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# GOSPEL SERMONS



## Water Baptism

Rev. Clarence J. Hearron

I was listening to radio broadcast from a station in Honolulu one day. This broadcast was a sermon upon this subject which I shall attempt to use.

As the preacher spoke, I found myself in agreement with him as to the Scripture made of water baptism. He used the examples which the Bible gives about certain ones being baptized to prove that immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism.

But when he began to state that a person must be baptized in that way in order to obtain salvation, our ways of thinking took opposite directions. He went to great lengths to prove that he was right, making the assertion that no one rejoiced until after being baptized.

Let me pause momentarily to avoid any confusion which might otherwise result. When I mention baptism, I shall refer to water baptism unless specifically stated to the contrary. The Bible teaches two kinds of baptisms. Heb. 6:2, mentions more than one kind, because the plural is used. The "one baptism" spoken of by Paul in Eph. 4:5 is showing the unity of the Spirit. Furthermore, this shows that there is one baptism which is actually the important one. This important one is Spiritual baptism. "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body," I Cor. 12:13. I want to point out that nowhere in the Bible can one find a statement such as the following, "For by one man are we all baptized into one body." It just isn't there.

To state that a man must be baptized in order to be saved, casts reflection upon the precious blood of my Lord. If Christ's blood is not sufficient to cleanse a sin-stained soul, this world is without a hope. Some people remind me of Pilate. He

tried to cleanse himself with water, but let me tell you this, all the water in the world could never have justified Pilate. Neither can water clean out a heart that's dead in sin. No! The power is in the blood! But now in Christ Jesus ye sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2:13. "Without shedding of blood is no remission," Heb. 9:22. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" Heb. 9:14. Where is the water?

"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." John 3:5. Does this mean actual water? Some who admit this to be actual water say that this does not necessarily mean that water comes first, but if this means actual water, it matters not in what order it comes, baptism would be essential and no one could be saved without it.

Another's view is that water in this verse represents the flesh referring to the next verse to prove his point. Now it would have been foolish for Christ to say that a man must first be born of the flesh, ie. brought into the world, in order to be born again. Christ did not waste words in such a manner.

What then, is the meaning of this verse? If this water is not baptism, what is it? It is the gospel or word of God. "For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel," I Cor. 4:15. Here Paul makes a plain statement that the gospel has something to do with the new birth, begotten through the gospel. "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to

thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." John 4:10. Christ went on to explain that this water would be a well of water springing into everlasting life to those who received it.

An objection might arise as to Nicodemus understanding Christ if He did mean this water as the gospel. Nicodemus was well educated in the Old Testament and writings of the Jews and would understand Christ's meaning. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isa. 55:1. Surely no one will deny that this is a prophecy regarding Christ's salvation. Nicodemus had no difficulty in understanding for we read later of how he was a believer in Christ.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.

This proves that believing is the important thing. We find no penalty for failure to be baptized. Of course, if one willfully neglects to be baptized, one has taken the first step toward backsliding, but baptism has nothing to do with regeneration.

Evidently, Paul attached small significance to baptism. Such an impression is gained when we hear him say "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel." I Cor. 1:17.

Some people say a person must be baptized before he can be a member of the church. (I might say that I mean a visible organization when I use the word church. I've never been able to find where it lost its visibility.) Where, oh, where is there any scripture to support a view that one must be baptized before joining the church?

"Paul was baptized before he joined the church," might be a reply from someone. Let's look at the account in Acts 9:17-18. "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been

scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized." Ananias was not ordained and had no right to baptize anyone. His reason for going to Paul was that Paul might receive sight and be filled (baptized) with the Holy Ghost. Paul received sight, arose and was baptized (Spiritual baptism). No one can be saved without spiritual baptism. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9. So Paul had not received water baptism before he joined the church.

Baptism is an ordinance that should be kept in the church, and only those who have been born again are the proper subjects. However, I see no reason for not fellowshiping a Christian member who has not been immersed. If a person is good enough for God and heaven, surely he's good enough for God's church. However, I don't believe any person deserves to be ordained by Free Will Baptists who have never been baptized, such a person would be neglecting his duty.

In conclusion, let me say that baptism is a command and should be carried out after regeneration. In this manner, it becomes an answer of a good conscience toward God.

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# Gods plan of Redemption

Rev. J. A. Davidson Antlers, Oklahoma

The resurrection is included in the plan of redemption. Without the resurrection the plan of redemption is incomplete, as man does not reach a perfect state until the resurrection. The Apostle Paul wrote 1 Cor. 15:21, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead," v. 22, "For as in Adam all die. Even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Job calls it a change. Job 14:14, "If a man die shall he live again, all the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come." Paul wrote 1 Cor. 15:51-52, "Behold I shew you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." The word (incorruptible) means not subject to corruption. Man was made in the beginning, not in vanity but subject to vanity. Rom. 8:20. All physical is corruptible, spiritual, incorruptible. Let us study the Apostle Paul's statement in 1 Thess. 4:16-17 "For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Jesus said this would be the last day. John wrote St. John 6:44 "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day." I am calling this to your minds for the simple reason that so many preachers are preaching that when Jesus comes he will sit on David's throne a thousand years. They call it the thousand year reign, we will give more on this in another article however I want you to notice the resurrection of the righteous will be the last day. Let us read Heb. 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgement." Oh no my people Jesus is

gone to prepare a place for us. John 14:2 and He promised to come back after us that where He was, we should be with Him, v. 3 in 1 John 3:2 "Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him: for we shall see Him as He is." David wrote by the inspiration of God, Psalms 17:15 "As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness". We have stated in a previous article that God's plan of redemption is to redeem those that are imperfect back to perfection and now as Jesus condemned sin in the flesh, Rom. 8:3 then it is a logical fact that the body of sin must be destroyed, Rom. 6:6. However out of it will come a beautiful Spirit body like our Lord's, 1 John 3:2, this is the mystery that Paul spoke about in 1 Cor. 15:51, it is called a change again in Phil. 3:20-21. "For our conversation is in Heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." This statement shows that it will be in the resurrection, will you let us now take a little time off to tell you that if we have a thousand years reign on earth after Jesus comes it will be in a spiritual body and do you actually think we will need pruning hooks and plow share, and vines and fig trees? The Bible teaches only one resurrection of the body for every human being. A thousand years between the righteous and the wicked and this is the change from a physical to a spiritual body. The physical body is called an earthly house. 2 Cor. 5:1. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands. Eternal in the heavens." The resurrection of the righteous will be the last day Jesus will destroy the wicked with the bright-

ness of His coming. 2 Thess. 2:8, The word (destroy) is used in the destruction of property or human lives, hence, Jesus will at that day call forth the righteous dead to eternal life and at the same time stay the living wicked with the brightness of His coming. Reader I want you to keep this in mind my intention is to write an article on this thousand year period.

The Apostle Paul was not striving to enter into an earthly reign, he was striving to attain unto the resurrection. Phil. 3:11-12, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." All Christians base their hope on the resurrection. Paul wrote 1 Cor. 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable, v. 20, But now is Christ risen from the dead, and became the first fruits

of them that slept." Again hear Paul, Rom. 8:22-23, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, and not only they, but our selves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit. Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption to wit. The redemption of our body." Oh! what a glorious promise that you may notice the physical body is adopted into the family of God at the resurrection, while the Spirit is born at the spirit birth John 3:3, Again the Apostle Paul wrote 1 Cor. 15:54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruptible and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. v. 55, O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory." In conclusion, let me say as Paul, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

## The National Association

### ENTERPRISE DEPARTMENT

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## Your Position in the Great Commission

Jesus gives the great command. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15, Jesus will be the judge as to how well you heed the commission. It was the plan of God through His Son to send the gospel to every nation. Jesus said so, He asked His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Free Will Baptists planned to do a large part of the going with and sending the gospel "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Many have responded, far more have not responded. Enough information has been given out among Free Will Baptists for a great grow-

ing gospel giving to be taking place. Have you tried to know and do your part in this glorious gospel work? The great commission has not been repealed, we must go on and not turn back, the Red Sea can be crossed if we will listen to the Lord. Every one has a vital position in the great commission. All can be soul winners, also all can be foreign missionaries, that remains the plan of heaven. A few heard the words from the lips of Jesus, but Jesus' representatives have heralded the news all these ages. God's voice is yet heard in His writings. Jesus and the Holy Spirit yet speak to you and ask you to re-

member that they have no other plan, and it is binding upon you to do your part in the position chosen of the Lord for you.

#### NONE OTHER NAME

"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus is the one who will judge the Holy Roman and the Holy Roller. He is the One who loves those of all nations the same. In His name alone can we get to the Father. Those who pray, pray in the name of the One who gave His all for all men of all nations. It is our position to say and live "There is no difference" Roman 10:12 in our attitude toward those in our own house and those in India. A man must hear of this Name or Person, then believe on that Person, and then call upon Him to be saved. You are obligated to send a preacher-messenger or go yourself. I am happy that I do not have to judge the actions of so-called Christian people who seemingly do not believe in Foreign Missions. This Person, this Name, will be their judge according to the written word and charge. "Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead." II Timothy 4:1 "The Father judgeth no man but hath committed all judgement unto the Son." John 5:22. It seems to be clear that our position with the great commission is a serious one. (John 3:36 "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.") \* "Whosoever heareth these words of mine and doeth them," it isn't enough to hear the commission. You must do. "And whoever knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." God deals with sin in only one way. Please read Rom. 2:11-16 to see if a person who is saved within Christ can come before Him in a clear position if he has not done his Christianity. We must believe what Christ says for us to do after we get into Him as much as we have to believe to get into Christ. Truly we can say "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." They can not go except they be sent. You can preach in prayers and dollars through the only Name—Jesus.

#### IS YOUR POSITION ONE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS?

Jesus has brought you into His plan of carrying out His will concerning men.

Will you befriend His cause and will? Men come to God through Christ. Will you be a friend to God and walk with Him as Enoch did in his day? Men of all ages who have walked with God have known of His world-wide plan of blessing and salvation, and have known that the heart of God was bent on restoring lost sinful men and nations through the atoning sacrifice of His Son. Will you be His friend? In Adam, all are lost. In Christ redemption is offered to all. Your Friend and mine who gave the great commission is the only sufficient and all-sufficient Saviour. Men must know Him to be saved. Will you help them know Him? If you love Him, you will keep His commandments. When we keep His Commission, we will preach Christ. Not only will our foreign fields be blessed but all the work here at home will prosper when we befriend Jesus in carrying the gospel in Jerusalem and on to the uttermost part of the earth. The friendship of Free Will Baptists with Christ can only be enriched as we go forth under His Great Commission. "Go ye into all the world, and, lo, I am with you." Oh, just to have the presence of Jesus. Now come along Free Will Baptists and meet the conditions upon which His presence and power will be with us. "The harvest is white the laborers (lenders and givers) are few." We must work while it is yet day, the night is coming. Many will be lost if you don't see and do your position today. The One who gave the great commission is coming again. Can He say to you, "Well done thou good and faithful servant"?

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—Tennyson

Socrates died like a philosopher, but Jesus Christ like a God.

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## Our Bible School



Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager, Free Will Baptist Bible College

### OUR EDUCATIONAL CAUSE

By Rev. L. R. Ennis, President

The bulwark of Catholicism is the training given to children. Both Protestant and Catholic historians agree that the religious schools set in operation by the Jesuits countered the great triumphant march of the Protestant Reformation. "When Protestantism threatened to sweep Catholicism from the face of Europe, Ignatius Loyola and Francis Xavier conceived the plan of reaching the children and rearing up a new generation of lovers and defenders of Roman doctrine." The effective means of the Jesuits was their schools which by superior teaching, soon regained for the Catholic Church thousands of communicants who had joined the Protestant movement. The Catholic Church has never forgotten this lesson; it yet magnifies its teaching ministry above its preaching ministry. Catholics still say what their forbear, Xavier, said: "Give me a child until he is seven years old and then anybody may have him."

If Free Will Baptists will accept a gracious missionary revival as a gift from God and utilize its power for teaching ends, the world will experience an invasion of the gospel. Obviously the approach to this achievement lies in Biblical preaching and a child-youth training crusade. Our Bible college is destined to render an invaluable service in the training of ministers and leaders for the denomination, but I can not restrain longer the conviction that the pre-eminent task of the college is that of training men and women who will in turn give their lives to an efficient teaching ministry among the children and youth of our generation. We have sought too long, at the behest of modern education, leadership for administrative functions and pastoral service and have received the due recompense of our imprudence, a mixture of irreconcilable council and en-

ervating speculations. May I exclaim: State schools, independent schools and schools established to further the work of other denominations will never give to Free Will Baptists a fervent Biblical faith and an aggressive unified organization. The probability is that the cause of Christ as represented by our people, will suffer for many years from the benign intrigue and inimical character of modern secular education. Our protest against these, and other encroachments, abounds in the training of Christian workers who will give their lives to a child-youth teaching crusade consistent with the Word and will of God.

The world has been conditioned by tragedy for yet other tragedies of inconceivable magnitude. Disunity, confusion, and chaos are but mild descriptives of the world's derangement. Engaged emotion is defying all restraints. Sinister movements and agents are bent on plunging the race into a state of economic, political, and moral epilepsy from which even the Church cannot hope to escape without material and spiritual injury. It is all too apparent that our whole denominational program, as well as the devotion of our people, is to be tested to the limit by subtle and devastating foes. In such an hour, it would be easy to make the mistake of swerving our Bible college from the main purpose for which it was established, the training of Christian workers, to a secular educational program with Biblical education merely allowed as an unwanted adjunct.

The charter of the Bible college proclaims the purpose of the institution. It is "a Bible college devoted to the promotion and impartation of higher Biblical education, and such other education, instruction, and training as may be deemed essential to the equipment of Christian workers, teachers, ministers, and missionaries of both sexes for Christian service." All that has been achieved since our col-



lege program began indicates that God is for our educational cause.

The spring semester of this, the fourth year of the operation of the college, opened January 28 with thirty-six students enrolled for training. These students represent fifteen states of the United States and are as fine prospects for a fruitful ministry as could be found anywhere. Of the number now enrolled in the college twenty-four are married men and women and twelve are single. Those anticipate attending the Bible college next year will please be encouraged by the status of our present students, among whom are some who came to us directly following their high school graduation while others, for various reasons, had been out of school a number of years. The average age of the student body is twenty-six years; yet a congenial family in the Lord. As the years pass, we predict that the average age of our students will decline; but for the present, mature men and women are in the majority. Now is the time for men who have begun their ministry without training to avail themselves of the opportunity of preparation afforded in our Bible college. Our college course presupposes high school graduation; nevertheless we are enrolling a goodly number of mature men and women who have not completed a regularly prescribed high school course. Those who are interested will please write for further information.

At this time we are moving into the new building which was purchased in October of the past year. The chapel is in a process of preparation and will be occupied Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, February 17, for the first time. A special service, marking the opening of activities in the Sword Building is being prepared for the occasion. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to God for the generosity of Free Will Baptists every where who have made these facilities possible.

Please remember our educational cause to the Lord in earnest prayer and, because you love Him, abound yet more and more in your gifts of love and sacrifice.

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## BIBLE CONFERENCE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

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By Rev. L. R. Ennis, President

A spiritual feast of unusual proportions is in store for those who attend our Bible Conference this year. The college chapel is fully equipped and is amply commodious for the occasion. We have felt from the beginning of the college movement that the material element should be taken into serious account in planning the environment of students who might attend the college year after year. Our administration building commands the respect of any observer, and we have been guided by this same attitude in the choice and equipment of our second building. Everyone will recognize this fact on entering the new college chapel. It is ideally furnished and is really beautiful.

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of 50 cents a meal and 50 cents a day for lodging in the college buildings will be required. For guests who lodge in the homes of Free Will Baptist friends in Nashville and guests assigned to rooms in other homes, rooming houses, and hotels, there can be no specific rate quoted. We are already registering the names of those who expect to attend the conference, and would advise that reservations be made as early as possible. Merely write us and state when you expect to arrive, how long you will stay, and how many are in your party, also whether men or women. We are not in a position to take care of children in the college buildings; therefore, guests who must bring their children with them will necessarily find lodging and meals outside the institution..

The program will conform largely to precedents already established. A full schedule of addresses from 8 o'clock in the morning until 12:30 and a great missionary service in the evening will comprise the daily order. The afternoon of each day will be open for board meetings. The trustees of the college will hold their

annual meeting on Thursday, April 11, and other boards, including the Executive Committee of the General Board, may feel free to elect their own time for meetings.

Expansion is the order of the day. The Bible college and every other enterprise of the National Association, is steadily growing. Every sincere servant of the cause of Christ among Free Will Baptists should peal out a hearty AMEN and praise God from whom all blessings flow. We are particularly concerned that all officers and workers of every rank avail themselves of the blessings that are sure to attend the Bible Conference. If any among us is in need of greater confidence in the program of the denomination or his zeal for fundamental Christianity is in any measure abated, the Bible Conference, with its manifold blessings and inspiration, would doubtless revive his faltering devotion and restore his song of joy and triumph.

#### COME TO THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Write for reservations now. Watch your church papers for further announcements.

## REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, STANDING OF STATES

As Relates to College Expansion Program  
By Rev. J. R. Davidson, Treasurer-Business Manager

Realizing the importance of keeping our people posted relative to progress being made in meeting the 1946 quotas of the allotments to the several states associated with our national program, I commit the following statement of the standing of each state as of February 1, 1946.

State	Paid July 1 to December 31, 1945	1946-Quota Plus Unpaid 1945-quota	Paid Jan. 1946	Present Standing
Alabama	\$269.60	\$2230.40	\$81.50	\$2148.90
Arkansas	10.00			
Florida	412.50	837.50	15.50	822.00
Georgia	904.96	2845.04	66.00	2779.04
Illinois	143.30	2356.70	65.50	2291.20
Kentucky	528.45	1346.55	2.50	1343.05
Kansas	6.00		26.00	
Michigan	236.00	2264.00	190.78	2073.22
Missouri	461.18	4538.82	111.50	4427.32
Mississippi	150.00	1145.50	43.18	1102.32
North Carolina	5491.99	4508.01	216.65	4291.36
Ohio	98.00	2402.00	15.00	2387.00
Oklahoma	130.75	2369.25	31.00	2338.25
South Carolina	1414.68	1085.32	56.00	1029.32
Tennessee	977.64	5272.36	405.45	4866.91

Texas	582.15	1917.05	30.14	1886.91
Virginia	29.50	1845.50	2.00	1843.50
West Virginia	133.12	1116.88	32.57	1084.31
Totals	\$11661.52	\$38081.88	\$1391.27	\$37214.61

A very fine law to govern us in making progress in any activity of life is that of profiting by passed experiences. Should there be states whose leaders are not satisfied with their present status relative to the progress being made in raising the quotas allotted for 1945 and 1946, I would like to pass on a statement of experience thus far in achieving the goal. It has been pointed out already that the two Carolinas went well over the top in 1945; and, that one contributing factor was found in the fact that a great many organizations and individuals in these states were giving systematically through the annual endowment plan. Some special effort has been made during the past few weeks in the state of Missouri and the annual endowment check plan was recommended. Many organizations and individuals responded to the appeal and Missouri is bidding fair to make a splendid showing during 1946 above that of 1945. Leaders in our churches who are really anxious to bring their states up to par will do well to introduce and emphasize the use of the annual endowment. I shall be happy to answer any inquiries and furnish necessary materials to aid in the prosecution of your plans.

I am, also enclosing in this report a financial statement of receipts and disbursements for January.

#### Receipts For January, 1946

Alabama	\$81.50
Florida	15.00
Georgia	66.00
Illinois	65.50
Kansas	26.00
Kentucky	3.50
Michigan	190.78
Mississippi	43.18
Missouri	111.50
North Carolina	216.65
Ohio	15.00
Oklahoma	31.00
South Carolina	56.00
Tennessee	403.45
Texas	30.14
Virginia	2.00
West Virginia	32.57
Students' Textbooks	48.25
Students' Room and Board	990.39
Students' Fees	633.00
Freshman Class of 1945-46	2.32
Unified Program, By Rev. R. B. Crawford	400.00
Rent From Swords' Building	70.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	9.15
Total	\$3545.38

#### Disbursements for January 1946

Room Rent	\$25.00
Groceries	53.39
Heat, Lights, Water, etc.	29.13
Telephone	10.58
Maintenance, Equipment	160.94
Salaries	950.00

Kitchen and Household Supplies .....	21.67
Promotional Services .....	200.00
Withholding Tax .....	199.87
Books .....	7.87
Miscellaneous .....	29.00
Total Disbursements .....	31687.45

## MISSOURI HAS A PART

Having been permitted to receive training in the Free Will Baptist Bible College and thereby merit a diploma for having satisfactory passed the courses offered as a means of preparing Christian Workers for rendering fruitful Christian service. I have felt the impact of a sincere desire to render some helpful service in the promotion of the interests of this wonderful institution.

It was my privilege to serve several days in the latter part of 1945 in an itinerate among some of the churches in the state of Missouri in an effort to promote this phase of our cause, however weather conditions forced a delay of such effort for the remainder of the severe winter months. This being true I propose to redeem the time by using the mail in the communication of a message to the leaders of our churches in the state. I feel that it is well within my privilege to render this type of service, by virtue of my official connection with the State Association of Missouri, and on the authority of the Treasurer of the Bible College, Rev. J. R. Davidson. Feeling thus authorized I come to you in the deepest of sincerity of which I am capable on behalf of our Bible College.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

We feel certain that Missouri Free Will Baptists are proud of the progress made thus far in the Free Will Baptists Bible College, and that they are looking forward with great anticipation into the future in the development of this institution. The Lord is blessing in a marvelous manner.

The Expansion Program is progressing nicely in some sections of our denominat-

ion; although maximum possibilities haven't been reached. Missouri's standing relative to the expansion program is as follows: Paid from July to December 1945 \$461.18, unpaid balance for 1945—\$1538.82 quota for 1946, \$4558.82 (this includes the original 1946 quota plus the unpaid balance for 1945). Total allotment, \$10,000. In most cases the allotment amounts to approximately \$1.00 per capita. Missouri's may run a bit higher than this, however our state, with Michigan and Illinois have received greater proportions of benefits in that a larger number of students receiving training have been our own. Therefore, a greater degree of responsibility in supporting the Free Will Baptist Bible College rests upon our shoulders.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." (Acts 20:28) Come on, pastors, lay the matter before your people and let Missouri go over the top in the Expansion Program. Your churches will respond to their leadership. God is depending upon you to guide your people. "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Ti. 4:12).

The Annual Endowment Plan works well in Sunday Schools, leagues, auxiliaries, churches and quarterly meetings; and for individuals as a means of constant and equitable support to the Bible College. Public offerings and personal gifts of any amount are desirable at all times.

Accept the admonition of Paul to Titus as a challenge to the support of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, "in all things shew thyself a pattern of good works" The State Unified offerings are fine, but they will not meet the \$4538.82 for Missouri's 1946 quota in the Expansion Program. Come on, ministers, let's reach our goal!

Marie Hyatt

# MISSOURI STATE TREASURER REPORT

Marie Hyatt

January

## State Unified Fund

Garfield Church	\$4.49
Fredricktown Church	66.50
Fredricktown Woman's Auxiliary	2.00
Aurora Church	3.84
Leadington Sunday School	3.95
Mine LaNotte Church	4.38
Flat River Church	48.82
Berkeley City Church	5.00
Macedonia Church	2.11
Ralph T. Hoyt	8.00
Monett Church	17.45
Monett Womans' Auxiliary	6.00
Fredricktown Church	30.23
St. Louis Southside F. W. B. Church	25.15
Total	\$222.42

## Foreign Missions

Philadelphia S. S.	\$6.05
Granby F. W. B. Church	24.15
Mrs. Eunice Edwards	2.00
John W. Adkins	25.00
Fowler Union S. S.	6.87
Cecil Campbel	5.00
Amity Church	16.50
J. K. Stephens	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hyatt	1.00
Providence League	7.00
Golden Oak S. S.	6.13
Myrtle League	22.00
Macedonia Church	11.44
Ralph T. Hoyt	8.00
Buffalo S. S.	3.00
Monett Church	13.65
Hannon Church	31.05
Union Light S. S.	17.89
Hickory Grove Church	1.77
Wheaton M. E. Church	17.61
Jewell Church	6.90
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Potts	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Montgomery	6.00
Blue Eye Church	7.70
Mrs. Len Carter	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lewis	5.00
Independence Church	38.89
Hannon Church	5.00
Rock Chapel Church	17.48
Shibley's Point Church	1.00
Mt. Olive Church	4.29
Total	\$330.37

**\$50,000 Co-Laborer Band Fund**

Ralph T. Hoyt .....	\$8.00
Mrs. C. O. Baker .....	1.00
Total .....	\$9.00

**Jehoida Chest Fund**

Golden Oak S. S. ....	\$4.00
Macedonia Church .....	3.00
Copper Mines Church .....	1.00
Total .....	\$8.00

**Jeep Fund**

St. Louis Third F. W. B. Sunday School .....	\$21.00
Mill Creek S. S. and League .....	10.00
Berkeley City Womans' Auxiliary .....	5.00
Triumphant S. S. Convention .....	5.00
Independence Church .....	12.76
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lewis .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hyatt .....	1.00
Total .....	\$59.76

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. J. O. Fort      Sec. & Treas.  
808 W. 27th. St.    Bryan, Texas

Semi-Annual, July 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

Balance brought forward from June 30, 1945 ..... \$1955.75

**Receipts:**

7-1-45—F. S. Van Hoose, from Unified Program .....	\$208.34
7-6-45—C. L. Kilgore, Va. State Board .....	79.90
7-21-45—F. C. Zinn, Mo. State Board .....	19.50
7-31-45—Ralph Lightsey, Premium, on Policy .....	6.78
8-21-45—M. L. Johnson, Premium for N. C. State Board .....	8.41
8-31-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board .....	27.44
9-1-45—R. B. Crawford, from Unified Program .....	200.00
9-12-45—Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting, W. Va. ....	2.00
9-12-45—J. C. Clark, Oklahoma .....	6.00
10-25-45—Cecil Campbell, Missouri .....	25.00
10-25-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board .....	16.59
10-25-45—R. B. Crawford, from Unified Program .....	150.00
10-25-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board .....	9.91
12-4-45—Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Ala. State Board .....	18.46
12-4-45—M. L. Johnson, N. C. State Board .....	315.95
Total Receipts, December 31, 1945 .....	\$1094.28
Total Credit, December 31, 1945 .....	\$3050.03

**Disbursements:**

7-7-45—Secretarial Service .....	\$10.00
7-26-45—M. L. C. U., Preiums for Mo. State Board .....	39.50
7-25-45—Secretarial Service .....	10.00
8-20-45—F. C. Zinn, Traveling Expense .....	25.00
9-11-45—R. B. Crawford, Promotional Dept. of N. A. ....	100.00

9-11-45— M. L. C. U., Premium on Policy .....	16.82
10-16-45—Secretarial Service .....	15.00
10-16-45—M. L. C. U., Premium on Policy .....	19.81
11-24-45—Cash for stamps and supplies .....	5.00
11-24-45—Secretarial Service .....	10.00
11-2-45—R. B. Crawford, Promotional Department of N. A. ....	50.00
Total Disbursed, 12-31-45 .....	\$301.13
Balance on Hand 12-31-45 .....	\$2748.90

J. O. Fort

As we come to the close of the first half of this National Association year, we observe with a great deal of satisfaction the fact that our people in the several states are showing increased interest in National Superannuation. The offering during this period has been much greater than in other six months of the program's history. We have noticed an increase in the contributions from states which have been giving to this cause, while at the same time our roll is growing through active participation on the part of the new states. Therefore in the light of this verifying response, we are in a position to emphasize the fact that we still have, in all allocations, approximately forty policies which have not been taken including twenty-five policies designated by the Board in its last session to be awarded to the first application reaching the National Office without regard for state lines. We now have sufficient funds on hand together with anticipated increased contributions from the states that we may urge our ministers to apply for policies with the Board. The protection and security of the program will make it easier for them to give themselves unreservedly unto the service of the Lord knowing that provision is made for both their families and themselves when they are forced to retire from active duty.

## CHURCH NEWS



### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Dear Bro. Dees and Gem Readers:

Many of you will remember an article in the May 1945 issue of the Gem stating plans of the Third Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, to raise \$1,300.00 for the purpose of retiring the indebtedness on our present church property; pictured on front cover of this issue. The following is a brief history of the work and operation of the Free Will Baptist in the city of St. Louis, Mo., leading up to the present work, and a report of the program to raise the \$1,300.00.

#### The First Mission:

The First Free Will Baptist Mission was organized the second Sunday in June, 1926, in the home of Bro. J. R. Hughes. With seven members, under the direction of the late Rev. W. C. Hill who has gone on to reap the reward the Lord has in

store for all those who love and serve Him. The members named were Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, Bro. and Sister J. R. Hughes in whose home the Mission was organized. Bro. Hughes was later to become a deacon and fill a very active part in all the work in the city. He too has gone to his reward. Bro. Henry Rice, Rev. J. R. Henderson, Sister Henry Rice. These seven began the work in a commercial building at 611 Rutger St.

#### The First Church:

The First Free Will Baptist Church as would be expected came from the efforts of this group organizing the First Mission. It was organized in the above mentioned building at 611 Rutger St., February 27th, 1927. With Rev. W. C. Hill pastor, and a charter membership of 44. Bro. Hill was the pastor for four and one half years. Then resigned to go in evangelistic work, Rev. Chas. Miller was elect-

ed to fill the unexpired term. Rev. Buchanan was later to serve as pastor. The church moved to 1301 Park Ave., December 19, 1930.

#### The Second Church:

I have been unable to locate the history of the second church. All that I have been able to find is from a back issue of the Gem, dated April 1929, giving place of worship as 4301 North Broadway, and under the direction of Rev. Hilliar, bearing the name of the Macedonia Gospel Tabernacle of Free Will Baptist, this organization was short lived.

#### Mission Number Three:

Mission Number Three was begun September 22, 1932 at 1405 South 7th St. with twenty charter members branching off from the first church at 1301 Park Ave. and also was begun under the direction of the late Rev. W. C. Hill as pastor, and Rev. Chas. Miller assistant pastor. This being in the time of the great depression the Mission entered into the field of relief work and evangelism combined, and did a great work for the Lord. Then on May 4, 1933 it was organized into a full fledged Free Will Baptist Church by the St. Francois Co. Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist and took membership in the same. The church was organized in the name of Third Free Will Baptist Church, which name it still bears. Rev. Hill served as pastor from the organization of the work, at the above mentioned date, until in July 1938. When due to ill health he was forced to give up the active ministry. At which date the writer, Rev. Mark Lewis was elected pastor. I assumed the duties of pastor the first Sunday in August 1938 and still serving at the date of this writing.

Then in the spring of 1939 the church moved to the present location, renting the building for \$25.00 per month, thus we rented until May 20th, 1943 when we purchased the building for the amount of \$3,700.00 making a down payment of \$700. The balance to be paid in monthly installments, these installments were to run through a period of ten years; then April 17, 1945 we began a program to pay the building off completely by January 1, 1946. We had some money in a building fund, but needed \$1300.00 to make full payment and free the building from debt. I have

never seen faith and action bring the blessing of the Lord in a more visible way in all my 15 years in the ministry. The amount of \$1300.00 was reached November the 4, 1945. In six months and sixteen days the Lord gave us the \$1300.00 and we still planned to run the program on until January 1, 1946. Thus the total amount raised in the period from April to January was \$1680.00. The final payment of \$2190.60 was made November 13, 1945. Thus the building you see on the front of this issue of the Gem is the first property the Free Will Baptists have ever owned in the city of St. Louis. It is a one story brick commercial building converted to and dedicated to a church building for the Lord. It has a full sized basement and seven very nice class rooms which we built since purchasing the property. All told, with purchase price and the cost of remodeling the building, we have approximately \$5500.00 invested in it. We realize that this is a mere beginning and are looking forward to having a real church building that will be a credit to our beloved denomination and to the Lord. We earnestly solicit your prayers that we may go on for Him.

In closing, let me state that the first and second Free Will Baptist churches of the city of St. Louis have ceased to exist and at present there are three churches in the city and vicinity, they are: Third Free Will Baptist, 1330 Geyer Ave.; South Side Free Will Baptist, 5418 Idaho Ave. and First Free Will Baptist of Berkeley City, Mo.

Pray for us all that we may go on for the Lord, conquering in His Great Name.

Rev. Mark Lewis

#### ST. LOUIS, MO.

We are happy to report that the Lord is still blessing us in our church. The attendance is good, we have our League on Sunday night at 6:30 and our attendance is very good for which we thank the Lord. Sunday morning February 17th the young people will have charge of the morning service both Sunday School and church and I must say they really know how to carry on God's work. We hear so many say that the young people of today is the church of tomorrow. Thank the Lord for the youth that is so willing to take hold



of the Lord's work and carry on. I would like to say that we have the six point system in our Sunday School and every one is taking hold and working. Everyone is staying for church services for which we surely thank the Lord. I would like to say to all the Gem readers that when you are in St. Louis our church is the South Side church at 5418 Idaho. Please visit us, you are welcome at all times. Sunday night February 17 we are having the Lord's supper and feet washing. We ask the Gem readers to all remember us in their prayers that we will all be found doing the will of our Lord and that we may be up and about our Father's business and work for the night cometh when no man can work. Remember us when you pray.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill pastor  
Sis. McCauley, reporter

### BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA

To the Gem Readers:

Greetings from the Bristow Free Will Baptist. We are glad to report from our church. We are still striving to reach the goal. The Lord has blessed us wonderful, sent us a spiritual praying pastor, Bro. and Sister Dalton. He has been serving our country for three years and a half, just got out a few months ago. Pray for us, we are now starting out on a new year we want to do more for the Lord the coming years than the past. We are having good services, Sunday School good and Wednesday night prayer service is good, we hope and pray it will continue on. Some of the ladies of our church met at the church Feb. the 7th, 1946 with our District President, Sister Hamilton from Tulsa, Okla. and reorganized the Womans' Auxilliary. We had to elect another president, our president is Sister Lena Alexander.

1st Vice President—Sister Freeda Hill  
2nd Vice President—Sis. Ellen Johns  
3rd Vice President—Sis. Lillie Hutson  
4th Vice President—Sis. Dove Brown  
5th Vice President—Sis. Jaunita Dobson  
Treasurer—Sis. Ann Robinett  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Lula Wiley

The ladies plan to meet every Thursday at the church at 2 o'clock until we get started again, we desire your prayers that we may grow stronger and continue in the Lord's work, pray for our church and mem-

bers that we will be one.

Lula Wiley

### WHITTINGTON, ILLINOIS

This is our first time to send in a report of our church. We have as fine a little country church as is to be found any where. We have full time services every Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Young Peoples' Meeting every Sunday at 6:45. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night. We have a membership of about 140. A fine Sunday School attendance, also the Womans' Auxilliary of the church. People come here to hear the word of God preached, they come for miles around, they seem hungry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Saviour, and we do have some of the best preaching to be heard any where. We want to ask all Christians every where to pray for us. We feel and believe in prayer, because Jesus said to pray without ceasing, therefore let us obey the command.

Our pastor is Rev. W. R. Burton. We have four other ordained ministers in our church. May God's blessings be upon all churches is my prayer.

George W. Wilson

### CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As reporter for the First California Association, I am writing this letter about our work in California.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Association met with the church at Firebaugh California, Feb. 1-2, 1946. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality of the church and its good pastor, Rev. Truman Huddleston. The Firebaugh church has a nice new pumicestone building. It is not yet finished, but they have accomplished a lot for a church just a year old that had nothing when organized.

The following churches were represented in the Quarterly Conference: Porterville, Turlock, Unity, Firebaugh, Kerman and a new church at Fowler, Calif. This new church reported that they had 22 members and had called Rev. Earl Jenson as pastor.

Rev. George McLain was moderator and Rev. Elza Dixon assistant moderator of

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# EDITORIAL

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## EVERY CHURCH MEMBER A WORKER

It is the duty of every member of a church to be active in some form of work calculated to build up and promote the interests of that church. But most of the work of the average church is done by a small fraction of the members. Perhaps people lack opportunity, or have not seriously thought of what they might do. Let us suggest some things every member might do, and some things particular members might do. Some things can be done by every member, and there are other things that require special adaptability or talent to do.

## EVERY MEMBER CAN GIVE MONEY

Every wage earner in the church can give money to promote the work, and many of the children can give something from what they earn or is given them as an allowance from their parents. It probably requires the least effort of anything in the way of church duties. Giving should be regular, systematic, and thoughtful. Some church members seem not to think of giving to the church until the usher is coming down the aisle with the basket. Then they hastily reach in their pocket for a coin, and seem satisfied they have done their duty by putting it in the basket. They thought nothing of it in advance, and did not think particularly about it afterward. Giving should be planned, thought of in advance, prayed over, and done as a duty to God. Every church member should give something every week. No one should be satisfied with giving less than a tithe of his wages, if a wage earner, or a tithe of his profits, if in business.

## EVERY MEMBER CAN BE REGULAR AND ON TIME

As a rule every local member of a church can attend regularly and be on time. Parents will get their children off to school five days a week on time and then come with their children to Sunday School and meeting one day a week, at a later hour than day schools take up. This shows lack of interest; it shows they consider the church services a secondary matter.

The excuses some people give for non-attendance at church would not be accepted as a legitimate excuse by a day school teacher. Every Sunday School officer, teacher, and class member on time makes a good Sunday School; and the same is true of the church service.

## EVERY MEMBER CAN PAY ATTENTION

It is the duty of every person who goes to church to stay awake and give attention to the preaching. Whispering, laughing over trifles, chewing gum, and listlessly looking around hinders the message taking effect. It is a church member's duty to pay attention and see that his family does the same. It is the best plan for families to sit together in preaching services, and parents see that their children are attentive and well behaved.

## EVERY MEMBER CAN JOIN IN SINGING

A person does not need to be a musician in order to join in singing the hymns of the church service. Do not wait to be urged by pastor or song leader to join in the singing. There is usually a book in every pew. Take it out and find the number and join your voice in the singing.

## EVERY MEMBER CAN UNITE IN PRAYER

By this we do not mean that every member and join your voice in the singing. But he can kneel if the pastor asks that people kneel, or bow his head in reverence and follow the petition of pastor or whoever is uttering prayer, and say "amen" if occasion makes it wise to do so.

Every member should respond to any request of the pastor. We have been grieved again and again when a pastor requests that people, crowded into the back seats, are asked to fill up the empty seats to the front of the church. It is seldom that they respond to that kind of a request except in the case of a few who respond. When people will not walk twenty feet to make a service better, it looks like disinterestedness, unless there are reasons that require their sitting to the back. How can a pastor believe they will do the much harder things he is going to preach, when they will not respond to so kindly

# GLEANINGS

By the Editor

and simple a request and one so easily responded to? We ought to have it on our hearts to do everything we can to make the service the best we can.

In addition to these things every member should be alert for opportunities to do something to make the church service better—greet visitors, invite people to church, visit the sick, say good things about the church and the pastor and teachers and officers, and say good things to them also.

## SOME HARDER THINGS TO DO

For reasons it is hard to explain it is difficult for the average Christian to personally approach a person to inquire as to their relation to God. But those who have ventured to do so to the best of their ability have been made a blessing and often have won souls for the Lord. It undoubtedly takes some tact for a person to successfully undertake personal work in this way. But it is better to do it awkwardly than not to do it at all. Persons whose souls yearn over the lost will find some way to reach them. The lack on these lines is ordinarily lack of burden for the lost.

## STUDY TO DEVISE WAYS TO WORK

We have not mentioned nearly all the ways in which every church member can help his church. But every member should get it on his heart to do something. Why not go to the Lord in prayer, and like Saul when the Lord arrested him on the Damascus road, say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Volunteer to do something. Put yourself in the Lord's hands for service, and watch His providences to open opportunities to do something for the cause. Be earnest, be aggressive, do something, let the world know there is a live church in your town. Hand out a tract, speak to a soul, pray in homes encourage the weak, glorify the Lord, be ready to every good work.

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Christianity can live without democracy, but democracy cannot live without Christianity.

**GAVE \$1,000 AND HIMSELF.** A Major who had just returned from Germany, expressed in a material way his gratitude to God for sparing his life by giving \$1,000 to a church he was visiting one Sunday morning. That evening he gave his heart to Christ and publicly confessed Him as Saviour and King. That was a far greater gift than the \$1,000 which he gave at the morning service.—Watchman-Examiner. (But who said that it didn't pay to hold the church open on Sunday evening?)

Christ deserves your best, which is yourself.

"I am not much of a 'mathematician,'" said the cigarette, "but I can ADD to a man's nervous trouble, I can SUBTRACT from his physical energy, I can MULTIPLY his aches and pains, I can DIVIDE his mental powers, I take INTEREST from his work, and DISCOUNT his chances for success."

In Ingersoll's day they called Modernists by their right name—infidels, and eliminated them from pulpits. Now they are given positions of leadership in many Church denominations.

He dropped a quarter in the plate,  
Then meekly raised his eyes;  
Glad that his weekly rent was paid  
To mansions in the skies.

We put our hands in our pockets, feel for a nickel to put on the collection plate, and then wonder why the world isn't saved.

Said a skeptic to a Christian: "George, what would you say, if when you die, you found there was no heaven after all?" The believer replied with a smile: "I should say—well, I've had a fine time trying to get there, anyway. But Fred, what will you say, if when you die, you find there is a hell?"

Sin goes deep, but Christ goes deeper.

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the meeting. There were 16 ministers present.

Rev. D. J. Rowlett, Granville Muncrief, W. M. Johnson, Elza Dixon, Geo. McLain, R. L. Groves, W. L. Livingston, Argyle Wickware preached during the sessions.

The Quarterly Conference made progress Two important things were passed. One was that each church tithe from their treasury into the associational treasury for the building of new churches and evangelistic work. During the discussion of this plan the presence of the Lord was so felt that one minister said he would be afraid to vote against it. God was really in the service.

Another good move was passed. There was \$282 paid and \$600 pledged to be paid in the next three months on a tabernacle which will be used at the discretion of the Executive Board in establishing new churches.

The ministers voted to have a minister and deacons conference at Kerman, Calif. beginning Friday night March 29th and continuing through Sunday.

On Friday afternoon after business adjourned a young preacher, Argyle Wickware of the Firebaugh Church preached on the "Miracles of God". Bro. Wickware sixteen years old, had only been saved about a month, but God is sure blessing him. After he finished his message, his uncle, Truman Huddleston and his grandfather W. A. Huddleston concluded the service. It was an unusual service.

The Conference adjourned until the annual session which will convene with the Kerman Church at Kerman, Calif., beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in May.

We desire your prayers for the work in California.

Winnie McLain

PORTERVILLE, CALIF.

Dear Gem. Family:

May God bless you each and all, the Porterville Church is still on the upward grade. We hope to have our parsonage and Sunday School rooms ready for use in the near future.

We have a singing school under way at the present time, directed by Bro. Austin

Williams of the Vaughn music co., a very able teacher and a man of God.

Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Evans has been doing some wonderful preaching. Last Sunday evening the message was chiefly to the young people and really had great value and was received in the spirit of love as it was also sent.

It is not necessary for me to report on the Quarterly Meeting held last week at the Firebaugh Church as the Association Clerk was authorized to take care of that. But I do want to say that I was blessed with the privilege of attending the entire conference and greatly enjoyed it. I met several old friends and several new ones whom I hope to get better acquainted with in the near future.

We covet your prayers and your presence when it is convenient with you.

Rev. Ralph Geiger, Reporter

WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings from the Wewoka Church. We are glad for what the Lord has done for us. Our church continues to progress. We are having good services each Sunday. Our Sunday School attendance has increased much since we purchased a Sunday School bus. It has averaged bringing thirty people each Sunday. Our League is doing good, average 35 each Sunday. The Ladies' Auxiliary is fair. We are not only trying to promote God's work here but we are sending our money elsewhere to help carry on His work. We send \$100.00 per month to these various phases: \$60.00 to our State Orphanage, Ringling, Okla.; \$10 to Mission Association; \$10.00 to Foreign Missions; \$10.00 to Bible College; \$10.00 to Superannuation. Our church is 90% tithers. When we bought our bus all but \$100.00 was raised in offerings of the \$850 Pray for us that God will get glory out of what we do.

Reporter, Nellie Myers  
Pastor, Rev. Orbin Doss

WHITTINGTON, ILLINOIS

Dear Gem Readers:

We send greetings to Auxiliary workers from Rescue church at Whittington, Ill. We met Jan. 18, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Conner for our first meeting of the

new year. We had 15 members present and 4 visitors, we have an enrollment of 26 with 14 active members. After studying chapter seven in our manual we had an interesting lesson from our year book. After our secretary's report, our president Sister Fronie Burton asked that each Vice present some time during the coming year a study course covering her office.

Our collection for our meeting was \$16 and we voted to give it to "Jeep for Dodds" Fund.

Request had come in for special prayer for our women, then we closed our meeting with new determination in our hearts to be better Auxiliary workers in the coming year. Remember us when you pray.

Rescue Womans' Aux.  
Bertha Burton, Cor. Sec'y.  
Rev. W. R. Burton, pastor

### LEAGUE RALLY

Dear Gem Readers:

We of the First Okla. Association League Rally would like to report of the grand meetings we are still having.

Our last Rally, which was December 30, 1945 was held at Paden, Okla. We were truly happy to have several of our boys, who were in the service to be with us. There was approximately eighty five members present, six boys with discharge buttons and two that was still in uniform.

Services began at 10:30 a.m.. Our business meeting was taken care of and the devotional service was turned to Bro. Gene Fry of Shawnee, Okla., who is still in service.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham of New Bethelham gave an inspiring message on "Sowing and Reaping". The Lord was surely with him as he brought the message. There was one soul at the altar for prayer. In the afternoon service talks were given by our State League Evangelist, Rev. Rea-ford Wilson of Lexington, Okla.

A reading "A Solitary Life" was given by Bro. Gene Fry of Shawnee, Okla.

Bro. Eugene Sankster of Earlsboro, Okla. gave a very interesting account of his visit to Palestine.

Okla. City Senior League presented a play "The Prodigal Son", which won the program banner.

There were members representing the fol-

lowing leagues: Okla. City, Shawnee, Spring Hill, Pleasant Hill, New Bethelham and Paden; also some visitors from the Center Association, Okla. City league also won the attendance banner.

We need your prayers for the Okla. Association Leaguers, that we will work harder, and that we will do the things the Lord has for us to do.

Rev. Harry E. Stairs, Sponsor  
Bro. E. C. Ketchem, President  
Sister Jewell Barnett, Corr. Sec.

### HOME MISSION REPORT

Our first month as Home Missionary has proven to be one of the most joyous experiences in my ministry.

We had our first service at Weatherford Bro. Allie Ferguson is pastor and doing a fine work. The service here was on a week night, but was well attended. The following Sunday we were with Bro. Conner in the First Church in Dallas. There we found a warm reception and enjoyed a good service. At the close of the service the entire church covenanted to co-operate in every way in the work to get churches in our towns and cities. For the evening service we went to Trinity church in Ft. Worth and there found the pastor, Bro. Sutton and his church ready to give us a fine reception and had good response to the message. The congregation promised both the Lord and each other that they were going to give themselves wholeheartedly to the work which we have undertaken. In all, we had a great service with our Moderator and his good church. Our next service was with the Denison First Church, we received another great blessing from the Lord, the church along with the pastor had a fine attitude toward the work, and as is always the case when people take the right attitude, God wonderfully blessed in the service pouring out his blessings in a great way. From here we went to Henderson to be with Bro. Barney Grant in his churches, namely: Compton, First Church at Harper; Campbell Hill and New Hope. Bro. Grant is enthusiastically working with his people and they are co-operating with him in a lovely way. His churches were greatly pleased that we had undertaken the work in which we are now engaged. In all of these churches we had good services. In

some of them there was great rejoicing in the Lord and to our own joy the pastor seemed to be about the happiest one. Since Fellowship Church is in this same community the pastor, Bro. Harper thought it better for us to visit it while here, which we did and found another group of people who are certainly interested in the work. They accepted the responsibility of doing what they could for the work. Next we went to Clayton and was there for both services Sunday. We had another warm reception and very profitable services.

From here we went to Bryan to meet

with our Home Mission Board when we were able to make a report which not only pleased the members of the Board but caused rejoicing and a prayer of thanksgiving.

The offerings which I received for January total \$214.10 or \$40.00 more than the expense. Since January is one of the worst months we think, and your Home Mission Board said they thought this very fine.

Again I say I have had one of my most happy experiences in the Master's Service.

C. B. Thompson, Texas State Home Missionary.



## Missionary Department



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

### THE NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD INCORPORATED

The National Foreign Mission Board is now an incorporation, and as such we are in a position to grant Power of Attorney to a Free Will Baptist representative on any foreign field where in the wisdom of the Board and the National Association it may seem wise to do so. It is in this way that we may acquire and hold legal title to property in other lands. We never could legally do so in every sense of the word without the Board becoming an Incorporation. No Missionary on the field can represent the Board in legal transactions without being granted Power of Attorney by the Board and the Board cannot legally grant Power of Attorney without first becoming an Incorporation.

As the law is that an Incorporation must be formed under the laws of some state and as the Free Will Baptist National Headquarters will in all probability become more centralized in the city of Nashville as years go by we therefore deemed it wise to incorporate under the laws of the state of Tennessee.

Though the Foreign Mission Board is

now an Incorporation let this be common knowledge among our people everywhere that the Board has no more ultimate authority than before. We are just as answerable to the National Association for all our transactions as ever we have been. We are yet just as we have always been only a servant of the National Body by which the various National Boards are created. All property which this Board may acquire and hold is not for this Board as such but is for the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

Following is an exact reprint of the Charter and By-Laws of this Incorporation:

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### CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

Be it known that the Rev. Winford Davis, Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Rev. C. B. Thompson and Rev. Raymond Riggs, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of: The Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Said Corporation, the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, shall be governed,

controlled and supervised by the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

The purpose of this Corporation is to promote, carry on and maintain Foreign Missionary Work according to the tenets and doctrines of the Free Will Baptists of the United States, and all other purposes incident thereto, and as a subordinate body of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States.

The general purpose of this Corporation is embraced in Section 4146, Sub-section (1) of the Code of Tennessee as follows:

"The support of public worship, the building and maintenance of churches, parsonages, schools, hospitals, chapels and such other religious, educational or benevolent institutions as may be necessary or proper to the work of missionary bodies in the United States, or in any foreign Country, and the maintenance of all missionary undertakings."

The purpose of this corporation is the general welfare and not profit, and any income derived therefrom shall not be paid in dividends to any person, but shall be used only for the purposes herein set out.

The persons named in this Charter of Incorporation shall be members of and constitute the first Board of Trustees or Board of Directors of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and they shall hold office until such time as their successors, or the successors of any of them, have been chosen by the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America. The said Trustees or incorporators shall, within a convenient period of time after the registration of this Charter in the Office of the Secretary of State, elect from their number a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, the latter two officers being combined at the option of the Board.

The National Association shall have the power and right to remove from office at will any and all directors or trustees of the Board of Foreign Missions, for any cause, reason, or condition deemed valid or expedient to the interests, purposes, and progress of the said Board of Foreign Missions, and to elect successors to those who may thus be removed.

The number of directors of this corporation may be increased to any number, not exceeding fifteen, as may be determined by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, which Association shall have authority to prescribe the terms of office and prescribe the manner of electing members to fill vacancies that may arise in such Board of Directors, when, either by death or resignation, the said membership of Board of Directors shall become vacant before the expiration of the term for which said number was elected.

The general powers of this Corporation shall be to sue and be sued by its corporate name, contract and be contracted with; to have and use a common seal, which it may alter at pleasure; and if no common seal is adopted or provided for, then the signature of the corporation by any duly authorized officer shall be legal and binding; to purchase and hold, and to receive by gifts, bequests, personal property in any amount, real estate in any amount, money, choses in action or other things of value; and in addition to personal property owned, held or received by the corporation, it may purchase and hold all real estate necessary for the purposes of the corporation and may own or hold any real or personal estate which may be given, devised, or bequeathed to the corporation, the same to be held and used for carrying on the corporate purposes; to purchase or accept real estate in payment of any debt due the corporation, and sell the same; to borrow money to be used in payment for property bought by the corporation, for erecting buildings and making improvements; and for other purposes germane to the objects of the corporation, and to secure by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust upon the property, and funds owned by it the repayment of money borrowed; to accept, hold and manage as Trustee, any property, money or effects bequeathed or devised to it for any special purpose germane to the objects of the corporation; to make, by and through its directors all by-laws and regulations necessary and deemed expedient for the management of its corporate affairs, and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, or the State of Tennessee, and not contrary to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Association of

Free Will Baptists of the United States, with which it is affiliated and by which it may be controlled.

The purpose of the organization of this corporation is for the general welfare, and not for profit, and any income derived therefrom shall not be paid out in dividends to any person or corporation, but shall be used for the general welfare purposes, and only for the purposes of said Board or committee herein expressly provided for.

The corporation, through its Directors or Trustees, shall have power to alter at will, revise or amend the by-laws of the corporation, provided that the proposed alteration, revision or amendment shall not be contrary to the terms and conditions of this Charter, the Constitution, rules and regulations of the National Association, nor the laws of the State of Tennessee.

The means, assets, income, or other property of the corporation shall not be employed directly or indirectly, for any other purpose whatever than to accomplish the legitimate objects of its creation, and by no implication shall it engage in any kind of trade operation, or hold any more real estate than is necessary for its legitimate purposes.

In all elections held by the directors or trustees of the corporation, each member shall be entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy, and the result shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Due notice of any election must be by advertisement in a newspaper, personal notice to the members, or a day stated on the Minutes of the Board, not less than one month preceding the election.

Each Trustee shall hold membership with a regular Free Will Baptist Church that belongs to a District or State Association, which is affiliated with the National Association.

The directors or Trustees of the corporation shall keep a record of all its proceedings, which shall be at all times subject to the inspection of any member of the Corporation.

This Charter may be hereafter amended subject to the provisions contained herein and the laws of the State of Tennessee. It is provided, however, that the directors or Trustees shall not propose or apply for any amendment, which has not been pre-

viously authorized by an act of the National Association.

## BY-LAWS

### SECTION I—OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall, at each Annual Meeting, elect the following officers: A Chairman, who may also bear the title 'President', a Vice Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer. Said officers shall hold office for one year and until a successor or successors be elected. All officers shall be members of the Board except the Assistant-Treasurer, who may or may not be a member of the Board. In event of the death or removal or resignation of any of said officers, a successor or successors may be elected by the Board to complete such unexpired term or terms.

### SECTION II—JURISDICTION

The Board shall have the entire management of all Foreign Mission interests fostered by the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the U. S., but the management of said interests by the Board shall be in accordance with the provisions of its Charter, and the Constitutional provisions now in effect or hereafter adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States.

### SECTION III—MEETINGS

(1) Annual Meetings of the Board shall be in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, which shall be the principal or home office, during the month of April of each year. Written notice of the Annual Meetings shall be mailed to all members of the Board at least one month in advance of the meeting.

(2) Special Meetings of the Board may be held at any time upon request of the Chairman. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to also call Special Meetings upon written request of three members of the Board, provided that a written notice, stating the object for which such special meeting is called, shall be mailed to the proper address of each member of the Board at least one month in advance of such special meeting. Three members of the Board must be present in order to constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business.



## SECTION IV—THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board when present; if absent, the Vice Chairman shall preside, and if neither is present, those members present shall choose a Chairman Pro Tem from their number, who shall preside and otherwise discharge the duties as Chairman at such meeting.

## SECTION V—TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all funds coming to the Board, and shall keep a faithful and accurate set of books showing all receipts and disbursements. He shall be custodian of all deeds, surety bonds, and all other valuable papers and documents of the Board, and shall submit, as often as is required by the Board, a statement showing the status of all funds in his possession; and he shall also prepare and submit an Annual Financial Statement to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

All of the foregoing duties of the Treasurer may be performed by the Assistant Treasurer in the discretion of, and under the supervision of the Treasurer. The Board may, in its discretion, require either or both the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer to execute a surety bond (in such amount as the Board requires) for the faithful performance of his, her or their duties.

## SECTION VI—SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Board, and be custodian of the Minutes and proceedings of the Board and of its Committees, and such other documents as may be committed to him.

## SECTION VII

All conveyances of real property and contracts pertaining thereto, as well as any other contracts or instruments, including Powers of Attorney, shall be executed by the Chairman in the name of the Corporation, provided the Board of Directors has, by previous resolution, authorized the execution of the deed, or conveyance, contract, power of attorney, or other instrument; provided further however, that the Chairman or President, may on behalf of the Corporation, accept, sign and acknowledge on behalf of the Corporation, any deed of conveyance of real property to the

Corporation without any previous resolution authorizing him so to do.

## SECTION VIII

All questions shall be determined by viva voce vote, a majority of those present being sufficient to determine any action, except as provided in Section XI hereof.

## SECTION IX

The following shall be the regular order of business:

- (1) Prayer; (2) Calling the Roll; (3) Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting; (4) Unfinished business; (5) Communications from the Secretary and Treasurer; (6) Reports of Standing Committees; (7) Reports of Special Committees; (8) Miscellaneous and New Business; (9) Prayers; (10) Adjournment.

## SECTION X

The Corporation shall not have a corporate seal.

## SECTION XI

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Whole Board at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Board.

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Following is a list of exactly what is sent in money to the foreign fields each month and the purpose for which it is sent:

## Salaries:

Rev. T. H. Willey, Director .....	\$90.00
Mrs. T. H. Willey .....	60.00
Rev. Damon Dodd, Book Keeper and Business Manager .....	60.00
Mrs. Damon Dodd .....	60.00
Miss Bessie Yeley, pastor at Rio Seco, Cuba .....	60.00
Miss Olive Van Syoc, teacher of the Willey children .....	60.00
Rents on living quarters for all our American missionaries .....	45.00
For medical protection in a medical society covering all our American Missionaries in Cuba .....	12.00

## Promotional funds:

For work in Province of Pinar Del Rio, Cuba .....	300.00
For work in Matanzas Province Cuba .....	150.00
For operation of the Cuban School .....	

of Missions .....	350.00
Salary for Miss Barnard and promotional funds combined sent to India per month .....	100.00
Total .....	\$1347.00

Whatever expense is incurred in the advancement of the work here at home is of course in addition to the above figure. So you can see why it takes money to carry on our foreign mission work. And at that we do not any ways near have the funds to do the many things pertaining to the foreign mission cause which definitely should be done. Are you giving to Missions?

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## AN INTERCEDING CHURCH

By Rev. Rafael Josue, Principal of the Cuban School of Missions

Scripture: Acts Chapter 12.

Someone has said that the church does her best work on her knees. When we pray we can do so selfishly or we can do so for the benefit of others. In the first place we are asking amiss that we might consume it on ourselves. In the second place we are asking for others, interceding. This gift of intercession is from God and some Christians have never discovered that they too may have the privilege of actually interceding.

The church is a peculiar institution empowered by the Holy Ghost for a specific purpose. No other organization can perform this task, and the church finds the secret to the doing of the task by and through intercession.

The church at Jerusalem about which we are going to speak knew and exercised the divine prerogative. For a careful study of the chosen passage let us look at the fifth verse. Here we find clearly the nature of the intercession of the church. "And the Church prayed to God for Him, without ceasing." From these words four characteristics are derived.

First: Let us get the meaning of the word, "church". The church briefly is an organized body of believers in Christ Jesus who meet at stated times for the purpose of worship and observing the ordinances of the Gospel. Thus the unity of the church is manifested in the fact that the Church did pray to God. There was unity

and oneness among the brethren of the church and they were all of one mind and one accord.

The phrase, "without ceasing" gives us the second characteristic. Besides being united they prayed constantly. This does not mean that they left all else go unattended, but that gave special attention to prayer. Further, they were not disappointed if they did not see an immediate answer.

In the third place we can appreciate that the church interceded directly and for a distinct purpose. Some believers pray to God and look for the answer in another place. Some religionists pray to their idol gods and expect these gods of wood and stone to carry the petitions on to a higher god. But the believers at Jerusalem prayed directly to God and believed in God for the answer. They made a direct demand of God and then believed in God to fulfil this demand.

Lastly we can say that the church interceded in a definite manner as the word says "for him". The verse teaches us that the prayer of the church was one of constancy and unity. Looking further in the chapter we see in verses 1-4 the motive for the prayer of the church. In verse 1 we find that King Herod had begun persecuting the believers and that they were finding it hard to exist. Verse 2 tells us that James had been killed and that Peter had been imprisoned.

In verse 3 we read that the action of Herod pleased the Jews so therefore he continued with maltreatment of the church men.

In the third place we find in verse 5 that the church prayed for "him", the him here referring to Peter. Herod was holding Peter in prison until Easter when it was the custom for some of the prisoners to be released and for some to be put to death. It was left for the people to decide which should be set free and which should suffer death. Herod was sure that the people would demand the death of Peter so therefore he was waiting for the opportune moment. It was this crisis that brought the church to her knees. The church realized that the situation was lost unless God came on the scene. Therefore, they prayed "for him". To be sure they prayed for his delivery from prison, but they knew enough about praying that they

prayed for the will of God to be done. If it was not for Peter to be delivered from prison, then let it please God to give him grace to die a martyr for the cause of Christ and leave a good testimony. So they prayed in unity and sincerity.

As always, God answered the prayer of his people and marvelous was the answer. Read verses 6-10 for the complete account. In verse 17 we find the church giving God the glory for the victory won. Also we find that such a demonstration of power served as a stimulus to the faith and service of the others in the church.

"The church did pray to God for him." And God could not be silent before such demands and necessity. In the same manner God will act with surprising alacrity and rapidity when the church today will humble herself and pray as did the Jerusalem church. Someone has said that prayer changes things. It is true that circumstances will change when knees bend in prayer.

I do not know in what various circumstances my readers might find themselves but I do know that God who occupies the throne in heaven waits to hear the faithful intercessions of consecrated hearts and delights in answering. "Prayer is the power on earth which puts into action the power of heaven."

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## A MESSAGE BY OLIVE VAN SYOC OF CUBA

I wish it were possible for you each to visit the field in Cuba and then the vastness of the need here would be to you a living vital thing which could not be forgotten. If you could but see the hungry eagerness in some of the people as they first hear the gospel, it would haunt you until you, too, must feel the Call to Cuba as we have felt it.

As most of you know, my work is not primarily preaching or teaching the Cuban people, but is teaching Barbara 11, and Tommy 13, the two Willey children. This may seem to you a very meager bit in the great work of our Lord. I must admit that it sometimes seems thus to me. Then I think again of the yielding clay that has been handed me to mold into a

young man and woman pleasing unto God. And I am afraid, afraid of the greatness of the responsibility which is upon my shoulders. For it is true as it is true of most growing children, that more of their hours awake are with their teacher than with their parents.

Barbara and Tommy are full of mischief and enthusiasm as are most children of their ages. They like to play and if it were possible would "get out" of doing their lessons. They are at a great disadvantage in this trick because of my having only the two children to teach. I can watch them more closely and keep them busy with their duties until they are completed. I have no difficulty whatever with paper-wads or whispering. (They just talk out loud. This is permissible as long as they obey the rule of etiquette of not interrupting when others are speaking.)

It has been a pleasure to see them develop spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

It has been a sad experience having had Tommy so near to death's door but we thank God for His Goodness. We believe that He has a big work for Tommy and thus has spared his life. This is the testimony through this district by both Christians and non Christians that it is a miracle that only the hand of God could have done.

However, my work is not entirely secular. I am helping with the Sunday School in Pinar Del Rio. It is gratifying to see both children and adults responding to our efforts. Pinar Del Rio, the city itself, is not an easy field. The people there have more of the material things of life and are not so oppressed as are those living in the country. Therefore they are not as open to the gospel. I believe the need there is even greater than in some of the other places. This is because of the condensed population of the city. We have the interest especially of the children. Many of them have been refused the privilege of coming to our services because of the Catholic influence in the homes. One young lady, Clara Aurora Valdivia has been a real testimony since being saved about a year ago. She has broken off with her worldly sweetheart because she feels it is the Lord's will.

I have started some English classes and in this manner am able to contact some of the better class. I want to tell you about one young man who works in the bank. The last night before Christmas vacation, I gave them the assignment of telling in English what Christmas meant to them.

This young man, whose name is Portilla (translated literally would be Little-Door but we call him Mr. Little) told what Christmas meant to him. In ending he said, "More than anything else it is the celebrating of the birth of Christ, who was born that He would die so we can have, I don't know the word in English."

I asked, "Salvation?"

He continued, "Yes, that we can have salvation."

I don't believe Mr. Little is saved but I ask prayers that I may be able to lead him and the others to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

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## WHY CUBA NEEDS THE GOSPEL

By Damon C. Dodd, Missionary to Cuba

In the short time which I have spent in Cuba I have discovered many things which convince me more than ever that Cuba is one of the needy fields for the Gospel message in the world. I do not say that Cuba is more needy than any other place but I believe that her need is an outstanding one. One cannot realize the condition and it is impossible for any writer to convey the depth of the need but to be here and witness first hand the practices and hear of the horrible happenings and acquaint ones self with the superstitions and peculiarities will soon serve as the most convincing proof to anyone.

Cuba's past history accounts for many of the present day practices. Being a Spanish possession for a number of years, the Catholic element predominated from the very first. It is a well established fact that Catholicism thrives on ignorance and slavery and Cuba was no exception for a long while. Eventually a spirit of nationalism arose and with it came a desire for freedom on the part of the populace at large. During the meantime, however, there was a great influx of slave labor into Cuba from Africa and China.

Slave dealers waxed rich through their dealings in humankind. Boatloads of Chinese were shipped into Cuba and put to work as slaves. From the other side of the world came slaves from Africa and they too came under the dominion of the Spaniard. Of course they were subjected to the rigors of the Catholic faith but were allowed to carry some of their own ritual into the system of worship. The result was a most desecrating type of worship, if indeed it could be called worship. Also, as could be expected, the doctrines of the cults became mixed and Confucianism, Buddhism, Voodooism, and the like combined with the pomp and show of Catholicism to lead the people into literal religious bondage as well as the bondage of real slavery. For a number of years this condition continued and was in vogue at the time of the Spanish-American war. However, at the outset of the war for independence, a declaration for religious liberty was made known and in victory the people became liberated from much of this fear. To the hurt of the church the Masonic order proved to be the leading spirit in the war for independence and naturally the people rallied to its support once they were free. As a result, many of the people of the island believe that Masonism is sufficient for their spiritual needs. If this were the only error it would not be so serious but the terrible error of Voodooism has come to life again and is proving to be most horrible.

Voodooism, or Spiritism, was introduced into the island by the slaves from Africa. The practice is marked by strange and weird doings, many times resolving itself into bloodshed. The chief day in the year for the followers of this cult is the 4th day of December. This is the day dedicated to the goddess of the cult, Santa Barbara. On this particular day a special offering is made to Santa Barbara consisting of some sort of a human sacrifice. This year it was told that the "Brujos" required the hearts of 35 white children for the sacrifice to Santa Barbara. Immediately the faithful began to collect the necessary number of hearts. One lady was found on the bus in a nearby city with a suspicious looking suitcase. The authorities were called and the bag opened, and it contained the heart of a child about the age of 10 years. When quest-

ioned the lady admitted that it was for Santa Barbara. It was not safe for young children to be alone on the streets either day or night from the early part of November until the day of Santa Barbara.

It is said that the rites at the service on the day of Santa Barbara are most horrible. Demons literally come forth in the forms of those who participate. The music employed is that of the African Tom-tom and the fanatics are worked into a frenzy by the terrible blood dance. Once they come under the influence of the excitement and horror of the occasion there is no end to the terrors and horrors of the happenings.

Even though Catholicism is on the decline it still offers a very definite menace to the work of the protestant church. At the present time there is a proposed campaign raging throughout all Latin America sponsored by the Catholics. They are using as a prompter the fact that Catholics are being discriminated against by the missionaries on the field and that the governments of many of the nations are encouraging campaigns against the church. All over the island of Cuba the seed of hate on the part of the Catholics against the protestant church is being watered and no doubt some day will burst through the surface into the light to be dealt with.

The island is dotted with Catholic churches of all types and descriptions. In the larger cities they lift their spires into the blue sky in a domineering manner. In the smaller towns they are more on the order of a small chapel. In many places they are mere rooms and are not used for worship services. For instance, on the road from Pinar Del Rio to the Seminary there is a fair sized Catholic church and by the side of it a very small chapel. The story is told of a man who was passing by one day and saw the form of Christ shadowed on the tree. From that time forth the tree was sacred and as soon as possible a small chapel (about 10 feet square) was built and here the people come and light their candles before the altar, make the sign of the cross, and go their way, thinking they have satisfied the demand of their souls. All Catholics honor their church buildings and when they pass one of them the men lift their

hats in respect and reverence.

The practice of self-denial is still practiced largely here. It is not unusual to meet a woman on the street wearing a dress made of black, coarse sack cloth, with no ornamentations of anykind. They have made a promise of some kind to wear nothing but sackcloth until certain things have come to pass. Other vows are marked by the wearing of different colored sash worn around the waist. Many of these people know nothing of the Bible and are surprised to even know that there is such a thing. But many of them are being converted to the true way and are happy in the Lord. And so grateful are they for their own deliverance that they work untiringly to win others for the glory of the Lord.

Demonism also exists here on the island. People actually possessed with demons are very common and the only cure for this is the saving power of Christ Jesus. In a small community near the seminary lives a family who has been saved from this curse. The mother was so possessed with demons that she used to have demoniacal fits. They heard of the Gospel and sent for a preacher, our own Bro. Willey. All the members of the family immediately accepted Christ with the exception of the mother. It was some time before she could overcome the devils enough to believe. When she would try to accept the devils would overcome her and throw her into fits. Finally through the prayers of the Christians she was saved and today is preaching.

Does Cuba need the Gospel? These instances and many more should prove beyond the shadow of a doubt the need and the urgency of the need. Gradually the Gospel message is covering the island but in the meantime many souls are dying in the chains of ignorance and superstition. It is the Christian duty of every Christian to pray earnestly for the success of the program of missions here and also to give sacrificially for the ongoing of the work. The one urgent, pressing need of our Free Will people is that they might learn the secret and happiness of SACRIFICE. And the spirit of SACRIFICE comes only to those who are fully CONSECRATED. Cuba challenges every Free Will Baptist church member, India challenges, China

challenges, all the world challenges. What will we do about it?

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## A LETTER FROM MISS YELEY

Dear Bro. Davis:

I received your letter yesterday when I was in Pinar and I am very sorry that I can't write an article for the paper, but I will write a few lines to you instead and if you can take the few items of news and put them in some kind of form that can be used for the paper, I shall be very glad. You said you were in a hurry for the articles and as it is very hard for me to write an article for publication, I need more time to do it than you can give me.

I do want to tell you how the work is progressing in Rio Seco. For a time I was very much discouraged for there didn't seem to be much interest, the unsaved were not coming to the meetings and while the Christians came, they manifested little interest. I was carrying a very heavy load and I felt that I couldn't go on. I felt that perhaps the Lord was leading me to another field. I called a special meeting for the Christians in my home and told them that I didn't feel that I could go on as I was, that no one was helping me, not even inviting folks to the service. I announced a week of prayer and we were to pray for a revival. The Lord began to work and it turned out to be also a week of evangelistic meetings, the young people went to work and the meeting room was crowded every night. Before the week was out four souls were saved and there are others who we feel will yield themselves to the Lord ere very long.

We are very busy here now. We have services 5 nights a week and some weeks six nights. We have 2 Sunday Schools in Rio Seco, one in Guaynacabo and this Sunday the Lord willing I expect to start one in Santa Damiana, our new field which we have just opened. The young folks of the church are taking full charge of three Sunday Schools and I shall have charge of the fourth.

I want to tell you about the new field just opened. From the first time that I saw Rio Seco, I have looked over at the hills to the left of us and have often wished that I could go in and possess that land for Christ. Young men were sent

here to help me, but none of them seemed to care about Santa Damiana, so about two months ago I decided to go in myself. One of the boys went to visit the place and found a man who was willing to dedicate his front room for services and so we go each Friday night. We have good crowds and good interest. We are expecting some fruit from our labors ere long.

We do praise God for the victory that He has given us over the devil. We have two moving picture houses, then four doors from my house we have a pool room and another not far away has been built recently, but we are having quite a few unsaved who come to the services in spite of all this and so we feel that we have won a real victory over Satan.

I also praise God for the money that has come in for my house. I hope that I can begin building ere long, for I certainly do not want to spend another summer in this house. I don't have enough to finish the house as yet, but I have faith to believe that when I begin it, that the rest will come in as needed. Jesus never fails. He knows the need and He will supply.

I have been having real good health lately in spite of all the work. I surely am kept busy with house work and also the work of the Lord. I have very little idle time and so you can see why I can't settle down to write articles. It surely keeps me busy preparing messages. I am very content to remain in Rio Seco now, for I am convinced that it is the Lord's place for me. I trust that the Lord will send me more help, that I may be able to open more fields for surely the fields are white unto the harvest and the labourers indeed are few. We are expecting great things from the Lord in this new year of 1946.

Now I will close as I have so much to do. If you can, use a few excerpts from this letter and if you can't please forgive me for not writing the article as requested. Pray much that the Lord will give me sufficient strength to carry on that which I have attempted for Him.

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## The Hell Bound Train

A drunkerd had a troubled dream,  
 He dreamed that an engine was filled with steam  
 He dreamed that the furnace was filled with bones,  
 And the boiler it rang with a million groans  
 This engine was hooked to a Hell bound train  
 That reached over mountain and hill and plain.  
 This train was loaded with whiskey and beer,  
 And the Devil himself was the engineer.  
 The Devil then started this train for home  
 Then all the passengers began to groan,  
 The Devil then told them it won't be far  
 Till I land you safe in a lake of fire.  
 You have been good servants so I'll take you home,  
 To a good hot fire where you'll never more roam,  
 You have labored for me both night and day  
 So I'll put you in the fire where you'll have to stay.  
 This lake of fire is built for all, who on the Lord refuse to call,  
 So why will you linger and hesitate,  
 To enter the portals of Heavens gate.  
 This lake of fire is hot and dry and the shrieks of its victims doth rend the sky.  
 The Devil then grins as he walks about  
 And laughs out loud when your groans ring out.  
 The Devil then went to the saloons and dens,  
 To gather his crowd for to fill his pens.  
 The ones he got was wild and fierce.  
 And had not a dollar to fill their purse.  
 The train then started right down the track,  
 The Devil then shouted to not look back,  
 For the lake of fire he could plainly view,  
 He cried I have a lake of fire and it's built for you.  
 Then when the whistle tooted and the train began to slack,  
 The passengers then all shouted to the Devil, take us back,  
 We'll never drink another drop nor tell another lie, but we'll prepare to meet the Lord up yonder in the sky.  
 The Devil then he laughed out loud, and

gave his thumb a jerk,  
 And said I'll land you in the fire with pagan and the turk,  
 And when your tongue is hanging out and sparks are on your chin,  
 I have a lake of lava there that you can plunge right in.  
 They cried and begged the Devil then, to take them back to earth,  
 And said they'd accept the Saviour's plan and accept another birth,  
 The Devil gave his thumb a jerk and laughed until he cried,  
 He said you should have thought of that long time before you died.  
 They told the Devil he had as aid to gamble drink and lie,  
 For God will give another chance while in your grave you lie,  
 The Devil said you should have known the Bible plainly said,  
 You have to down your snow white robe, before that you are dead.  
 And now then since you've chose this place,  
 To spend your endless days,  
 So why lament and mourn your fate,  
 You've waited now too late.

Walter Lake  
 Eureka Springs, Ark.

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## REVISED TREATISE READY

We are informed by the Board of Publications and Literature that the Revised Treatise of the Free Will Baptist Church is now ready for distribution. Arrangements have been made, we understand, whereby distribution will be made from the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina, and also from the Monett Press, Monett, Missouri. The price is thirty cents per copy, \$3.50 per dozen, or \$27.50 at the hundred rate.

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A Christian boy of the early Church was being taken down to the arena, and the Roman official taunted him: "What about your carpenter God now?" In a flash came the answer: "He is busy making a coffin for your Emperor."

If you attend a baseball game, shout louder than others, you become an A Number One Fan. If at a Gospel service you

utter a fervent Amen, you are regarded off in the attic and called a Fan-atic.

HIROHITO is reported to be reading the Bible.

## YOUNG PEOPLE AND WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS

A little boy once asked his daddy this question, "Daddy, what is a Christian?" And the father proceeded to tell the small son just what a Christian was. He went at great length what one does and where one goes and what one says and thinks. After a good while the boy looked up rather perplexed and said, "Daddy, have you ever seen one?" This family was a church going family and the father a Christian, but he painted such a perfect picture that the boy doubted if he had ever seen a Christian. That is the way the story was told to me and it could well be true. There are two things wrong. (1) The stress was all upon outward acts; and (2) probably the father was himself a defeated Christian. It is true the Scriptures teach "be not conformed to this world" and "come out from among them and be ye separated" and "abstain from all appearances of evil etc. but those things are only the outworking of an inner Spirit. A lot of people try to live righteously merely by doing good deeds. They are reformers, or the ones that are always turning over a new leaf. No one will ever get to heaven by turning over a new leaf or by reforming.

### "Pre-requisite"

God has plainly showed us that we must be born again. (John 3:7). We must become a new creation in Christ Jesus. We can do that only by accepting Him as our personal Saviour, in faith believing. But is that the final height of God's will for us? I think not. We are to continually "put to death the doings of the body by the Spirit" as we grow in grace in Him and become more like Him. So after you have been saved, you should live like it. You should fully surrender to Him. You should surrender your possessions and your life. Probably you have heard the story of the old Indian Chief who had accepted the Lord and was making the nec-

essary surrender to Him. He first of all brought his blanket and laid it on the altar. But that wasn't enough. Then he brought his tomahawk and gave it to the Lord. He still lacked something. Then he brought his pony, his most precious possession. Then the missionary told him that those were good, but what the Lord wanted was himself. Finally he gave himself. That is what the Lord demands of each one of us.

### "Relation to the world"

I've had several unsaved people and especially young people to ask me about certain things that they were doing and if I thought they were sins. They say, "Is it wrong for me to smoke or use tobacco? Is it wrong to dance? Is it wrong to go to the movies?" I usually ask that person if they are a christian or if they have been born again. Many times I already know their own testimony. When he answers he has not been born again, I answer in a manner that sometimes surprises him. I say, "No, not for you," or "Those things will not hurt you. You are going to hell anyway unless you accept the Lord as your personal Saviour. You wouldn't come any nearer to heaven if you abstained from these things." It's not what you do or don't do that sends you to hell, it's what you believe and how you believe it. You are not saved by works. You are saved by faith. You are lost unless you believe in Christ as your own personal Saviour, a belief to a point of trusting. (See John 3:36).

But the situation is different with Christians. I suppose most of you who are reading this are Christians. You have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. You are in the world but not of the world as Christ relates in John 17. So you are essentially different from the unsaved person because you have Christ in your heart. Since your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, what affects you affects Him. How it must grieve Him to see you do things that are unlike Christians and unlike Him!

### "Worldly Amusements"

Young people did you ever see a sign in a down town store window that read "For Sale. Cheap. Slightly Soiled"? That is the sign that many people are carrying around with them. You can see it on



their character. The sign is especially written on girls or rather it is more easily seen. Young people, you don't want to be like that do you? That sign gets there by the way they act and the things they do..

But you want to know what is wrong with movies, card-playing, smoking, dancing, petting, necking, etc.? I'll tell you. A girl and a boy that has that close contact with each other that they must necessarily have in dancing and in petting and necking have their passions arouse to an ungodly, lustful state. That is sin, young people. He that "looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

What's wrong with card-playing? In most instances it is a form of gambling. God is a positive God. He never gives advice. He only gives commandments and they are sure. There is no gamble with Him. Gambling is sin, young people.

What's wrong with smoking? or using tobacco? Two things. (1) You spend your money that God has permitted you to have for things of no value. (2) It is harmful to your body, so scientists tell us. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and if you harm it in any way or make it less efficient, that is sin, young people. Over-eating and drinking harmful things are sins for the same reason. Your bodies belong to God. Don't let them put Him to shame.

What is wrong with the movies? The sin of movie going takes in nearly all these others: (1) You spend your God intrusted money for the support of a rotten, immoral, godless, Hollywood crowd; (2) You see on the screen immoral things or things that suggest immorality; (3) You see gambling and murder until it becomes a common thing. I knew of a boy who was always playing cowboy and the hero's part with toy guns while he was around home. His mind ran on such things. He got them from the movies. I don't know that that boy became a delinquent or will become a criminal but many who have the same influence will. They will do just like their heroes in the movies: gamble, lie, steal, or murder to please (and so they say please) themselves, as the case may be.

Nearly every surrendered Christian will

tell you that these things are wrong!

There is some good of course in some of these. Dancing is good exercise but can't you get exercise in ways that are not sinful? But then you argue that there are educational movies and that the news reels are good. Yes, but the bad that goes along with this far offsets the good; and besides you can get those things over the radio and through books and the newspaper. News-reels are not necessary for you to keep up with the news. What good is there in the rest of them?

"Joy is in the Lord"

You may then be thinking what you can do to have a good time or what are some things that are not wrong. In this locality such sports as basket-ball, football, golf, croquet, etc., are not considered wrong. However there are some Christians who believe they are. In that case you will be guided by principles and what the great majority of real Christians think and by the Holy Spirit. You can't follow every fanatical person. If you tried they would have you jumping in the fire. Some people would make the greatest sins "bobbed hair, bossy wives and women preachers". Don't "strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel" (Matt. 23:24). Be sensible, use common sense, and God will guide you. God is the author of common sense. God expects us to have joy and a helpful amount of recreation to help keep our bodies strong for Him. But let us not get it in the doubtful things. It is not how close we can come to sinning and yet not sin, but how far we can stay.

But, young people, let your joy not be dependent upon your amusements. Your joy is in the Lord. You cannot, as a Christian, get your joy from worldly things. You may try but you can't be happy in trying to serve God and hang onto the world. No man can serve two masters.

Did you ever see an unhappy Christian? That a person is one that is not surrendered to the Lord. If you want to be happy make a full surrender to the Lord. God doesn't want you to have a long face, north and south religion but He wants you to have a good time. For every thing you leave off for Him, He'll give you something to take its place. But there is a sacrifice to be made. It isn't easy to come clean with the world or be

ridiculed and called sissies. But I tell you it takes a strong person to live a Christian life. Only the weakling will say, "I can't quit doing this or that."

I challenge you to try the Lord out in this matter. Ask Him to convict your heart if these things are wrong, and promise to quit if He does convict you. Will you pray that prayer to Him every day for the next week? Then remember that, "to Him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

### NINETEEN and FORTY SIX

Nineteen hundred and forty-six  
Finds this world in an awful mix  
Heady high minded most people seem  
A new automobile is their fondest dream.  
Many are running to and fro,  
No one is content, they all want to go  
Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of  
God

And this lays many beneath the sod.  
There's been rumors of wars and wars  
have been

We know the cause of them all was sin  
With knowledge increasing each passing  
year

Men's hearts, now seem to be failing with  
fear.

The great men together, now all say  
The atomic bomb, we must lay away  
And never again use it for war  
It would destroy whole cities here and afar  
There's many more things I've not men-  
tioned here

You can find by reading the Bible so dear  
The fig tree now is becoming green  
The signs are fulfilling it's plain to be  
seen

Jesus is coming, we know not the day  
So let us be ready, and all watch and  
pray.

Written by Mrs. A. W. Dowden, Manas,  
Mo.

### OBITUARY

**LOWTHER**—Garland Jefferson Lowther was born Oct. 25, 1886, died Feb. 8, 1946, aged 59 years.

He was married twice, his first wife, Vida Neighbors of Rocky, Ark. To this union was born 4 sons: Oral, Ray and Donald; one child dying in infancy. His sons all reside in Los Angeles, Calif and

were present at the funeral.

Bro. Lowther married the second time in 1934, his bride Miss Avo Worstell of Sulphur, one child, Geneva, age 10 survives with the wife.

Bro. Lowther was converted and joined the church at an early age and was living a true christian life at his death. His three brothers and one sister, aunt and uncle were present at the funeral. He left a large number of loyal friends. Many lovely flowers filled the church, a very large crowd attended the service. Rev. W. R. Hearron, his pastor, spoke the last words and a quartette sang beautiful songs; he was always on the front seat at the church, his place is vacant, but his memory is fresh.

A friend, Mrs. W. A. Hearron

**MEADOWS**—Emma H. Meadows, daughter of Abraham and Josephine Meadows was born Jan. 10, 1877 near Nevada, Mo. and departed this life Jan. 28, 1946 at the age of 69 years, 8 days.

She was united in marriage to Orville Cassatt of near Verdella, March 21, 1897. He preceded her in death seven years ago, December, 1939.

To this union were born five children: one daughter, Roena Thomas of Hannon, Mo.; four sons, Ira of Liberal, Mo.; Gilbert of Nashville, Mo.; David of Tacoma, Washington, and Oliver of Nevada, Mo.

She also leaves to mourn her departure one sister, Myrtle Stone of Fayetteville, Ark., one brother, James Meadow of Iola Kan., sixteen grandchildren, one great grand daughter and a host of friends and relatives.

She was converted 38 years ago under Bro. Ferguson's ministry. She united with the Verdella F. W. B. church where she remained a faithful member. One of the greatest joys of her life was that members of her family were interested in the promotion of the Lord's work.

She departed this life at the Mt. Carmel hospital after an illness of 1½ years. Throughout her intense suffering, she was patient, cheerful and a blessing to her family. She will be sadly missed, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in the Verdella F. W. B. church. Interment in the Barton City Cemetery.

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