

The American Bible Society received a grant of only 72 tons. Strange that an institution that is spreading error and confusion in the land should be more favored by the Government than a house that is disseminating the truth of God that is calculated to make men, families, and nations better. Surely there was a cog slipped somewhere. Evidently some one in the paper administration does not know what is good for the country.

BLUE MONDAY

Why is Monday the dull day it is? Henry Ford and others employers say that Monday is the least productive day of the week. It is meant to be the day people are the most rested and keen of all the day week, because of the Sunday rest.

But Sunday has become a day of work for many and pleasure for others, racing around trying to have a "good time," and the result is that Sunday as it is used by the majority defeat the very purpose of the day of Rest God meant it to be.

IN ETHIOPIA

Under the Mussolini regime in Ethiopia native Protestant Christians were brutally persecuted according to a recent report from there to the (British) "Protestant Woman." Some who refused to kiss the crucifix received a hundred lashes each.

Converted Catholic

BIBLE VERSES IN BUSES

Beginning July 1st, Dr. J. W. Stabler, of Mobile, Alabama will display in every bus in Mobile and Montgomery a Bible verse. He believes in the value of this displayed Scripture or he would not be paying \$140 a month for the service.

The Great
Commission
— Our Mission



Woman's Auxiliary Department

The Whole
World
For Christ



REWARD OF FAITHFULNESS

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, Tenn.

There is a story told of an old man who was in charge of a gasoline station. Robberies had become numerous. The old man speaking of these said: "No bandits will ever get a nickel of my employer's money, unless they take it over my dead body." "But," said his nephew, "you would not give up your life just to save a little money, would you?" "No!" replied the old man, "I would not give up my life to save a little money, but I have a trust committed to me and I intend to fulfill it." In a few nights three bandits demanded the old man's money. He resisted and was shot by them. In the hospital, as he lay dying, he looked up into his employer's face and in his trembling hand held out the keys that symbolized the trust that had been committed to him and said: "Here are your keys, and they didn't get a nickel." Writing to Timothy from a Roman dungeon Paul said, "The time of my departure is at hand, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." This was Paul's way of saying as did the old man, "Here are your keys and they didn't get a nickel." All down the centuries since Christ, there have been men and women who have been faithful to the task committed into their hands, and able to say, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Four years ago at Paintsville, Kentucky the National Auxiliary Literature Chairman was authorized by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to launch out with a profit-sharing plan for the enlargement and the improvement of Auxiliary literature. As a result of this authorized launching, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention today has \$201.43 cash profits from literature sales; \$72.84 invested in supplies on hand against the

sum of nothing in 1940; a 72-page Manual of Methods in the place of the 8-page Hand book in use in 1940; a 135-page Year Book of Programs instead of its former 16-page of Devotional Programs; a 78-page Manual for Young Peoples' Auxiliaries in the place of none in 1940; several thousand tracts written by F. W. B. women; a Standard Wall Chart for the pictorial record of Auxiliary activities done through the year. All of these supplies at not one cent cost to the Auxiliary Convention, but over \$200 cash profits to put in her treasury. Has the profit sharing plan launched in 1940 been profitable? The improved and increased literature among you speaks for itself. So in the words of the old man who gave his life to guard the trust committed to him, I say: "Here are your keys (two manuals, Year Books, Standard Chart tracts, two study course booklets), I have been faithful to my stewardship, I have, at whatever cost to me, kept the faith." It is not the work we have done that has broken us down, it is the work we see to do that must go undone for lack of strength and time and cooperation.

There are no words that can ever fully express what my years as literature chairman of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention have meant. Joy abounding, I have loved it so! There have been glorious days, mountain-top and deep valley experiences. Sincerely we trust this meager account of our stewardship will reveal not only humility but also gratitude for God's manifold blessings showered so abundantly these few years. Truly, "He has blessed us with all blessings in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus our Lord" and to Him we give all the praise and glory; for as your literature chairman, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit planted, you watered with your innumerable considerations and loyal support, but it was GOD who "gave the increase." Please realize how deeply

indebted I am for the privilege of service you have afforded me through these years, as well as the faithful cooperation you have given me and the friendship of W. N. A. C. members laboring together with God in sixteen states today, instead of eight states in 1940. God alone knows the future of Auxiliary literature. He holds the key, "As laborers together with God" "the love of Christ constraineth us" as we return to our various fields of service to give our own selves to the Lord first and then "be ye steadfast" in the work of the Lord. As problems arise, consider each one a challenge to GO FORWARD and make this truly a victorious year in every department of Woman's Auxiliary work.

Wonderful as is the fact that all of the above listed supplies and even more, have been sent by your literature chairman to F. W. B. women in sixteen states, it is also just as necessary that we all remember that as many more do not have any of these publications. The present year's challenge then is to strengthen all those already enrolled as subscribers while gaining yet others. To do this, I recommended while at Flat River, Missouri during the National Convention, the election this year of a full-time paid literature chairman. Today the duties and responsibilities of the National Auxiliary Literature Chairman most certainly constitute a full time job for some one. Also, whoever performs these duties and assumes the responsibilities of this very important Auxiliary office certainly deserves compensation. So regardless of how it grieved my heart to give up this work, I felt that for the good of the cause I love and want to see continue growing and glowing for Jesus' sake, it was best that my part time hands be replaced by hands that could devote full time to the preparation and distribution of our literature. So much progress among auxiliary workers is hampered for want of a regular channel through which we can get current information to and from auxiliary members. We need a monthly publication instead of a yearly book. Since 1932 when as leader of the Courier Circle of East Nashville Missionary Society, I have had visions of a month-

ly magazine for F. W. B. women. A full time literature chairman can with your cooperation put out such publication properly departmentalized to meet every need of all auxiliaries local, district, state and national. Do you want such? Then make plans and provisions this year for such, and it will be a reality in 1945.

The Convention accepted my recommendation for a full time literature chairman and elected Mrs. Sylvia Dodd of Nashville, Tennessee. All future communications relative to literature, therefore, should be addressed to Mrs. Dodd, National First Vice President. I prayerfully solicit for her the same loyal cooperation that you have given me. My whole heart is now and will always be in this phase of Auxiliary work just as it has been since on a June in 1933 in the auditorium of East Nashville Church, I heard and answered the Macedonian Call of the Auxiliary women assembled there that day. Right now it is impossible for me to devote full time to this great work.

Pray for me as I undertake the long neglected stewardship department of the W. N. A. C. that we go forward in the strength of the Lord, and be found faithful to this trust committed into our hands. With sincere Christian love we are ever yours in His service.

Woman's Auxiliary, Mary's Chapel Church, Colburn, Va.

Report of one year's work of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mary's Chapel Church, Colburn, Va.

- No. of members on roll 31.
- No. of active members 25.
- No. of tithers 10.
- No. of home visits 381.
- No. of sick and hospital visits 316.
- No. of chapters read in Bible 2587.
- No. of leaflets distributed 3676.
- No. of garments given and needy homes helped 64.
- No. of flowers, baskets and trays given 80.
- No. of personal letters 27.
- No. of jail services held 6.
- No. of telephone calls made 28.
- No. of Bibles given 6.

No. doing personal work for soul winning 56.

No. prayer meetings attended and conducted 37.

No. of conversions 5.

Amount of money spent:

Miscellaneous	\$33.59
Orphanage	12.00
Foreign Mission	20.00
Home Mission	29.20
Church	12.45
Old Aged Ministers	12.75
Pastor	23.90
Bible School, Nashville	15.00
Total amount in treasure	\$172.35
Total amount spent	\$148.89
Now in treasure	\$23.46

*Corresponding Sec. Mary Lewis Moore
Sec and Treasurer, Mary Kate Culbertson.*

A LETTER FROM REV. T. H. WILLEY

To our friends and members of our Free Will Baptist family:

We have read with great interest our Bro. Davis report in the Gem. We are happy to report his trip a real blessing to our people. He won their admiration as we went from community to community.

The work goes on with people being saved and new places opened as our boys push on into unoccupied fields.

I think the wisest move we ever made for missions in Cuba was to establish the Bible Seminary. From its humble walls have gone this summer, six students to preach, testify and lead the lost to a saving knowledge of this great Gospel which has been committed unto us. They are going, demonstrating the spirit of self sacrifice, getting just enough to live on, and preaching and witnessing from house to house every day in the week. It is no unusual experience for the boys in the country places to have one hundred fifty or two hundred people at the services. One boy came to me saying, "I am going to preach. I don't want any salary." I had to tell him that the small amount (\$8.00) was to help repair shoes he would wear

out and to buy him a meal when he was hungry. One of our boys went without three meals as no one invited him home to eat.

We are teaching our people to carry responsibility for themselves, sharing the expenses that we might go into new, untouched fields.

You will be interested in knowing that the field we have written about a number of times, called Reymates, now has a regular pastor and one of the students is covering parts of that field. Two chapels are under construction in that section. It is a field in which we could have two missionaries giving their undivided attention. As it is, the present pastor, Pedro Rojo, rides horse back 60 miles once a month. Rojo comes in very enthused over the way God is working and using his ministry. On my last trip to Sabalo, Rojo and I visited the sick father of one of our students. He is a cowboy on the ranch. We talked with him about his soul and before leaving had the joy of seeing the father, a daughter and son give their hearts and lives to the Lord. Almost all the family have been converted and they make wonderful Christians.

The progress in the Cangre, where we have the Bible School, is very gratifying. There are four services a week on the farm. Since May there have been 20 conversions. During this past month, \$13 was given in tithe. I think this is remarkable. A group of new Christians just two months converted giving their tithe. It is also remarkable to hear the children praying earnestly for their neighbors.

Our great need is experienced and consecrated native workers giving their undivided time to the fields that are so white.

Pray for these boys who are going forth limited in preparation for so great a task.

The coming year we expect to double our student body, which will make at least 14 students. Our great need now is more buildings to house them and the teachers.

Pray for the health of the missionaries. We have all had sickness these days which probably is to be expected during the worst season of the year, but we believe by faith

and prayer God can deliver us from these infections.

My sister, Dr. Mason, has been with us a month and has made it possible for us to screen our kitchen and dining room, thus keeping out the flies. The sanitation in the town is none too good. Almost every home has a pig in the yard or kit-

chen. Sometimes they die and are cast out into the lots. Nobody bothers to bury them. They are left to the buzzards. Just now, Mrs. Willey has two or three people hunting head bugs. Well, all this is a part of the Missionary's life.

We need great wisdom as well as good health. Pray that God shall give us this needed wisdom.



Our Boys in the Service



The Star in God's window

It is told of Sir Harry Lauder that while he was in Melbourne, Australia, and had just sustained the loss of his only son, who had fallen at the front, he related the following beautiful incident:

"A man came to my dressing room in a New York theatre," he said, "and told of an experience that had recently befallen him. In American towns any household that had given a son to the war was entitled to place a star on the window pane. Well, a few nights before he came to see me, this man was walking down a street in New York accompanied by his wee boy. The lad became very interested in the lighted windows of the houses, and clapped his hands when he saw a star.

As they passed house after house he would say, OH, look, Daddy, there's another house that has given a son to the war! And there's another! There's one with two stars! And look! There's a house with no star at all!

"At last they came to a break in the houses. Through the gap could be seen the evening star shining brightly in the sky.

The little fellow caught his breath. 'Oh look, Daddy,' he cried, '*God must have given His Son*, for He has got a star in His window.'

"He has indeed!" said Sir Harry Lauder, in repeating the story. But it took the clear eyes of a child to discover that the

very stars are repeating the glorious fact that "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son*" to die, not for any favored nation but for all, and now "*who-so-ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*"

But what a contrast there is in the death of God's Son and the death of any soldier of any nation under heaven! Who ever gave their son willingly to die for their enemies? Did we not hope and expect our boys to come back again victorious, and laden with honors? Surely! But our God when He gave His Son, well knew how sinful men would treat Him. Still, He gave Him, and gave Him in love.

When God gave His Son it proved His love to all nations, and for all individuals in these nations. So wherever man is found we can point to Calvary's cruel cross and say: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that *who-so-ever* believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Whoever you may be, God loves you!! O glorious fact that the clear eyes of children have discerned. And many whose eyes were dim by reason of age have also at last learned the same blessed fact—not and darkness of Calvary, when He who in the starry sky but in the blackness was ever the delight of the Father's heart, "Was wounded for our transgressions, and

bruised for our iniquities," that we "with His stripes might be healed" (Isa. 53:5).

—A. H. Stewart

Dear Gem Readers:

There is a first time for everything and this is my first time to attempt a letter to the Gem.

I am a member of Independance F. W. B. Church, near Stockton, Mo. Sorry to say I am a long ways from there to-night.

My thoughts are back home most of the time and especially to-night as this is our regular appointment time there, Sister Lowell Martin being our very capable pastor.

I have just returned from church here at New Caledonia. I truly thank God for this wonderful privilege. We had excellent services to-night, best services here of any place I have been in my short navy career.

We sang a number of good old songs, "Old Rugged Cross" and "Blessed Assurance," then two special numbers by eight negroes from a company near by, I enjoyed them very much. Our chaplin read from Matthew 12:18-21 and delivered a very good message, I might say here that he is not afraid of the words, Holy Spirit and Heart Felt Religion. Personally I find him to be more of what I've been looking for than any one I've met since I left home.

We have Christian League on Wednesday night, prayers, scripture readings, discussions and I enjoy it very much. Attendance about 25 to 40. One night we had 13 white men, 18 negroes and 2 Chinese, very interesting discussion took place. Attendance to-night at church was about 250, should have been 1000.

I sure do enjoy reading the Gem and passing it on to ship mates.

Very glad to learn from my dear wife that special prayer service is being held. I truly believe that prayer changes things I love my Saviour to-night and though I go through some dark days, I find He is near to comfort. As I look back I see where I have been on the very edge of that dark chasm called sin, but thanks be to God for His love, He reached out that

ever loving hand and tenderly showed me the way. The path I am traveling is not very smooth, so far from my loved ones, but with Christian prayers, brotherly love and the help of God I'll live for Him.

Pray for the lost, there are many. May God hasten the day when we can be home with those who mean far more than life.

I certainly do miss Sunday school and league. I feel that it is the best way for young people to study God's Word.

Here is a poem maybe some will like, I think it is good for I know how words can pierce a heart that is already broken and bleeding:

May God bless, and help us to do His will,
May our work in different fields move forward.

There is a French Protestant church here, but attendance is poor, lots of Catholics, I have been in their cathedral, it is beautiful.

John E. Bough

Keep a watch on your words, my brother,
For words are wonderful things,
They are sweet like the bee's fresh honey
Like the bees, they have terrible stings;
They can bless, like the warm glad sunshine,

And brighten a lonely life;
They can cut in the strife of anger
Like an open two-edged knife.
Let them pass through your lips unchallenged

If their errand is true and kind
If they come to support the weary,
To comfort and help the blind;
If a bitter revengeful spirit
Prompt the words, let them pass unsaid;
They may flash through the brain like lightning,

Or fall on a heart of lead.
Keep them back, if they're cold and cruel,
Under bar and lock and seal;
The wounds that they make, my brother,
Are always slow to heal.
May peace guard your life, and ever,
From the time of your earthy youth,
May the words that you daily utter
Be the words of beautiful truth.

Author Unknown

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Somewhere in France
June 22nd. 1944

Dear Folks:

The very first thing I want to do is say I received a Gem last night and have used every few seconds chance to examine it since then. It was two months old but I have so rarely received one it was surely a treat. D—Day is now history. All the world was watching and waiting.

From what I hear many wives, mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters gathered quickly at the House of God for prayer, I went through that day, I didn't have a chance to assemble at the House of God but I prayed along with every man that set foot on French soil, in the sixteen days that I've been under almost constant fire I've been made to think back to a statement made by a battle scarred Sgt. on Battan who said, "Sir, there are no atheists in foxholes," If ever a man realized the goodness and power of God it is here. How often I have thanked Him that I haven't received a scratch though I've been in many very serious situations.

A fellow officer said to me recently "Jeff, do you know we have been fortunate?" I said "Yes! Do you know why?" and he answered "God has a purpose and is good to us. In no other way could we have been so fortunate." He is right and we have thanked God often for our good fortunes.

Well we have seen many things which will be better left unrelated. Yes, many things which you read of and hear of and try to comprehend, but really will never know about unless you go shoulder to shoulder with advancing front line troops. But as I see it I recall it has all been prophesied of old in the Bible, all we have to do is read it and believe it. It is there.

I'm standing in an O. P. waiting for the enemy to make some mistake and show himself. When he does I'll speak into the phone and have mortar fire all over him. Some of these days soon, I hope to be back standing in a pulpit bringing Holy Fire down on the forces on Satan.

The evening sun is just part of a red disc now. The fighter planes are going back to base, the big boys are going out.

Big guns exchange volleys like big bull dogs snapping at each other. A patrol out in the valley just ran into some light fire but seem to have overcome it. The air is clear and sounds carry far, a pretty little dog is curled up in the grass close by. The country is very pretty except for where the big shells have torn away trees and twisted houses into queer ghost like structures.

Yes, Christian friends, right around me are all the elements of chaos, death, inseparable devotion, fear, the beauty of God's handiwork, trust, faith, homesickness, hate and all the other ingredients that are in the great mixing bowl of war.

So we stand by confused and bewildered and wonder why this and why that. We loose sleep trying "to figure it out." Some who are here among it all become "neurotics" or what used to be known as shell shocked. Back there they are known as nervous prostrations.

Out of it all I hear a voice clear and steady say "follow me." I hear this same Christ say to our Father on another occasion "nevertheless not my will but thine." So I am ready and trying to follow Him and I'm praying with you and with the Saviour "not my will but thine be done." If you are not praying that way I don't think you are helping any at all. Over here an advance would not do any good if they didn't HOLD after that, if ever there was a time for Christians to stand fast it is now. My pastor used to say "Its time to get packed up, payed up and prayed up" So my friend start now to pray with your soldier, wherever he is, for the will of God and thank Him for His blessings.

Lt. Loyd T. Jeffreys

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

In as much as some of the most important history in records proclaiming Free Will Baptist activity has been made since the first of September 1942 in connection with the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and, in as much as the services of Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of the College, have played a great part in all achievements, and, in as much as said Rev. Mr. Johnson

tendered his resignation as President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. on July 13, 1944 in favor of a regular ministry of preaching the Gospel, be it therefore resolved.

First, that we render due thanks to, and commendation concerning Brother Johnson for services rendered, and for results achieved under his administration.

Second, that we commend him to the Brotherhood as one of the finest of consecrated Gospel ministers among us. who is fully worthy of due consideration for any responsibility common to his calling.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Rev. L. C. Johnson, copies sent to the Free Will Baptist at Ayden, North Carolina and the Free Will Baptist Gem at Monett, Missouri for publication, and that a copy be filed in the minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Signed: Henry Melvin, Chairman Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College; J. R. Davidson, Secretary Board of Trustees Free Will Baptist Bible College; Albert Halbrook, President Student Council Free Will Baptist Bible College.

MYRTLE CHURCH DEDICATED

The Myrtle Church identified in the Cave Springs Association as the Mill Creek Church was organized Oct. 25, 1903, with fourteen (14) chartered members. Brother Levi Taylor and Henry Wischart were chosen and ordained deacons.

This number of faithful Christians and others interested in the work, erected a house in which to worship the Lord. With such faith worthies serving as pastors were: Brother T. J. Duncan, J. R. W. Harbinson, Nath Combs, H. C. Crase, Billy Rogers, Clarence Lodson and the present pastor Harry Beatty.

The church has been blessed in every way making a substantial gain in membership, the present is 105 members, as a result of these blessings a larger building was needed. Last Oct. the work began on a new building. The money was secured by tithes, offerings, gifts, popular do-

nation and sale of former building and material on site.

Thus a new Rock church was built and furnished with new furnishings at the cost of \$3,330.00 all cost paid, being free of incumbrance. Sunday April 23rd. was a great day of blessings for Myrtle community when the Dedication service was held.

With an appropriate song service by congregation, class and special quartets. At 11 A.M. Rev. James Miller delivered a wonderful dedication message.

The church and offering with the people were presented on the altar and by prayer dedicated unto God. The afternoon was spent in preaching service by visiting ministers present, Brother Ralph Staten, Wayne Tucker, C. Bryan, Billy Rogers, Ben Meeks, H. C. Crase and Cecil Cyprett. After the league service in the evening Bro. Miller delivered a soul saving message and 4 precious souls accepted Christ. Pray for this church and people.

NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD REPORTS

The Home Mission Board has received much criticism, perhaps some justly and some unjustly, but what I want to say let bygones be bygones and let us do as Paul said "Press toward the mark" and not dwell in the past.

The National Home Mission Board organized at the National Association at Flat River, Mo. as follows: Rev. J. F. Miller, Desloge, Mo. Chairman; Rev. C. B. Fees, Monett, Mo. Sec. and Treas.; Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn. elected as new member of Board, other members are Rev. John Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio and Rev. W. K. Jordon, Goldsboro, N. C.

It was agreed by the Board to establish a home office for this Board, which will be here at the Publishing House, 211 Bond St. Monett, Mo.

It is our intention to revive the interest in Home Mission work this year and if possible we want to mobilize every Free Will Baptist association and every church where there is no association into the Nat-

ional Body, that we may go forward as a great body together.

We are planning to have some literature for distribution in the near future.

If you are interested in this phase of the work, and if you are not interested in Home Missions, let me say that you are not whole heartedly interested in any phase of the Lord's work, you can help a lot if you will study and practice the recommendations of this Board that was adopted by the National Body.

To make a success we need your prayers and your dollars not your criticism and knocks, if you choose, you can send an offering more often than quarterly.

C. B. Dees, Sec.-Treas.

Recommendations

We your Home Mission Board recommend the support of the recommendations of the Home Mission Board submitted to the 1942 session of the National Association with the following changes:

We the Home Mission Board, recommend for adoption the following rules and regulations for the government of the activities of this Board:

The activities of this Board shall be confined to:

1. The support of field workers under the supervision of this Board and said Board be allowed at their discretion a reasonable amount of funds for purchasing or repairing buildings where needed for places of worship.

Giving financial assistance in the pastoral care of churches which are unable to sufficiently support a pastor. This Board shall render aid to these churches only after investigation has been made and approved.

2. We recommend that every church support the Home Mission Board with a special offering to be taken quarterly, namely January, April, July and October, said offering to be sent to the State Home Mission Treasurer who will divide the offering, with 25 per cent to be sent to the treasurer of the National Home Mission Board and 75 per cent to be retained in the State or District Home Mission treasury.

We further recommend that State and District Home Mission Boards promote this plan of finance in their respective fields, also supply information as needed and act as local supervisors of all work sponsored by this Board.

3. We recommend that states having no Home Mission Board assist the National Home Mission Board in their respective state or district associations to organize Home Mission Boards.

Rev. J. F. Miller, Desloge, Mo., Chairman

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.

Rev. J. K. Jordon, Goldsboro, N. C.

Rev. C. B. Dees, Monett, Mo. Sec.-Treas.

Rev. John Kemper, Wheelersburg, Ohio, was not present at the National Association.

Indian Creek Association Convenes at Macedonia Church

The Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptist will be held with the Macedonia Church beginning on Monday night following the fourth (4th) Sunday in August 1944. The church is located three and one half miles north east of Purdy and eight miles south east of Monett, Mo. on a good farm to market road. The church is only three miles east of highway number 37. Purdy and Monett both may be reached by Frisco passenger service or by bus. If you should desire some one to meet you at either of these stations just

write us ahead of time.

The Macedonia church is my home church, and the entire church joins me in extending to you a most cordial invitation to attend these sessions throughout the week of this association. The Minister's Conference opens Monday night and continues through Tuesday. The Ass'n proper opens Tuesday night and continues through Friday. Three meals each day will be prepared and served on the ground. Come and enjoy with us a gracious time in the Lord. Rev. Winford Davis, Pastor

Inspirational Poems

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Springtown, Texas

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the pure in spirit,
 Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
 They claim no virtue or merit
 Except that which the Father has given.
 Blessed are they that mourn
 For comforted they shall be
 He all their sorrows has born
 That they may be happy and free.
 Blessed are the meek and lowly
 For the Lord was humbled, too.
 He also was great and holy
 Earth's heritage He's promised you.
 Blessed are they which do hunger
 With righteousness they shall be filled
 The thirsty also shall wonder
 When their souls with His joy are thrilled.
 Blessed are they which mercy show
 For mercy too they shall obtain,
 For all reap that which they do sow
 Whatsoever may be the grain.
 Blessed are the pure in heart and mind
 His image shall appear to them
 All blessings too in Him they find
 When trusting, confiding in Him.
 Blessed are they who make sweet peace
 Between their God and fellowmen,
 Who use their power to cause to cease
 All kinds of strife, all forms of sin.
 Blessed are the afflicted ones
 Whom persecutions hath assailed;
 God's righteousness hath made them sons
 Through His own grace they have pre-
 valued.

Tis Sweet to have the Blessed LORD walk with me

Tis sweet to have the Blessed Lord
 Walk with me day by day;
 In harmony and sweet accord
 To let Him have His way.
 He softly whispers unto me
 And tells me of His love;
 Describes to me the home that He
 Has for me up above.

No pain nor sorrow e'er shall come
 And death shall ever cease;
 No evil shall pervade that home,
 But all is joy and peace.
 No sun nor moon are needed there,
 No stars shall ever shine;
 God's glorious light shines every where,
 With radiance divine.
 All strife and conflicts shall be o'er,
 All wars shall have an end;
 Hatred and malice are no more,
 All mankind is my friend.

I'm coming Home today

Far from the Lord, I've wandered
 In paths of sin and shame;
 Much of my time I've squandered
 And played a losing game.
 But now I'm tired of roaming
 Along the prim-rose way;
 Back to Thee, Lord, I'm coming
 Yes coming home to stay.
 I've nothing, Thee to offer,
 Except a wasted life;
 Only a shell to proffer;
 Result of sin and strife.
 I'm coming home to Jesus,
 My Saviour and my guide;
 I know that He'll preserve me,
 What ever may betide.

Chorus

I'm coming back to Jesus
 My Saviour and my guide;
 I know that He will keep me,
 What ever may betide.

Let us Join The Angels Singing

In the twilight of the morning,
 While the sun is yet unseen,
 When the new day's only dawning,
 And the dew is on the green;
 I stroll forth into the garden
 To commune with God alone;
 To my heart He speaks full pardon,

And proclaims me all His own.
 'Tis so sweet to be with Jesus,
 Where no human eye can see;
 Listening to the gentle breezes,
 Wafting songs of love to me;
 Songs the angel band is singing,
 Sweetest music ever heard,
 From the heavenly portals ringing,
 Of the King, Incarnate Word.
 Of the King of earth and heaven,
 Whom the angels do adore,
 Whose feet, hands and side were riven,
 Our condemned souls to restore;
 Let us join the choir in singing,
 Praises to our Lord and King;
 Glorious anthems to Him bringing,
 Making loud Hosannas ring.

Chorus

Let us join the angels singing,
 Praises to our Lord and King;
 Glorious anthems to Him bringing,
 Making loud hosannas ring.

The Spirit and The Bride Say Come

Is your soul all polluted by sin?
 Then come to the fountain of blood.
 You'd be clean with out and with in,
 Then bathe in this soul cleansing flood.
 Jesus shed His own precious blood,
 To wash man's sins all away;
 O sinner, come bathe in this flood;
 Be white as a snow flake to day.
 The thief upon Calvary's tree,
 Saw that fountain opened for all;
 He cried: "Lord, remember Thou me,"
 Jesus heard and answered his call.
 You too, may have gone far astray,
 From God and His infinite love;
 His Spirit and His Word call to-day,
 Be thou saved and join us above.

Chorus

"The spirit and the bride say come"
 O come, please come while you may;
 Come back to the Father's dear home.

O come and be pardoned to-day.

NOTICE

To Free Will Baptist everywhere, who have Manuscript in the form of Books, Periodicals, Tracks, or any other Literature that you would like to have put into publication, the Board of Publication and Literature will meet on Tuesday following the Third Sunday in October, Oct. 17. We are meeting for the purpose of passing on the above described Manuscript, and to make plans for the publication of the same. If you have any of these in preparation now, will you please make plans to finish them and have them in the hands of the board by that time.

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Church Letters - Field Reports

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Dear Gem Readers:

We are glad to report to you of the

progress of our Church and the sweet Spirit of the Lord that prevails.

Since our last writing we have seen

many souls born again, and a wonderful revival. Our Sunday School is very good our number being an average of 100, also we have added to our Sunday School Convention another body of believers, our Mission under the leadership of Brother Harvey Hill, we also changed the name from Tri-unity, to Triumphant.

We are praising the Lord for this Mission and the people and the wonderful Spirit that we can feel there.

We were glad to have Sis. McAdams with us on last Sunday night and for the fine message she brought us from the Word. Also for the good Sister who accompanied her, we pray that our Convention which is now in session at Flat River, Mo. may be a wonderful success and that it may be the means of many souls being saved. Thanking the Lord for our boys who are fighting for our freedom to serve the Lord; Let us keep our home fires burning that when they come back that they can be thankful for the faithful who have kept the Spirit and have prayed for them.

The Lord bless all is our prayer.

Edward Simmons St. Louis, Mo.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a short report this month but we do want to say something about our good 10 day vacation Bible school that closed on June 30th. with an enrollment of 121 students, teachers, and officers and a wonderful interest and lots of work through out the entire school.

At this writing Bro. and Sis. Bingham have just returned from the National meeting at Flat River, Mo. and they report one of the best meetings yet and they brought back such a wonderful report of Gods work from every place. Each of them appeared on the National Program Sister Bingham being 2nd Vice President in the Womans National Auxiliary, She had a good report to make from that source.

Our home auxiliary has already accepted and is putting into effect our part of the financial plan to help raise \$50,000.00 through the Womans National Auxiliary.

On July 1st. Bro. Bingham begun his 16th. year of continuous service for the Lord as pastor of the Tulsa Church and for his faithful untiring efforts we have seen the small membership grow and prosper under his leadership till we have a new modern brick building to worship in and a well organized Sunday School, League, and Womans Auxiliary.

Join us in prayer for the advancement of Gods work.

Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 1Thess.5:6

Mrs. Evelyn Miller Reporter

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

Mound City, Illinois

Free Will Baptist Gem:

We just closed a very successful revival at the First Free Will Baptist church. The Rev. Silas Smith of Vicksburg, Miss conducted the meeting. The Lord blessed us with 13 converts and one reclaimed. We will baptize at high noon Sunday, July 16th. The converts will then receive the covenant and the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Smith was a source of inspiration to our little city. He is an able minister and Christian man. He is pastor of Walkers Chapel at McCombes, Miss. on Wail Street, and has other charges. He is also first Vice President of the General Conference. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell and members of the first church of Mound City are still thanking the Lord for these blessings and shall look forward to the revival in Fulton beginning Sept. 20th.

Respectfully,

— A. E. Mitchell

Drumright, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Gem:

Oklahoma State Association Will meet at Wewok, Okla. Oct. 16th. 1944.

I take pleasure in writing. Had called meeting, of Womans Auxiliary at First Mission Camp ground when the State League meet June 21st.

Program for Oct. 16th. at Wewoka.

THEME: Steadfast in the work of the Lord
Introduction, Rev. Paul Pursell Wirt, Okla.
Welcome Address, Sister West.

Response, Sister Hattie Newman.

Rev. H. E. Staires, Oklahoma City, brings ladies sermon at 11 o'clock A. M.

Report State Orphanage Fund.

"May God Bless all orphans and God be with us all through life."

Report on State Orphanage, Free Will Baptist of Oklahoma.

Wirt Church	\$31.50
Shawnee Auxiliary	5.00
Central Avenue Church, Okla. City,	52.00
Rev. Mrs. Everett Brown	100.00
Mrs. P. R. Ormstrong	10.00
First Mission Association	111.21
Total	\$309.71

Mrs. P. R. Armstrong
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Drumright, Oklahoma

Report of Illinois Treas.

TENN. ORPHANAGE FUND

Ina Church	\$40.00
Bearpoint Church	7.00
Mt. Vernon Church	47.00
Ladies Aux. of Rescue Church	67.50
New Hope Church	7.00

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Ina Church	\$41.11
Rescue Church	880.00
Bear Point Church	17.03

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Bear Point Church	\$17.00
Ladies Aux. of Rescue Church	10.06

UNIFIED PROGRAM FUND

Aux. of Rescue Church	\$2.20
Bear Point Church	42.73

THE WORD OF GOD

Everything worth while in the Christian life comes from the Bible.

1. You can't be **SAVED** apart from the word of God. "Being born again .. **BY THE WORD OF GOD**, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23).

2. You can't increase your **FAITH** apart from the word of God. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing **BY THE WORD OF GOD**" (Rom. 10:17).

3. You can't **GROW IN GRACE** unless you grow in "knowledge" of the word of God. "**BUT GROW IN GRACE**, and in

the **KNOWLEDGE** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

There is no "short-cut" to growth in grace. You can't eat enough at one time to grow physically from childhood to manhood. Neither can you "suddenly" grow from spiritual childhood to spiritual manhood. It is a "process." Not an "act." Any attempted short-cuts only result in the wildest fanaticism and they never produce genuine, permanent fruit. Would you grow in grace? Then saturate your mind and heart with the word of God by daily Bible study. That was Moody's secret of power. He wore out half dozen Bibles — studying, absorbing, assimilating, the word of God. It produced real, lasting fruit.

Bible study will give you the desire to **PRAY** and the intelligence to pray on a scriptural basis. Such prayer will be answered, because it is actuated by the Holy Spirit.

Bible News Flashes

REVIVALS FOLLOW WARS, it was once believed; but there was no revival after World War No. I. May we expect one after this war? Prayers to that end are in order.

APOSTASY IN OUR SCHOOLS "When this country was established our forefathers made the Bible the basis of all truth taught in the public schools as well as the standard of conduct for the people. During the first 150 years when this nation was building, the text books used in public schools were largely quotations from the Bible. The New England Primer (the standard text book for grade schools) was eighty seven per cent made up of quotations from the Bible. The McGuffey reader was also largely taken from the Bible."

Brethren Missionary Herald

Special Notice

The reason the Gem is late this month is that our linotype machine broke down.

BEARD—Luther Napoleon Beard, son of the late James and Delila Beard was born March 31st, 1863 near Red Bud, Ill. and passed on to glory after a lingering illness of several months at the age of 81yrs. 3mo. and 14 days

In 1890 he was united in marriage to to Delila Catherine Green and to this union was born 6 children, Amos of Peoria, Ill.; Viola, (Mrs. Fred Hood) of Bonne Terre Chester of Bakersfield, Cal. Hester, (Mrs. Hubert White) of Granite City, Ill. John of St. Louis, Mo. Lena, (Mrs. Fred McNary) of Indianapolis, Ind. all of whom survive together with his faithful and aged companion.

He also leaves 4 step-daughters whom he reared and cared for as his own. They are Cora, (Mrs. J. H. Black) and Leota, (Mrs. H. E. Black) both of Elvins, Mo. Daisy, (Mrs. Geo. Peery) of Bonne Terre, Mo. Bertha, (Mrs. Earl E. Osborn) of Mt Vernon, Ill. He also leaves 15 grand children, 26 step grand children and several great grand children.

He was the only son in a family of 9 children all of whom are awaiting his coming to Glory except 2 sisters Mrs. Lena Rodgers and Mrs. Amy Morrow both of Seattle, Wash. for more than 60 years he has been a follower of Christ and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church and for over 50 years he's been a Minister of the Gospel of our Lord. Like the Apostle Paul he could say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing.

The funeral service was held from the Union Church in Bismark, Mo. Sunday July, 16th. 1944 conducted by Rev. J. F. Miller of Desloge, Mo.

FLANNERY—Rev. John D. Flannery was born in Dent county Mo. on Dec. 18th, 1852 and entered into rest, from the home of his son Jesse C. Flannery of Farmington, Mo. June, 6th, 1944 at the age of 91yrs. 5mo. 18days. On Dec. 5th. 1872 he was

united in marriage to Esther Ann Wood and to this union 9 children were born.

Three of whom preceded their father in death, He is survived by 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 16 great grand children.

Bro. Flannery professed faith in Christ early in life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church. At the age of 20 he acknowledged his call to the ministry, and was ordained to preach the Gospel, for 71 years he was recognized as an ordained preacher in the Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting, for several years due to his health he was not active, but had never lost his interest in the work.

His funeral was held from the Pendleton Church near Doe Run, Mo. June 9th. 1944 conducted by Rev. J. F. Miller.

In the home going of these two dear men of God the Free Will Baptist of South east Mo. have lost two of the oldest and beloved preachers, one having been an ordained minister more than 70 years the other more than 50.

MATTHEWS — Thelma Eunise Hamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, was born at Mine La Motte, Mo., April 22, 1912, and entered into rest from the Bonne Terre Hospital at Bonne Terre, Mo., June 15, 1944, at 5 o'clock a. m., at the age of 32 years 1 month 23days.

The deceased was united in marriage to George Matthews, June 14, 1930, and to this union three children were born. One child preceded her in death, dying in infancy. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Colleen, age 12. and Janice, age 5; her father and mother; two brothers, William F. and Donovan, one sister, Norma Jean of Fredricktown, Mo., and other relatives and a host of friends who mourn her demise.

At the age of 12, Thelma professed faith in Christ and united with the Christian Church of Flat River. About 1928, she transferred her membership to the Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River. where she was a member when the dear Lord called her home. Thelma was a loving mother, a devoted wife, and a neighbor to be loved and appreciated.

The funeral service was held from the Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. F. Miller of Desloge, assisted by Rev. Cecil Campbell. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery under the direction of Caldwell Bros.

WITH RESPECT

The Loyal Workers Sunday school class of the Free Will Baptist Church, bow our heads in humble submission to our heavenly Father in honor of our dear Sister Thelma Matthews who passed away from this life on June 15, 1944 to the joyous home beyond.

Sister Thelma has been laying up her treasures where moth nor dust doth corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal. We shall miss her sweet smile and her hand shake she enjoyed so much. As members of class number 11 pass on, one by one, Sister Thelma will greet us with a far sweeter smile and handshake than she had in this life because of her terribly afflicted body. She served as Vice President in class meeting, she was faithful and willing to bear one another's burdens and help carry on the work of the church. We know our loss here is Heavens gain, so let us be submissive to God's will and strive harder to live closer to the Lord so that we may fellowship with her some day. We all loved her and keenly feel our loss. We offer our deepest sympathy to her dear husband, to her sweet little girls and other relatives.

Loyal Workers Class

WAITE—Charley Sumner Waite, son of Jno. and Martha Waite, was born July 6, 1865, in the state of Illinois, and departed this life June 19, 1944, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jake Blair, Buffalo, Mo., at the age of 78 years 11 months and 13 days. He was united in marriage to Martha Ellen Pinkley Feb. 26, 1899. To this union were born nine children. His wife and two children preceded him in death, Esther Elizabeth and Paul Ervin.

Early in life Mr. Waite moved to the state of Colorado by wagon and team. For awhile he served on the police force there.

Thirty-eight years ago he moved with his family to Dallas County, Mo. where he spent the rest of his life.

Mr. Waite was bedfast for about three years but he bore his suffering patiently.

Nine years ago he accepted Christ as his Saviour and united with the Free Will Baptist church in Buffalo, Mo., where he remained a member until the Lord called him away.

He leaves to mourn his passing seven children: Walter Waite and Edith Blair of Buffalo, Arthur of Kansas City, Kan. Roy and Jim of Kingman, Kan. Minta Eisman of Ventura, Calif. and Eva Looney of Bellflower, Cal. ten grandchildren, two brothers, Jim Waite of Esbon, Kan. and Aaron Waite of Napa, Idaho. and a host of other relatives and friends. All of the children and three grandchildren were present for the funeral which was conducted by Eld. Frank Linton at Jones Funeral Home June 21, at 2:30 p. m. Burial was in Macedonia cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missouri State Association

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Green Grove Church near Novinger, Mo. beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September 1944.

The Auxiliary Sermon on Monday night will be preached by Rev. F. C. Zinn of Frededicktown, Mo., Rev. Lowell Martin, alternate.

The League Sermon at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday will be preached by Rev. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Roena Thomas, alternate.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. J. R. Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., Rev. O. T. Allred, alternate.

Indian Creek Association

The next annual session of the Indian Creek Association will be held with the Aurora Church, Aurora, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September 1944. The introductory sermon is to be preached on Tuesday night

by Bro. Paul Williams; Bro. Frank Linton, alternate. Ministers' Conference on Monday night and Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

Central Western Missouri and South-eastern Kansas Association

The Thirty-sixth annual session of the Central Western Missouri and South Eastern Kansas Association will be held with the Wagoner Church, ten miles southwest of Stockton Mo., beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1944.

Eld. Frank Linton will preach the opening message to the Minister's Conference on Tuesday night August 22.

The introductory sermon to the Association proper will be preached by Eld. Lowell Martin on Wednesday night, Aug. 23. Everyone is welcome.

Thora H. Arbogast, Clerk.

The First Oklahoma Association

Will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla. instead of North View, as was previously announced. Beginning, Thursday morning Aug. 17, 1944, this will be the 47th. annual Association. The location of the church is as follows, 11th. and Shawnee, Okla. Just two blocks north of East Main Street.

W. E. Dearmore, Moderator.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

The next Annual session of the Zion Hope No. 2 Association will be held with the Mountainburg Church beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1944. Elder Ben Pixley to preach introductory sermon followed by Elder Glenn Dipboye. Elder Charles Graham to preach the memorial sermon followed by Elder Rubert Pixley.

First Mission Association of Okla.

Camp Meeting and Youth Camp begins Aug. 5, 1944.

The Association follows: Introductory Sermon, Tuesday night, Aug. 15, 1944.

Rev. C. D. Benton to preach Introductory Sermon; Rev. B. F. Rogers Alternate.

Rev. Melvin Bingham and Rev. John H.

West Evangelist for Camp Meeting.

Oklahoma State Association

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convenes Monday night, sermon Rev. Paul Pursell; Alternate John H. West.

Tuesday night Introductory sermon by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell; Rev. Melvin Bingham, Alternate.

The State Association meets with the Wewoka Church.

North West Missouri Association

The Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting will convene at the Third Fork church, Thursday night before the 4th. Sunday in August. Introductory sermon by, Rev. Verne Welbaum, Alternate Miss Melba White.

Carl W. Jeffries, Clerk

Northeast Missouri Association

Of Free Will Baptist will convene with the Hazel Creek Union Church 12 miles northwest of Kirksville on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September 1944.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Archie Cooper; Alternate Rev. Orville Dobbs.

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