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CHRIST for sickness, CHRIST for health
CHRIST for poverty, CHRIST for wealth
CHRIST for joy, CHRIST for sorrow,
CHRIST today, an CHRIST tomorrow,
CHRIST my Life, and CHRIST my Light,
CHRIST for morning, noon and night;
CHRIST when all around gives way,
CHRIST my everlasting Stay;
CHRIST my Rest, and CHRIST my Food,
CHRIST above my highest Good
CHRIST my Well-Beloved, my Friend
CHRIST my Pleasure, without end;
CHRIST my Saviour, CHRIST my Lord.
CHRIST my Portion, CHRIST my God
CHRIST my Shepherd, I His sheep,
CHRIST Himself my soul doth keep;
CHRIST my Leader, CHRIST my Peace.
CHRIST hath bought my soul's release.
CHRIST my Righeousness divine,
CHRIST for me, for He is mine.
CHRIST my Wisdom, CHRIST my Meat.
CHRIST restores my wandering feet.
CHRIST my Advocate and Priest,
CHRIST who ne'er forgets the least,
CHRIST my Teacher, CHRIST my Guide,
CHRIST my Rock, in CHRIST I hide.
CHRIST my ever-living Bread,
CHRIST His precious blood hath shed;
CHRIST has brought me nigh to God,
CHRIST the everlasting Word.
CHRIST my Master CHRIST my Head,
CHRIST who for my sins hath bled—
CHRIST my Glory, CHRIST my Crown,
CHRIST the Plant of great renown.
CHRIST my Comforter, on High,
CHRIST my Hope draws ever nigh.

—In "Weekly Sunshine Bulliten."—Sel.

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Glorying in the Cross

By Rev. R. B. Crawford

Galatians 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul had given many instructions to the Galatians. One instruction was an argument in favor of Christian liberty in opposition to the teachings of the Judaizers. These false teachers insisted that the observance of the ceremonial law was an essential part of the plan of salvation. The Judaizers were glorifying in rites and in the marks of the flesh. Paul was teaching them of the justification by faith, and glorying in the cross and the marks of the Lord Jesus.

There can be no mistake in what cross Paul was glorying. It was the cross of Calvary where the Son of God had cruel iron spikes driven through His hands and feet. Many sermons have been preached, many articles written concerning the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. It takes them all to help in trying to explain the Cross. At least we can get some of its meaning. Death on the cross is the most terrible of all deaths. Men have been stoned, quartered, and butchered with swords; they have been drown, burned at the stake—but none of them so awful as the cross where lingering torture day and night for sometimes three or four days with the feverish body in agony before death came as a relief or release. In the cross we see the vileness of human sin and the death of human depravity. Men have never sunk lower than when they nailed Jesus to the cross. Did Paul mean the cross reminded him of the awful depth from which he had been saved? Paul was not speaking of the glory that came to Jesus, but he says,

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." We know that men boast and have glory in themselves, and in their personal achievements, in their individual talents, in their authority and rule. Men love place and power and ease. But Paul says that the supreme glory is the Cross. What could he mean? We give a few points of meaning.

First. Paul believed that Jesus was the Son of God and that upon the cross Jesus revealed the fact the God is a God of love. Men have not always known that, and I doubt if any of us fully understand it. Men have had a drive of fear much more than a rawing by redeeming love. It is not always easy to believe that God is a God of love when one has tasted some of the terrible bitterness of life.

Second. Paul believed that upon the cross Jesus became absolutely one with man. This was more than the Incarnation, in which Jesus came in human flesh. It was more than His teachings, in which He taught men how to live. God has always loved man. But in the cross we have, as it were, a window into the very heart of God. God loves us enough to suffer with us when we break His divine laws. God is not a blind force but is concerned about our plans, our dreams, our hopes, and fears. Yes. When Adam sinned God loved and does love us and believes in giving us another chance—by giving us Jesus to die on the cross to become sin for us.

Third. Not only is God love—and becomes one with us—but something happens to us as we stand before the cross, some practical result to me. The cross melts my stony heart and takes away my sin. Here, my friends, I can't explain—but

I do know. Here is one of the deepest mysteries of all life. When we come into the presence of the Cross, these sins of ours cry out "for shame." I find myself saying for myself and others this stanza of a hymn. "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride."

Sin is a physical expression of the attitude in the heart, then intemperance, lust, and hate. The cross will not take away the scars of the physical results, but it makes my attitude in the presence of God's love most ugly. When I cry out He forgives. It is really true that a change of heart comes. I come to hate the things that crucify Him, and to love the good. He gives forgiveness and a new heart.

Fourth. The cross gives life its meaning and motivation. To take the cross out of life what do you have left? Someone at the foot of the cross in a snerring way said, "He saved others; himself He can not save." He spoke truer than he knew. If we take the cross out of our lives, we

have only selfish striving. But we know that until we find something outside big enough to give ourselves for with absolute abandon, and throw our lives into that cause, we have not begun to live. There is a hell, a place to get people saved from; and along with that in view, we must get people saved from themselves day by day. We are coming to see the torment and loneliness and terror of Godless and purposeless lives. Selfishness always and every where destroys and defeats life.

Yes, the One who died on the cross said, "He that seeketh to save his life loseth it. But he that loseth his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall find it unto life eternal."

During these days of world confusion, let us glory in the Cross and for what it will do for all men when they see Jesus who died on the Cross. In this Easter season we can see if we will that Jesus is the answer to all our problems in life. Life will have purpose and meaning if we can get men to say—God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing

Eld. Clarence Hearron,

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Needless to say, Christ did institute feet washing on the same night He instituted the Lord's Supper. He used language which makes feet washing literal feet washing after the example given by Jesus, Himself—an obligation. Any statement which carries an obligation to the hearer is equivalent to a command, for a command carries no more than an obligation.

The Lord's Supper shows the Lord's death, and Christians are commanded to "do this in remembrance" of Him. Feet washing shows the Lord's descension to earth, His life of service, and His ascension.

Often the question has been asked, "How often should one take the Lord's Supper and practice feet washing?" This question is one which I propose to answer.

It will be remembered that these ordinances were instituted the night Christ and the apostles ate the passover together for the last time.

Now the passover was kept in memory of the time the Lord smote the first-born of each house that had no blood on the two side posts of the door and the upper door posts.

This passover was a type of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. In other words, the passover showed the Lord's death for the sins of the world. The passover was done in memory of that night in Egypt as well as showing the future death of Christ. It was observed once a year.

When one observes a day in memory of one's birth, that day is observed once a

year.

The Fourth of July, which commemorates the day this country declared its independence, is celebrated once a year.

The Lord's Supper shows the death of Christ, and in that respect it took the place of the passover. Christians are to observe the Lord's Supper and feet washing in the same manner the Israelites observed the passover.

Then we should observe the Lord's Supper and feet washing once a year in order to show to the world that we're observing these ordinances in memory of the Lord's death, life, and His teachings.

It's time that we Free Will Baptists become more uniform in our practices of the doctrines. Too long we have been isolated. This is not intended to infringe upon the independence of the local church. I'm a firm believer in the local body's independence and do not believe in any association or conference trying to dictate to a local church. But I do think we should try to get together on some things such as the Lord's Supper and feet washing.

Since these ordinances were instituted on Thursday night before He rose from the tomb, we should observe them every Thursday before Easter Sunday.

There may be an objection to this, because the Word states, "As oft as ye do this etc." Well, as often as we celebrate the Fourth of July, we show that we are doing it in remembrance of the Declaration of Independence. As often as we observe these ordinances once a year, we

show more clearly the Lord's death till He come.

The Campbellites take the Communion each Sunday basing their reason for doing this on Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread" But read Acts 2:46, "And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house" Why not take communion daily and be consistent?

Breaking bread does not always refer to the Lord's Supper. In the New Testament times, breaking bread signified a meal. Furthermore, the Lord's Supper was taken at night. 1 Cor. 11. Who ever heard of eating supper in the morning or at noon?

If each church would set Thursday night before Easter Sunday the members would get to looking forward to this particular date, and I believe more meaning would become attached to these ordinances.

Christ set the pattern, Let's follow as possible. Each church should decide on making Thursday before Easter Sunday the time for the Lord's Supper and feet washing. In this way, when the time arrived, the people would know beforehand. No date setting would have to be done each time, because Christ, Himself, set the date.

This would bring orderly procedure to keeping the ordinances, and God wants all things to be done in order as well as de-

Why I am a Pre-Millennialist

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The word pre, means before. The scripture is clear that the world is getting worse; and that Christ is coming in judgment upon the nations. The Kings and rulers and the unsaved are to be destroyed. Then Jesus Christ as Lord of Lords and King of Kings, will take over the governments of all nations. The Moderns teach the world is getting better, and when it becomes a good world, with wickedness

put down, Jesus will come and reign.

I am a premillennialist, because Jesus Christ is. Hear him; "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriages, until the day that Noah entered the ark (type rapture of the Church) and the flood came and destroyed them all . . . even thus shall it be in the

day when the son of man is revealed." (Luke 17:26-30.)

Lets take a look at the literal picture in Revelations. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war, His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself, and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the vinepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vestures and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven (Atmospheric heaven) come and gather yourself together unto the supper of the great God; that you may eat the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the Kings of the earth, and their armies gather together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worship his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone, and the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceedeth out of his mouth, and all the fowls were filled with their flesh, and I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, shut

him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nation no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season, And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them, and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved City; and fire came down from God (Atomic energy) out of heaven and devoured them" (Rev. 19:11 and 20:1-9.)

Can you see Christ coming in judgement and great tribulation upon the earth before the millennium begins.

The world gets worse. The cup of iniquity gets full. And the Lord raptures the saved. (1 Thess. 4:16-17.) Noah in the Ark, Lot and daughters out of Sodom. Christians all fled from Jerusalem, when they saw Titus army approaching, are types of the rapture, and first resurrection.

Christ was the first fruit of the first resurrection which takes place at the rapture. The first resurrection is the saved. The unsaved are still in their graves, and will remain in the grave for one thousand years. We go to the fruit tree and get a first fruit, but the crop is gathered later. (1 Cor. 15:23.)

After the rapture of the living saved, and resurrection of the bodies of the deceased saints, the anti Christ, the beast becomes world dictator, and the great tribulation

is underway. People are beheaded for witnessing for Jesus. Finally no one can preach Christ, and God sends His two witness, with power to preach and bring God's judgement upon those that oppose. After a while the beast succeeds in having them killed. They lay in the street three days and God resurrects them.

Then God sends an angel to preach. The angel uses the atmospheric heaven as a pulpit. He flies through the air, witnessing for Jesus and warning the people of their doom if they receive the mark of the beast. (Rev. 14:6-7.) The tribulation on the world is so great, Christ has to shorten the time in order for some flesh to be saved to replenish the earth for the Millenium reign. (Mark 13:20.)

In order to save some flesh for seed, Christ cuts the time short and sends his angels to the four winds of the earth, and gathers these that were saved and had escaped myrtdom. They are carried by the angels, we believe through the air, to a place prepared by Christ. (Mark 13:27.)

After the angels have gathered the elect, Christ treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God almighty. He destroys all kings and kingdoms. All the unsaved are destroyed from the face of the earth. Then Jesus ascends the Throne of David. (The inscription on the cross, King of the Jews is fulfilled) He then is Lord of Lord's and King of Kings; not only King of the Jews but of all Gentile nations.

And of his kingdom there shall be no end." There will be an interruption at the close of the thousand years, and the userp-

ers will be destroyed with fire from heaven, atomic energy, but the kingdom of Christ and the Bride continue in full power.

When the U. S. has war it doesn't mean the kingdom of the United States comes to an end, we fight to victory, and continue as a kingdom.

The rapture must take place according to God's word and His acts in the past in delivering the saints from tribulations of visited judgement. The saved are raptured and meet Him in the air, then the tribulation goes in to full force. Those that are saved during the tribulation, and are beheaded by the beast, are also resurrected and join the bridehood. (Rev. 20:4.) Those that are saved during the reign of the anti Christ, and escape myrtdom will be gathered by the angels, before Christ destroys all unsaved. (Mark 13:27.)

It is enough to make us shout the praises of God, to see how He delivers His own. And how far He goes in mercy, even in the great tribulation, to get sinners to turn to Christ and be saved. But when He has His angels to gather the tribulation saints alive to a place provided, the end of mercy comes, and the inhabants of earth are destroyed.

According to prophecy, it will take seven years to bury the dead and clean up the wreckage, after Christ rides out on the white horse and smites the nations.

Wonder where the modernist are going to stand? There is nothing in God's word for them to stand on, and the pit is bottomless, nothing there to stand on.

"Let us go hence."

CHURCH NEWS

A LETTER FROM SISTER WILLEY

Our dear friends and Co-Laborers:

During these months of testings and blessings the Spirit has brought to our

minds two passages of scripture. One we find in Isaiah 9:6, "His name shall be called—the mighty God." The other in the Psalms, 66th. chapter, verses 10, 11, 12. I trust that you will read them. We have been in the net, all tangled up in it, but thanks be unto His matchless grace we did not try to make a way out, but only



waited His time. He has brought us out into a wealthy place, in that we have seen the salvation of souls through the net experience.

We have been grateful to you for prayers on Tommy's behalf. Some of you have written and sent us gifts; though they have been few, we felt that they were the expression of our people as a whole to their missionaries in a very dark hour,—we are grateful to you.

Because of this, I felt that you would like to hear from Tommy's mother as to just what happened. It was on Christmas Day. The missionaries were all gathered at our home to celebrate an American Christmas. The tree was laden with small remembrances from one to the other. There had been happy hours spent in preparation for this day, which we call our own, out of all the year. The children especially were thrilled beyond words in making their gifts, and wrapping the packages. They made the Christmas for us in this land of sunshine and heat.

The Dodds were sitting on the front porch shelling peas from our own garden. Miss Olive was preparing a salad, and I was keeping an eye on the food that was cooking. Suddenly we heard a terrific scream from the girls, Barbara and Estrella, the little Cuban girl that lives with us. Rushing to the front we saw Tommy walking supported by two young boys, drenched in blood. His father reached him first and picked him up in his arms believing him almost dead.

He had climbed up on a high cement column at our front gate, holding to a cement basket ornament on top, this broke and fell. He fell backwards and landed on two of the long iron spikes that are on the gate. One entered just above the stomach, puncturing the plural cavity and the left lung. The surgeon said it missed the heart by less than a half inch. The longer spike entered just below the right shoulder, puncturing the right lung at the top, fractured the clavicle bone into (it was a very serious break) then punctured the jugular vein, and cracked a vertebra in the neck. All this we did not know until after the operation, for which we thank God.

On rushing him to our hospital here in Pinar we were only informed by our sur-

geon that he could not touch him, that the case was too serious. He did however prepare him well for the long delay by giving plasma, sulfa and morphine. But we were told later that he made the statement that Tommy would not live to get half way to Havana.

An ambulance was provided and we started for Havana, 109 miles from Pinar. The ambulance enroute broke down five times. We sat for one hour in a small town waiting for a mechanic. The people swarmed around the ambulance. Oh, how we proved God's grace in those hours! Miss Olive, Tommy's teacher, went with us in the ambulance. What a comfort she was to us on that trip and in the hours to follow. The Dodds and Miss Yeley kept the home. I shan't soon forget the scene as we pulled away from the home, Barbara clinging to Mrs. Dodd weeping as if her heart would break, and the Christmas tree with its untouched gifts behind them. They did however open their gifts that afternoon and tried to have Christmas. How glad we were for the Dodds and Miss Yeley!

When we reached the lovely Anglo-American hospital it was almost dark, and the accident happened at eleven-thirty in the morning. Another miracle happened, they were able to reach one of the finest chest surgeons in Cuba and the world. In about fifteen minutes he was in the hospital and soon the operation was begun. It lasted almost four hours. About ten-thirty a nurse came out to tell us to be prepared for the worst that unless they found the cause of the excessive bleeding he would be gone. I do not have to tell you what we did. Mr. Willey said, "I'll pray upstairs," where he clung to the door of the operating room during the whole time. Olive and I fell on our knees in Tommy's room and cried to God as I have never done before. He heard! In a little while the nurse came out to say it was found, and that is when they knew his jugular vein had been slit. It was during this time God did another unusual thing. The doctor giving the transfusions was frantic, as one of the donors was late coming, Mr. Willey heard him say, "he'll die if he doesn't come soon." So he said to the doctor, "take my blood." He rushed him in to the laboratory, and was

so excited that he spilled the blood from the syringe, but wiped it up from the floor and made his test, then shouted, "it matches." It is said it is a rare thing that father and sons' blood will match. But God!

For five days he lay in an oxygen tent gasping for breath, but he always felt all right when you asked him how he was. He never once murmured, doctors and nurses all commented on his behaviour, being amazed that he bore his suffering as he did. I say this too for the glory of God, for all of you that know Tommy know that he is so full of life that even to be still is an effort for him.

The surgeons said he would be there for a month or five weeks at the least. On the twenty-third day we brought him home. Both surgeons said, "we can't understand this it is nothing short of two miracles." One doctor was so amazed he hardly knew what to say, and Mr. Willey said, "well don't you believe in God, that He answers prayer?" He said, "sometimes I do and other times no, but this time, I do."

I have lived over this again with you for only one purpose that you might rejoice with us in our Almighty God. We knew from the beginning that He had allowed this for a purpose, and we have been seeing in some measure this purpose realized. There hasn't been one thing in the history of our work here that has so stirred this city and the surrounding country. A few hours after the accident it was announced over the radio. The pastor of the Baptist church, a Cuban, called a special prayer meeting on Christmas night. Our workers all over the fields called special services of prayer, and in these prayer meetings souls were saved and young people dedicated their lives to service. Unconverted business men, and teachers came and offered us money. None of us could walk down the street without being stopped ten or twelve times. People would holler to us from across the streets and say they were praying for Tommy, many of them Catholics and people we had never seen before. A doctor friend of ours here gave us the sum feeling of the people, when he said, "we know that God is with you all." We could bow our heads, and

say, Lord use this suffering for thy glory, and He has.

There is a definite new spiritual throb over all our work. The devil has given us one blow after another, but God is giving great victory. Last week we had a day of prayer at the school, praying for the financial crisis through which we are passing now, and I wish you might have heard those prayers. It was not that the Lord would send help from you, our people, but it was that the Lord would teach us the lesson He had for us in this testing. It was a precious day of humbling before the Lord. We are seeing the results. This past week-end here in our Pinar church and at the school fifteen souls found Christ. We are getting the same report from our other fields.

I wish that I might have time and space to tell you of all the conversions, and the lives transformed, the wonderful way that God is leading us, and the wealthy places, but it is impossible. I do, however, want to leave with you Tommy's own testimony that I found printed on a piece of tin-foil paper a few days after his return home, "In God I trust, for He has so loved me that He gave me back my life again."

Gratefully and prayerfully yours,

Mabel Willey

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S. O. S.

We are all aware of the importance of the above words, but never so definitely aware until we have heard it coming over the sea from a vessel in distress; until we have looked into the office of the radio operator seeing him frantically calling, and the tense faces of the captain and his sub-officers; then to go below to see the crew straining at the pumps, we feel the list of the ship, a tragedy is pending!

As a group of workers here in Cuba we are sending an S. O. S. Our needs are desperate. I, as director of the mission am appealing to you and must use frankness, as I am sure you would desire. The integrity of our name in a strange land rests upon the interest we are placing in an important branch of our Church activity, foreign missions.

The financial condition is very low, just

half the funds came to us this month, leaving but a few cents in the mission treasury, so Bro. Davis tells us. You as our people have never failed us, and we are sure you will not now.

Some of you probably do not know the sacrifices our native preachers are making on a salary that is equal to the spending money that some of your children receive per month.

The fields down here are white unto the harvest, the great S. O. S. awaits the answer, shall it be that we sink, or will the answer come quickly and we bravely ride the tide?

One of our pastors just left the house and I had to tell him that there might be the possibility that we would have to retreat from a great needy field. I do have the utmost confidence in you, our people, we have never made an appeal without you getting out and under. This month we have refused most of our salaries being forced to put together all the finances to meet food bills, and others.

You may take a look at the financial reports for the months past in our papers and know that your work on the two mission fields cannot go forward if these figures continue.

Thomas H. Willey

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association will meet Wednesday, April 10 in the College at Nashville, Tenn.

J. F. Miller

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CENTRAL AVENUE F. W. B. CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Dear Gem Readers:

We are still able to report progress for the Lord's work. Our pastor, the Rev. F. A. McCage, is proving himself an able minister of God's Word. Being a young pastor, he has the zeal of youth, as well as the conviction of a spirit-filled leader.

Our Sunday School is holding its own, with an average attendance of 125 each Sunday. We may have to enlarge one of

our class rooms in order to take care of the large attendance. With so many of the service men coming back, our Young People's class is growing by leaps and bounds.

The classes are getting up a project, independent of the Church, to air-condition the auditorium. The project is being sponsored by Bro. Jack Johnson, teacher of the young married people's class. All the classes are backing it enthusiastically—with both funds and approval. Bro. Johnson has volunteered to do the installing of the unit, free of charge.

A word of appreciation is appropriate here for the good work which the Ladies Auxilliary is doing in behalf of the Church, Foreign Missions, and the Free Will Baptists' State Orphanage at Ringling, Oklahoma. At the recent Dedication Service, Our Ladies Auxilliary contributed several quilts, blankets, linens, and other miscellaneous articles; things that are sorely needed at this time.

We have had five additions to the church, and three conversions since our last report. Like everyone else, we are "Standing in the need of prayer," so please pray for us.

Pastor, Rev. F. A. McCage
Reporter, Fred A. Potter

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TULSA, OKLA.

Dear Gem Editor and Readers,

Greetings from the Tulsa Church of Tulsa Oklahoma. We are glad to report of our church and its good work. We are having a good increase in our Sunday School attendance. Last Sunday the attendance was 189. We are working for 200 next Sunday. Our other services are increasing too, the prayer meeting is being attended better and we have been enjoying a preacher for the service. The League is climbing and a good interest is shown by each one. The League sponsored a concert, with the Oklahoma City Quartet as singers, with a reception for the singers following the concert. The attendance was good with the house packed and everyone enjoyed the good singing the boys gave us. The Woman's Auxilliary is as always busy at the work, making sick calls, having cottage

prayer meetings for shut ins.

Several of our folk went down to the Oklahoma State Orphanage Home March 3 to the dedication service. Their report was of a great service and good time.

We desire your prayers that we will continue to trust God for great success. Our prayers will continue to go out for you.

Pastor, John H. West
Reporter, Mrs. A. L. West

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TULSA, OKLA.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers,

Greetings from the Women's Auxiliary of the Tulsa Church of Tulsa, Okla. We are glad to report to you of our work that we may help you. Our work has been great and we all have been working, making things for the Oklahoma State Orphanage. Our ladies quilted a quilt and fixed several sets of tea towels and pillow cases. We have also kept up our visiting the sick and having prayer with shut ins and caring for the needy. When the church wants anything done, the ladies' auxiliary always ends up getting the job done. Several ladies have been making baptismal robes. The ladies also sponsor a rumage sale of old clothes we had stuck back in our closets, attics and basements and a great result was made from the sale, close to \$50.00 was cleared. I don't recall the exact amount. We plan to have another sale soon.

We desire your prayers that we'll always be a help to others in our work.

President, Sis. Hamilton
Rec. Sec., Margarette West

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PORTERVILLE, CALIF.

Dear Gem readers and brothers and sisters in Christ:

This is a rather dreary rainy day, but as I sit and meditate on God's word and His goodness to mankind and His promises to the faithful, I think of the scripture of 1 John 3:1-2.

"BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the

world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

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."

Now for your further good, please read the next verse. Then read 2 Peter, chapter 3, verses 9 to and including 14.

With just a little persuasion I'd preach you a sermon along that line today.

But I am supposed to be reporting for the church. Well we are still in the battle, and are determined not to know retreat. One of our boys who has served in the Merchant Marines for quite some time, lately returned home in a cold condition and renewed his covenant with the Lord last Sunday night.

One of our girls was married recently and I understand another is to be married soon. Another singing school is starting at our church tonight.

We are among thieves and robbers out here, so if you come this way please stop we might be in distress. On the other hand we might do you good.

Rev. Ralph Gelger

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PRETTY WATER LEAGUE

We are happy to report that our league is growing and the young people are taking a great interest in the Lord's work. We have from 15 to 25 every Sunday night. We are also happy to report that our leaguers are 100 per cent Christians. We are sorry to have lost two of our members last month who moved to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. We know that Robbie and Joyce Laster will be a great help to the church there.

The leaguers are trying to raise enough money to build a room for the League and Sunday School class. They have a party every month and sell pies or lunches which help us to reach our goal.

We are glad to have our sponsor, Mrs. Myrl Wilson who conducts a bible quiz every Sunday night. This way we have a contest between the boys and girls. The boys are in the lead. The girls soon hope to catch up with them. We desire your

prayers that we may grow stronger in the Lord's work.

Secretary, Donna Wilson

FLAT RIVER AUXILIARY

Dear Co-Workers:

We are happy to report our good work in the Auxiliary at Flat River is still growing. God is still blessing our work and leading us forth into greater service to help the needy and to seek those that are lost. God said if I be for you who can be against you. One of God's sweetest promises. The Auxiliary ladies can find in the Bible. Keep on keeping on our good sisters and do your best, be present every meeting if possible. When time for our State Meeting we can be there with good reports. Our officers for the year:

President, Sister Junetia Moore
1st. Vice Pres., Blanche Tucker
2nd. Vice Pres., Alberta Dodd
3rd. Vice Pres., Christine Fryman
4th. Vice Pres., Goldia Black
5th. Vice Pres., Dorothy Pirtle
Treasurer, Velma Holdman
Rec. and Corrs. Sec., Gussie Hamblen

If we will be faithful in the little things for our Master when the task seems more than you can stand the Lord will make a way for you. Pray for us that we may continue in this sweet spirit.

Corres. Sec., Mrs. Gussie Hamblen

HOPE WELL ASSOCIATION NO. 2

It is a great pleasure that we send you the following names of our members of our Auxiliary of the Clemscot Church, of Hope Well Association No. 2, as subscribers to the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Mrs. S. R. Woods, Healdton, Okla.
Mr. John Jennings, Loco, Okla., Box 15
Mrs. Irvin Beers, Frox, Okla., Box 85
Mrs. Phillip Williamson, Healdton, Okla.
Mrs. N. R. Smith, Healdton, Okla., Box 398
Mrs. H. L. Higgins, Clemscot, Okla., Box 194
Mrs. A. J. Wright, Healdton, Okla., Box 398
Mrs. R. R. Hill, Holliday, Texas, Gen. Del.
Mrs. J. O. Hudson, Clemscot, Okla. Box 2

I am enclosing a check for \$9.00. Please print the above names in the April Gem.

Corres. Sec., Mrs. J. O. Hudson

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Dear Gem Readers,

Greetings from the Central Avenue Auxiliary, Oklahoma City. We are happy to report to you that God is still blessing in our meetings. We meet every week, have a business meeting once a month. We have been having some real spiritual meetings. We have 10 to 15 regular members. We have been doing quite a bit of work for our Orphanage. We have as our president, Iams, Second Vice, Sister McCage, Third Sister Barnett, First Vice Sister Will-Vice, Sister Walker, Fourth Vice, Sister Campbell, Fifth Vice, Sister Landers. Sec. and treasurer, Sister Vernece Martin, who are doing a fine work. By the help of the Lord we want to accomplish greater work. We are praying for God to send a great Revival our way. We desire your prayers that we will continue to grow and prosper for the Lord.

President, Sis. Barnett
Corresponding Sec., Sis. Rush

WACO, TEXAS

To the Readers of the Gem,

Greetings in the name of the Master. This is to inform you of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Waco, Texas and what we have been doing.

shortly after being discharged from the

I became pastor of the church here Army. February 3 of this year marks the beginning of my pastorage. Since I have become pastor, the Lord has added fifteen to the church. This includes myself, of course. Four of these came by letter. Six have been baptized, and five are to be baptized shortly.

We have services Sunday morning and night, prayer meeting Wednesday night, Young Peoples Meeting Friday night. Our Sunday School is progressing nicely.

A League was organized recently and already we are looking forward to a great and successful League here.

The church is rather small in regard to members, but the Lord is blessing mightily.

We have a group of children that sing like that many birds. One surely gets a blessing out of hearing those children sing.

They can also put some grown people to shame when it comes to praying in public.

If any one who reads this are ever in Waco, Texas, remember that you have a welcome here at the First Free Will Baptist Church on South 12th and Wood St.

We desire your prayers that we may grow stronger. Especially, I desire your prayers that I may be found doing the will of Christ Jesus.

We have set aside the first Sunday of each month to be devoted to Missions, Home and Foreign as well as the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Children's Home of Ringling, Oklahoma. This day our offerings will be divided up to be sent to support these causes.

Although we're not large in numbers, these fine people are large in heart. May God's blessing be poured out so that we'll be able to support the work of the church much more as time goes by.

We have set the second Sunday in June as the date for our revival to begin. We desire that Christians be much in prayer for a great revival.

I just wanted the readers to know how the Lord is blessing and answering prayers here in Waco. Again I beseech you everyone to pray for us.

Eld. Clarence J. Hearron, Pastor

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EARLSBORO, OKLA.

We want to thank you for the sample copies of the Gem you sent us for the Church. We are inclosing our check for the amount as following: Mr. J. V. Woody, P. O. Box 34, Earlsboro, Okla.; T. R. Alfrey, P. O. Box 83, Earlsboro, Okla.; J. B. Shelton, P. O. Box 155, Earlsboro, Okla.; E. C. Eidson, Earlsboro, Okla.; Mr. Dunn, Earlsboro, Okla.; Earl Stevenson, Earlsboro, Okla.

We hope to sell more of the Gem to our good Free Will Baptist folk this year.

We have recently accepted the Church as pastor for the balance of this church year. We have a good group of young people in our league, and they have a good teacher and we are praying for many of them to give their hearts to God this year

We also have a good Sunday School superintendent (Bro Earl Stevenson) and

our Sunday School is growing, and in good spirits.

We ask the prayers of all our Gem readers and our Churches of the good old United States that our work will grow and that we will win many souls for Christ.

Your Brother in Christ
Rev. W. F. Willingham
Pastor of Earlsboro Church

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MISSOURI TREASURER'S REPORT

February

Edith Blair	\$5.00
Berkeley City Church	5.00
Sublette Church	12.70
Aurora S. S. and Church	5.66
Jewel Church	5.10
Fredericktown Church	30.00
Oak Groove Church	5.00
Sublette Church	9.80
Leadington S. S.	3.21
Total	\$86.23
Fowler Union S. S.	2.50
Edith Blair	5.00
Hickory Grove Church	5.90
Mt. Grove League	10.09
John W. Adkins	25.00
Hickory Grove Ch. Haddam Kans....	2.77
Amity Church	23.00
Hannon Church	5.00
Myrtle League	20.00
Hickory Grove Ch. Haddam Kans.	1.56
Jesse Thompson	6.00
Union Light S. S.	14.01
Pleasant Grove . S.	11.32
Mt. Valley League	7.42
W. H. Huffman	60.00
Mt. Olive Church	65.22
A. W. Hartley	5.00
Carterville Church	11.00
Mt. Valley Church	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warren	5.00
Mt. Olive Church	8.33
Rock Chapel Church	23.91
Total	\$322.94
Copper Mines Church	\$1.00
St. Louis 3rd. F. W. B. Ch.	\$14.27
Monett Woman's Auxiliary	\$22.00

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

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NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION**Receipts for Month of January**

State of Ky. by G. E. Ratliff	13.61
N. W. A. C. by Fannie Polston	9.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. S. Ford, Picher, Oklahoma	2.00
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Crawford Nashville Tennessee	35.00
Mr. W. A. Irby, Commanche, Tex.	15.00
Mrs. Ivey Edgerton, Kenly, N. C.	100.00
1st. Ch. and Trinity Ch. of Ft. Worth Texas	151.88
State of N. C. by J. W. Alford	81.72
State of Okla. by D. B. Hellard	10.00
Clayton Ch. Clayton, Texas	6.48
Rev. H. E. Willis Nashville, Tenn.	1.00
Eastern Conference of S. C.	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. C. J. Harvey Camilla Georgia	17.00
1st. F. W. B. Ch. of Tulsa, Okla.	10.00
South East Association of Ala.	15.00
Nat'l. Unified Program Fund by R. B. Crawford	300.00
Des Plaines Ch. of Ill.	10.00
Clarence Hearron of Armed Forces	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. George Waggoner Columbia, S. C.	5.00
Union of S. C. Conference	50.00
East Tupelo Ch. Tupelo, Miss.	32.35
Daly's Chapel of N. C. by Henry Skinner	6.00
James A. Collins Asheville, N. C.	1.00
Mrs. J. O. Harrell Glennville, Georgia	1.00
Mrs. Bum McMillan Huntsville Texas	5.00
Mrs. P. J. Wood Huntsville Texas	5.00
Wolverine Association of Mich.	142.49
C. E. Sawyer Ware Shoals, South Carolina	8.00
Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Edge, Tex.	2.00
Porterville Church of Calif. by Frank Linton	37.25
Lindsay Church of Calif. by Frank Linton	5.00
Mrs. H. C. Simmons Hemingway South Carolina	5.00
Core Creek S. S. of N. C.	12.50
Rev. J. R. Davidson and family Nashville, Tenn.	6.00
Coalton Church and S. S. of Ohio by A. F. Delawder	8.00

Cordova Church of Cordova, Ala. by K. V. Shutes	56.95
Missouri State Association	330.37
Total	81,536.50

Received on the Jeep fund during January as follows:

Davis Shore Church, Davis North Carolina	40.00
Glennville Auxilliary of Ga.	5.00
Missionary Prayer Band of Bible College Nashville, Tenn. ..	23.00
Mrs. J. F. Harmon, Camilla, Georgia	5.00
James L. Moore, Wilson, N. C.	2.00
Turned in by Rev. Damon Dodd as result of Itinerate work	59.47
Hugo Ladies Aid of N. C.	5.90
Holly Springs Auxilliary of North Carolina	5.00
G. E. Gower Cedar Hill, Tenn	5.00
Midway Association of Ga. by A. D. Ivey	35.00
Mrs. J. S. Rich, Goldsboro, North Carolina	5.00
Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Beauliville, North Carolina	5.00
Flat River Auxilliary, Flat River, Missouri	21.00
Mrs. J. W. Harrison, Blackthear, Georgia	5.00
Flat River League, Flat River, Missouri	23.00
Union Grove Ladies Aid of North Carolina	5.00
Hickory Grove S. S. of Fla.	5.00
Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Bascom, Fla.	5.00
Aux. of Long Run Church of Ohio	10.00
Missouri State Association	79.52
Total	\$349.99

Winford Davis, Treasurer

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TEXAS HOME MISSIONS

We are glad to be able to report another good month although the weather was bad most of the time. I was with Bro. Halbrook at Bright Light and North Zulch for the first services of February. The services were fine. I am so happy to meet with so many of my old friends and find them in such a receptive mood. They were eager to cooperate in the Home Mission work. From North Zulch I went to Tatum to be with Bro. Ira Harper and enjoyed being with him very much. It rained most

of the time I was with him but we were able to have services in four of the churches during the week: Union Harbor, Stewart, Center Point and Chalk Hill. Those churches, like all the rest, were glad to know that we had undertaken the Home Mission Program and that so many places are ready for churches to be organized. After a good week with Bro. Harper we went to Henderson in the interest of the church there. I found Bro. Grant and his folk still enthusiastically carrying on. From here we went to Clayton for Sunday services. The services were fine and we had a good time with old friends and some new ones as well. This was a joyous occasion because of the sweet fellowship. It does our soul good to see people so hungry for scriptural food.

From Clayton I came home for a few days. I take a few days off the first of each month to make my report. I found the family heartbroken, they had just received a message that my wife's mother had died. But thanks be unto God there is no doubt as to where she is. This makes it so much better.

Since I did not make a financial report last month I am making this report for

both January and February.

Dennison 1st. Church	\$22.50
Weatherford 1st. Church	10.00
Dallas 1st. Church	35.00
Trinity Church, Ft. Worth	50.00
Irby Commanche	20.00
1st. F. W. B. Ch. Henderson	12.00
Harper	6.00
Compton	2.00
New Hope	8.25
Campbell Hill	3.75
Fellowship	10.00
Clayton	68.25
Bright Light	33.20
North Zulch	48.10
Good Hope	27.50
Center Point	3.75
Stewart	6.00
Chalk Hill	4.66
Union Harbor	15.50
Clayton	40.00
Total received	\$426.46
Total paid out	372.00
Balance	\$54.46

May God bless you.

C. B. Thompson

Texas State Home Missionary

1128 Clarksville St., Paris, Texas

He Arose

By Leonard Campbell, Ashland, Ky.

The great and glorious message of the birth of our Saviour was of such importance to the people of that day, and was so generally accepted as one of the greatest events of history, that it brought about a complete revolution in the cycles of time. Wise men, historians and all chroniclers began to mark all recordings after that date as (Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)). Now although almost all of the entire Christian world accepts and commemorates the glorious event of His birth, yet how few accept all the facts concerning the whole prophesy of His coming, or the testimony of those who were His chosen followers during His later years upon earth. They shared many of His troubles and His sorrows, as well

as many of His confidences, while He was still here upon earth. They all bear witness that it is not alone sufficient that we believe that He came into the world to save, but that having come He was willing to go through the agonizing death on the Cross that we might inherit life Eternal, through Faith in Him. Then to show the great power and Glory of the Father of all and for our assurance of a Greater Life beyond; for all who would accept Him and greater condemnation to those who would not; He came forth on the third day, completely triumphant over all. And I am fully persuaded that unless we accept all these sayings concerning Him, we reject all.

Some where I once read a little story

which I would like to quote here. It is a great lesson in witnessing, concerning these things, and unless we can and will witness in just such a manner, then I fear that our witnessing will be just as much in vain as would Our Saviour's birth without His death and Resurrection. The story concerns a small boy who was standing in front of a store window gazing in rapt admiration at a picture of Jesus: a passerby noticing the boy's attention stopped to ask him if he knew whose picture it was, to which the little boy instantly replied "oh why yes sir, that's Jesus, He died for our sins". The man started to move away but had only gone a few steps when the little fellow rushed up alongside of him with an "oh say mister I forgot to tell you that He rose again.

The sending of the Christ Child into this world gave the Father an opportunity to demonstrate to the world two outstanding facts, nay three: First the great love that He had for His masterpiece of creation; man, His former covenant with Moses called for sacrifices of various kinds on the part of the transgressor, for his offenses, but since "the heart of man is continually evil" under this system he became more and more corrupt continually seeking to apply the law to his especial benefit; until the Lord said "the smell of their sacrifices had become a stench unto His nostrils." Then seeing that man had fallen so far short of the glory for which he was created; He must needs send One who would be willing to become a sacrifice for all time, One who would teach us of Heavenly things and lead us in the Heavenly Paths; for this purpose He called upon His only begotten Son; (we are all The Father's by virtue of creation; but only Jesus was His from birth.) Evidence that this Sacrifice would forever stand in Heaven; is established by the rending of the veil of the temple at His death. (Matt. 27: 51; Mark 15:38). The destruction of the veil behind which only the High Priest ever went, to make atonement and intercession for the people, would indicate that now there was no further need of an earthly mediator for us. Our Sacrifice and our Mediator now hung suspended yonder on Calvary's Cross, thenceforth a new intercessor in Glory for all believers.

Second: It showed God's great power and glory, as well as His ability to overcome all obstacles. Note the account of Jesus' burial, how that these Pharisees were not satisfied with His merely being placed in a tomb hewn out of the solid rock and having a great stone rolled into place to fill the door opening. No they must seal the opening and place a guard about the tomb; lest some one should come and steal away His body.

Can anything be hidden away from or locked up again such a power as the Lord's I tell you nay. You may conceal your evils from the world, you might easily hide them from the church, or the pastor, even father, mother, sisters and brothers might be deceived, but you cannot fool or hide anything from the two most important people in the world; that is yourself and God. Annias and Sapphira tried that little trick long ago and failed. Jonah also tried it, but read how God sought him out and sent along a big submarine in the form of a fish that took old Jonah on board and deposited him right on the shores of Ninevah.

Third and last for this article, God in demonstrating His power and His glory, also shewed unto all who would let Him open their blinded eyes and accept of His glories, some of the good things that He has laid in store for them that are faithful until He comes again. However if you like Thomas are one of those who are always doubtful of every good thing, then let me say unto you that God NEVER leaves room for any doubts about His works. He is always willing to go just a little farther than you ask. Just as was the case on this occasion; not only was the Son resurrected but in order that there might be many witnesses, that all doubts might be destroyed, read Matt. 52:53, how that many of the saints that slept also arose and went into the City and appeared unto many, see also John's vision, Rev. 20:4.

The Saviour had told His disciples that where He went they could not now come, but that He must go and prepare a place for them, then He promised to come again and receive them. Meanwhile they were not to sit idly awaiting His coming, but were commissioned to go preach the Gos-

pel unto the Nations, in order that they might repent and believe, that they might inherit eternal life. Thus then: He created within us, as Gentiles a hope and gave us of His Spirit to bear witness of that hope, that He will come again.

DELINQUENCY CURE

Municipal Court, Portland, Me.

By Judge Edmund P. Mahoney

We are concerned with waves of crime on the part of our youth and will be so concerned at the present rate it is increasing, for years after the war. Much is being done to penalize juvenile delinquency and to control it, BUT WHAT IS BEING DONE TO CURE IT?

We have institutions to which to commit offenders, to penalize them. They are also designed in some measure to correct the offenders, but I submit that our present institutions are more penal than corrective.

We have inaugurated schemes and methods to control the prospective juvenile offender.

Supervision and control of public places usually frequented by the juvenile are of course, important and preventive measures in controlling the delinquency of the juvenile.

We give attention to the dance hall, the bowling alley and the pool room, to the theater and other places of amusement.

A constant vigil should be maintained to curtail the sale and distribution of obscene and filthy books, pictures and magazines.

Curfew laws will not solve all the delinquency and predelinquency problem, but they can give police an added implement in dealing with juveniles, and stimulate stricter parental control. But any law should be so framed to penalize the delinquent parent, as well as the delinquent child.

Yes, we have laws and institutions to penalize and correct: we have methods to control; but what are we doing to find the cure.

To find a cure, we must first find the cause.

We seek to find the cause when a 14 year old boy, apprehended roaming the

streets of a city, in the early hours of the morning, stands before the court with tears in his eyes and asks to be sent to the state school BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT HE COULD BE HAPPIER THERE THAN IN HIS OWN HOME.

Yes, we seek to find the cause, but we need not look far, for behind every delinquent child, IS A DELINQUENT PARENT; BEHIND EVERY BROKEN YOUTH IS A BROKEN HOME; BEHIND EVERY BROKEN HOME IS A NEGLECT OF GOD IN THAT HOME.

The mother, who, except in the case of strict necessity, leaves that home and child for outside employment and leaves that child on his own, contributes more to the delinquency of that child than the child itself.

The father who believes he has fulfilled his obligation by turning in his pay check, and neglects to give that child supervision and training in his morals and education, is a father, but a delinquent one.

In this present epidemic of youthful crime, delinquency and truancy, with venereal disease among the young mounting to a national scandal, we should be talking more of a parental failure, rather than a youthful failure, for the cases are many where the parents are the children's worst example of intoxication and immorality.

What is the cure? We must first give God His rightful place in the American home, and recreate in the delinquent parent a sense of responsibility to that child that will guide him by proper supervision, training and religious education, through the trying period of his youth.

If we cannot bring the home to the church then let us bring the church to the home. Let the churches send out their ministers into the streets and lanes of the cities, into the highways and the hedges and bring them in.

Until the cardinal principles of God are implanted in the hearts of the youth of our nation; until there is instilled in the hearts of the parents of these youth a God-like sense of responsibility in that home, we shall continue to experience wave upon wave of crime, mounting and growing day by day, until it reaches a magnitude beyond the scope of the law-enforcement agencies and the American people to control.

A NEGRO PREACHER

An old Negro preacher of the deep South, who never had to worry about empty pews, always prayed this prayer before his sermon: "O Lawd, give Thy servant dis mawnin, de eye ob de eagle and de wisdom ob de owl; connect his soul wid de Gospel telephone in de central skies; 'luminate his brow wid de sun ob hebben; saturate his heart wid de love ob de people; turpentine his 'magination; grease his lips wid possum oil; loosen him wid de sledge hammer of Thy power; 'lectrify his brain wid de lightin ob Thy Word; put 'petual motion in his arms; fill him plumb full ob de dynamite ob glory; 'noint him all ober wif de kerosene oil ob salvation and sot hom on fire! Amen!" Amusing isn't it? But we thing it could well be copied by many of us.

Rev. Ralph Geiger

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HOW TO KILL YOUR PREACHER

Someone has compiled the following list as a sure method to kill preachers:

Don't attend the Sunday evening service.

Don't attend the prayer meeting.

Only hear him when "convenient."

Habitually come late.

Sit just inside the door.

Don't give him your attention.

Rush out as soon as the service ends.

Act cold to show your dignity.

Never thank him for his message.

Never appreciate his efforts.

Tell him what wonderful messages you hear elsewhere.

Criticise him before your children.

Don't make him welcome when he calls.

Criticise him for not calling.

Accuse his wife of trying to run things.

Don't take your Sunday guests to hear him.

Don't offer to help.

Don't inform him when you are ill.

Don't pray for him.

Don't do what he says.

What about going thoughtfully over the list again to see if you are guilty of some of these things?

If you are guilty, the Word says:

—Now
"Whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy." (Proverbs 28:13)

FOR A SERVICE MAN'S WIFE

A medal please, for a service man's wife
She heard the young man say,

I want her to wear it the rest of her life
So make it large and gold and gay.

The clerk looked over the counter,

At the young man standing there;

He was tired and weary from battle,

She saw premature gray in his hair.

I'm sorry sir she answered,

We've medals for soldier's its true,

But one for a serviceman's wife

Is obviously quite new.

We've lockets and bracelets and compacts,

And trinkets to please any wife;

Perhaps you would care to see them—

They are all guaranteed for life.

But the soldier smiled a kindly smile

And said in his own simple way,

Don't bother, Miss, you've nothing here

I could take her on this special day.

You see, she's been more than a wife these
years,

She's been a daddy to baby as well;

She's never complained or mentioned the
tears

That no doubt very often fell.

Well, I'm home and I'm safe and I'm happy,

I'm on my way to her right now;

I'm sorry you haven't the medal

But I'll make it up somehow.

As the soldier went on his homeward way,

I couldn't help thinking aloud;

That the best medal on earth for a service
man's wife,

And one of which she will always be proud;

Is the return of her dear one forever,

And to know that the battle is won;

To be safe from fear, and to know he is
near

When the end of day is done.

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