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## OUR SACRED COW

*"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also. —Habakkuk 2:15.*

I was listening to an address over the radio relative to the Christmas season, and the speaker was giving some good advice on the subject of safety at Christmas time. He was telling how, at Christmas time so many accidents would occur by fires and improper lighting fixtures and how, that amid the joys of the celebration many would be crushed by the sorrows of death and destruction. He mentioned just about every thing in the catalogue that cause disaster during the holidays, but he was careful not to mention the one thing that will cause more sorrow, snuff out more lives, burn up more money than all the violations of safety rules that you could mention. Of course you know what I have reference to, The Liquor Traffic.

The attitude that many of our American people take toward the Liquor Traffic is similar to the attitude that the people in India take toward the Cow. To them it is, "The Sacred Cow." Mr. Louis H. Evans gives this account: "Some how the cow has come to a place where he has won the astonishing devotion and obselesence of myriads of Indian people. In sickness this beast is nursed with care and infinite wisdom. Before missionaries went to India, spacious and well kept hospitals for women were unheard of, while palatial rooms housed the sick cows. No one seems to have the inclination to disturb this favored animal. He will lie down to sleep before a store door and rather than to disturb his slumber,

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## LYRIC RELIGION

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(Note:—The following article is supplementary material for the 1947 Year Book of Programs for Woman's Auxiliary Societies. It has been prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, Instructor of Music in our Free Will Baptist Bible College. We appreciate this good work of Mrs. Sawyer. I want to recommend that our women clip this article from our church paper and place it in your Year Book. This contains vital information which will be of interest to your study of the programs throughout this year. —Marie Hyatt, First Vice-President of W.N.A.C.)

In two of his letters the Apostle Paul recommends the ministry of singing to his fellow Christians. It is not the sort of counsel, perhaps, we should expect from this sturdy and intellectual apostle. We scarcely imagine the gift of song as part of our conception of his marvelous equipment. We do not think of him singing as he climbs from the Cilician plains into the cold and biting air of the Taurus Mountains.

But why not? It is probable that we get very much nearer to a true image of the man if we think of him toiling along the hard roads in the mood of song. The man who broke into singing at midnight in the prison in Philippi, when a few hours before he had been beaten with Roman thongs, has a very active sort of minstrelsy in his soul that would wake into music at the lightest touch of events.

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## A DEACON RECRETS

*By Giveneth Tally, Aurora, Mo.*

James Brown was a deacon in a country church twenty years ago.

It was just a small church and, like all churches, there were the usual number of boys and girls who attended the services.

One service night a small red headed, freckled nosed boy of about ten years of age went to the altar and gave his heart to God. The little fellow was very happy and gave a wonderful testimony of his love for Jesus.

A few days later the minister went to see Deacon Brown. It was a fine morning in early spring and the deacon was in the garden.

"There's nothing like spring," began the minister, with a smile, as he laid a hand on the deacon's broad shoulder. "That is just what I was thinking," returned the deacon, rather soberly. "What brings you out this fine morning?" he asked the minister. "Well," began the minister, "I've come to talk to you about Jackie Long. You remember the little boy who was converted a few nights ago. I know you think he is too young, but he wants to join the church. I've talked to him and I never saw any one with a clearer conception or a better realization of the saving blood of Christ. We cannot doubt or question his conversion and if you will make no further objection to the boy being baptized, I promise you that I will stand sponsor for him."

For a moment the deacon made no reply. "I'm not much on taking children into the church," he said gruffly. "For nine times out of ten they don't know what they are doing. They're not converted, they join because they see others do it."

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## MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

(For January, 1947.

### State Unified Fund

Rec., Sept., 1946 to Dec., 1946, \$988.22  
Sublette Church ..... \$ 14.75  
Fredericktown Church ..... 40.60  
Flat River Church ..... 128.75  
Monett Church ..... 21.72  
Monett Church ..... 16.63  
Carterville Church ..... 4.70  
Merl's Chapel Church ..... 10.00  
Cave Springs Association... 109.99  
Sublette Church ..... 17.10  
Jewel Church ..... 9.25  
Leadington F. W. B. S. S. .... 4.40  
Oak Grove Church ..... 6.00

Total received in Jan. .... \$383.80

### Foreign Mission Fund

Rec., Sept. to Dec., 1946.... \$1363.33  
New Harmony Mission ..... 20.60  
C. W. Mo. & S. E. Kan. Association  
Fifth Sunday Meeting ..... 4.96  
Independence Church ..... 28.42  
John W. Adkins, Kirksville.. 25.00  
Blue Eye Church ..... 10.00  
Mrs. Jessie Thompson,  
Anderson, Missouri ..... 10.50  
Monett Church ..... 24.45  
Carterville Church ..... 9.65  
Myrtle League ..... 10.80  
Amity Church ..... 10.00  
Hannon Church ..... 5.00  
Hickory Gr. Ch., Haddam, Ks., 2.16  
Pleasant Ridge Auxillary .... 6.00  
Shibley's Point Church ..... 2.15  
True Blue Class, Neola ..... 1.00  
Mt. Olive Church ..... 6.70  
Rock Chapel Church ..... 18.56  
Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Lewis, Hannon, 5.00  
Pleasant Grove Church ..... 12.90  
Niangua Quart. Meeting ..... 2.35

Green Grove Church ..... 14.37  
Carterville Church ..... 7.88  
Flat River Church ..... 9.42  
Verdella Church ..... 17.56

Total received in January, \$274.97

### Expansion Program

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Jan., 47, \$42.00

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

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Jan., 47, 11.00

### Jehoida Chest Fund

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Dec., 46, \$10.00

Copper Mines Church ..... 1.00

### Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Jan., 47, \$78.91

### Home Mission Fund

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Jan., 47, \$5.00

### Superannuation

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Jan., 47, \$5.00

### Cuban Girl's Dormitory Fund

Rec. from Sept., 46 to Jan., 47, \$10.00

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer.

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## IF THOU KNEWEST

"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.

The above words, uttered by our  
Savior, as He stood by the well in  
Samaria, were heard by an audience  
of but one, and she unknown, yet  
they come echoing down the ages to  
millions then unborn.

These same words, my friend,  
apply to every living soul today who  
may be speeding toward Eternity  
without Christ, and without hope.  
Eternity!

Not only to the woman of Samaria,  
but to "who-so-ever will," is this  
living water offered freely, and with-  
out money or good works.

"IF THOU KNEWEST!" Oh, the  
tragedy of a soul passing into Eter-  
nity rejecting Eternal Life and the  
joys of salvation, the Gift of God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"IF THOU KNEWEST THE  
GIFT OF GOD"

—Selected—

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## The Negro's Testimony

YOU have heard the story perhaps  
of the negro convert who gave this  
strange testimony, with doubtful  
value. He said, "I've done many  
things lately I shouldn't have done.  
I've been a liar, I've stole chickens,  
I've cussed some; but there is one  
thing I hasn't done; I ain't lost my  
religion!" We think it would have  
helped that colored brother to have  
read the second chapter of James.

## THE GEM EVERY MONTH

Here is news—from now on the Gem will be published every month. It was agreed at our Board meeting January 28, 1947, that our paper should be printed every month, and your acting editor has agreed to carry on this work until a regular Editor-Manager is installed, or until the Missouri State Association meets next fall.

It is not expected that any job printing will be done at present. But we'll get out an issue of the Gem each month, then wait until time for the next issue, but subscriptions, manuscript and other matters that come in will be carefully taken care of between times of issue.

We get no pay from the Association for our work—our only income is the subscription money that comes in, and so far, it has taken all we get from that source to pay expenses.

For the present the Gem will contain only eight pages. When we have enough manuscript we can put out a larger paper, if we have enough money to pay for what a larger paper will cost.

Now, that the Gem will be published regularly, you will not hesitate to send in your dollar for your own subscription, if your time is out, and can safely ask others to subscribe. Every subscription on the books will be sent for the full time paid for and new subscribers will get the paper twelve months for their dollar. The editor can't make a go of our publication alone—he must have your help; so come on, friends, let us build the GEM.

We still have faith in our Free Will Baptist people, and believe that they will be glad when they learn that the Gem will, from now on, be a regular visitor to their homes. I do not believe, though, that conditions mentioned above will be pleasing to any one of you readers; but the remedy is in your hands—we are doing our part, and looking to the friends of the Gem to do their part.

Our supreme need just now is

matter for publication and subscriptions. Now is the time to rise up and build the Gem; for if we fail to support it when we have the chance, we may lose it.

—Acting Editor.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARY NEWS

The foreign missionary work continues to go forward with blessing. It appears that Free Will Baptists have decided to make up for some lost time in sending the Gospel to other lands. For many years our denomination did but little toward spreading the Gospel among other people; but it seems true that we have decided to do something about it. Surely the Lord is in this great missionary revival among our people over the many states.

During the month of January we received a total of \$4,246.44. Of course our expenditures are mounting all the time as our work expands; but the above figure is not at all bad for one month, and considering too, that it was one of the dull after holiday winter months. We certainly thank every one for their liberality toward this great work.

Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey of Greenville, Tennessee are hoping to get out to India soon. It is very difficult to book passage to other countries these days, and we should be much in prayer for them, that the Lord will move definitely before them. However late word from Bro. Woolsey says things are looking favorable. They have gone over the top in raising money with which to buy equipment to take with them to India. Their goal was \$2,000.00, and I understand they have raised some over that amount. We thank the Lord, and every one who gave, for this response.

Our Foreign Missions Board have launched a campaign for a new set of permanent buildings for the Cuban School of Missions. The limited buildings we have had there are only temporary. They were only provisional, cheaply erected, and it was not expected that they would last for any long length of time. However they have served a wonderful purpose; but as our student body is enlarging it is vitally necessary that we erect dormitory space as well as a new administration building. We have

\$10,000.00, and to cover a period of five years, if necessary; but a special effort is to be made to finish the job in three years, if possible. That of course will depend on the loyal support of our people to this special campaign. A new girl's dormitory is now near completion. The next thing will be a boy's dormitory, and a new administration building. These buildings of course are being built out of permanent material with tile roof. Let us pray and look forward to the day when this institution of Christian training will, some day, be the means of spreading the Gospel far into the West Indies and the continent of South America.

Have just finished mailing out 6000 copies of The Free Will Baptist Missionary Review over the denomination. We hope you will like it. Will try to give you a special missionary paper as near every quarter as we can. If you did not receive one, perhaps we do not have your name on our mailing list. If you will send us your name and address, we will gladly place you on our mailing list, and you will be receiving our missionary literature, whatever we may be mailing from time to time.

We are very grateful for what Missouri continues to do for the foreign missionary work. You have done well. Just keep up the good work. Please remember we have scarcely touched the surface as yet in this great field of missions. The fields are indeed white unto harvest, and the laborers are few. But God is answering our prayers wonderfully in sending us workers; so let us not fail them with our prayers and financial support.

The nice book on the subject of missions, titled, "His Name Among All Nations," written by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, is selling rapidly. We receive orders for it most every day. Better order your copy while you can get it. The price is only \$2.00 per copy. Order from the Missionary Office, Monett, Mo. We will fill your order promptly.

May the Lord bless you one and all. Please do not forget this great work in your prayers.

Yours to serve,

Winford Davis.

"Your needy friend may some day be a friend indeed."

## LYRIC RELIGION

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And who has not known the inspiration of song? Who has not known the stale flatness of some depressing scene lifted away by the ministry of song?

"Sometimes a light surprises  
The Christian while he sings."

When Johnson Oatman, Jr. received inspiration for the writing of the beautiful words to the hymn, "Lift Him Up," his soul was full of harmonies, singing with grace unto the Lord.

**"Lift Him Up"**

How to reach the masses, men of every birth,

For an answer Jesus gave the key:

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,

Will draw all men unto me."

Oh, the world is hungry for the living bread,

Lift the Savior up for them to see;

Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,

"I'll draw all men unto me."

Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew.

Preach the Gospel simple, full and free;

Prove Him and you will find that promise is true,

"I'll draw all men unto me."

Lift Him up, Lift Him up,

Still He speaks from eternity;

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,

Will draw all men unto me."

If a soul is full of harmonica, singing with grace unto the Lord, even its admonitions find a ready entrance into the lives of others, and are ministers of health and healing.

Those whom we call experts in devotional life are almost in perfect agreement as to the helpful ministry of singing their devotions.

What riches of singing there are in the Psalms! There is nothing that so awakes all that is good and holy in people, calling their spirits to their proper duty, setting them in their best posture towards heaven, and tuning all the powers of the soul to worship and adoration.

**"I Am Music"**

"Servant and master am I; servant

of those dead, and master of those living. Through me spirits immortal speak, the message that makes the world weep, and laugh, and wonder, and worship.

"I tell the story of love, the story of hate, the story that saves, and the story that damns. I am the incense upon which prayers float to heaven. I am the smoke which palls over the field of battle where men lie dying with me on their lips.

"I am close to the marriage altar, and when the graves open I stand near by. I call the wanderer home, I rescue the soul from the depths, I open the hearts of lovers, and through me the dead whisper to the living.

"One I serve as I serve all; and the King I make my slave as easily as I subject his slave. I speak through the birds of the air, the insects of the field, the crash of waters on rock-ribbed shores, the sighing of the wind in the trees, and I am even heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on city streets.

"I know no brother, yet all men are my brothers; I am the father of the best that is in them, and they are fathers of the best that is in me; I am of them, and they are of me. For I am the instrument of God.

"I am Music." —Anonymous.

People have always loved to sing. It seems to be a natural way of expressing happiness. In the time of Moses we find the Hebrews using sacred songs. When the Israelites crossed the Red sea, freeing themselves from Egyptian bondage, Moses and Miriam gave them a song of praise:

"I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously;

The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea,

The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation;

My father's God, and I will exalt him" (Exodus 15:1, 2).

This is probably the oldest choral song we have, and it is one of the best. The Hebrews used singing only for the worship of Jehovah.

You will know of the Shepherd boy, David, who slew the giant, Goliath. We have admired his courage and bravery, but let us not forget that among his greatest gifts to us are the songs which he composed.

When he was out on the hillsides, taking care of the sheep, he had plenty of time to look around at the wonders of the earth and sky. In the beauty of nature he saw the glory of God, and expressed his feeling in songs which are found in the Psalms. When David became King, he was so fond of music, that he encouraged the people to sing more. The Bible tells us that there was a great choir, trained, formed from thousands of musicians chosen from among the Levites to be used in the Temple and Tabernacle services.

We can imagine how wonderful it must have seemed to the boy Jesus when he went to the Temple for the first time! He must have been impressed that His Father's house was a house of prayer. Like other Jewish boys, Jesus was taught to sing the Psalms. The hymn which was sung at the last Supper was probably Psalm 115.

With the beginning of the Reformation, Martin Luther not only gave the people their Bible in their own tongue, but also gave them the first Hymn Book, as had been said, "So that God might speak directly to them in His Word, and they might answer Him in their songs."

The very first book printed in America was a psalm book called the "Bay Psalmist." The Pilgrims had brought with them from Holland an edition of the Psalms.

We now come to our modern times, when there has been a tremendous development in hymn writing. England has given us some of our very best hymns. Among the pioneers were Isaac Watts, who has been called the "Father of English hymn writers," and Charles Wesley, who wrote nearly six thousand hymns, many of which we use frequently today. Reginald Heber, who was a missionary, brought us our challenges to service through the fine writings of his missionary hymns.

After the Revolution, the American people began to feel their liberty, and express their joy and freedom in poetry; and when our greatest American poets, such as Bryant, Whitier, Longfellow, and Holmes contributed to our hymns, we reached a result for which we may well be proud.

Through the fine writings of Moody and Sankey, a class of sacred songs termed "Gospel Songs," have been given us.

Someone has said: "Our Christian hymns are surely among the most powerful agencies we have for developing the religious sentiment of our people." The best of them are exquisitely beautiful in form and imagery, are magnetic and noble in tone and spirit, and deal habitually with topics and aspects of truth that all lie close to the heart.

Hymn singing may surely be called successful when it affords an avenue for true approach to God in earnest and noble worship, and bring to our thought these aspirations:

"Exalt ye the Lord, our God, and worship at his footstool" (Psa. 99:5).

"I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing" (Psalm 101:1).

A Song or Psalm of David

"O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Awake psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations" (Psa. 108:2,3).

In writing of this beautiful hymn, "Lift Him Up," Mr. Oatman, writer of the lyric, and Mr. Beall, composer of the music, might have brought to their minds these two verses from the Book of books:

From Colossians, third chapter, sixteenth verse, we read: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

And in the nineteenth and twentieth verses of the fifth chapter of Ephesians we are enjoined to "make melody in our hearts," by these arresting and helpful words: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Lift Him Up" and sing praises unto his name. "Exalt Ye the Lord"—our watchword. "Exalt ye the Lord, our God, and worship at his footstool for he is holy."

## A DEACON'S REGRETS

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"But Jackie is," returned the minister, "I know he is."

"Well," said the deacon, finally,

"As long as you feel the way you do about it, and if you are sure the boy knows what he is doing, I'll say no more about it, but I'm doing this against my will though, understand that." The minister shook hands with the deacon and went away very happy. The following Sunday Jackie joined the church and was baptized.

It was twenty years later. The deacon had grown old and his step was very slow. He stood one morning at the gate as the postman came up the walk and handed him a letter. The deacon went into the house and as his custom was, sat down in his easy chair to read the letter. Then he put on his glasses and opened the letter. As the hand writing did not seem familiar to him, he glanced down the pages until he came to the signature. "Well, well," he said, "if it isn't from my old pastor. It's been a good many years since he went away." His eyes grew dreamy. "I never stopped loving him tho—he was a kind soul and a good man."

Then he turned to the letter and this is what he read:

"Dear Old Friend: Do you remember twenty years ago when I came to see you, to talk to you about Jackie Long, the little red headed boy with the freckled nose, who wanted to join the church? You objected because he was so young. I promised to stand sponsor for him, if you would withdraw your objection. Well, he sailed for India about a month ago. He went as a missionary, to preach the Gospel to the people of India. He will have to travel many days on horse back to get to his field. I never saw any one with so much faith and enthusiasm as he has. When he was told of the many dangers that he would have to face, he said: 'I spent eighteen months on the Western front. What I did there, I did for Old Glory. I'm doing this because of my love for my Savior.'"

That is the way Jackie felt about it. Being sponsor for him, I wanted you to hear this. You see, Deacon, we can't tell what the little restless boy on the front seat will be when he grows up. It was a good investment for me to look after him. Any way, I did want you to know about him.

He's going to make one of our finest missionaries, and he found Christ in the little church of which you are a member and of which I was pastor for several years. He doesn't

know what fear is and is entering his work with much faith in God.

Deacon Brown folded the letter and held it in his hand. For some time he sat very quietly, as if in deep thought.

"Jackie Long, the little restless boy with the freckled nose—a missionary in India. And I—I objected to him joining the church, only the minister saved him, now he's a missionary."

"James," called his wife from the kitchen, "Are you busy?" "Yes, Maggie." And then he added under his breath, "I am busy, busy regretting my actions toward a little boy twenty years ago."

You can't tell what a boy will do. With sturdy strength and heart so true;

For he may some day cross the sea, And tell the story there for me.

So treat him kind and teach him well, And of God's love the story tell; That when he grows to manhood years, Of dangers great he'll have no fears.

## OUR SACRED COW

*Continued from page one*

multitudes quit trading at that establishment until he has removed his bulky frame. The traffic in India many times becomes tied up because of his lazy insistence on a boulevard saunter. Now and then people are gored in his mad tantrums, though few desire to oppose him. Any attempt at slaying him will instill a riot. He eats and consumes great quantities of grain and fodder. He seems to be India's 'Little Darling,' but very little he gives back to India for her pains.

We in America would classify the cow worshippers of India as heathen, but we have a sacred cow here in our country—it is the liquor traffic. In his mad tantrum he has gored to death some 10,000 citizens in a single year leaving the mangled corpses along our highways, the victims of drunken driving. It was also found that this brute has also gored with horns of drunken driving accidents, some 250,000 more who, however recovered from the ordeals. Is much said about it?? NO! We must not offend America's Darling Beast! Let him have his fun—this is a free country! To put a ring in his nose

and lead him to the slaughter pen is the loss of liberty! So he sprawls in front of the doors of our factories and shops, keeping a million people from constructive service to God and country, and no one tries to kick him out of the way. What strange idolatry!

He is charging and running over thousands of homes yearly—leaving behind broken hearthsides and scattered hearthstones. He is a ravenous beast and has a tremendous appetite. It costs great sums to feed him. In one year alone he consumed over seven billion dollars of America's earnings.

Yet, what is our attitude toward this thrading bovine? Few want to disturb him. You must not kick him. Do not try to attack him over the radio. Politically he is well defended. The feeding of this amount of fodder has government sanction. His glory adorns the billboards of nearly every community. On one huge billboard you can read the glorious advertisement of the liquor traffic, which encourages the people to buy and drink this or that brand. This of course is legal business, sanctioned by our government. Then on a sign near by this spot you will read the statement: "Drunk Drivers go to Jail!" It sounds a little inconsistent to me, but that is the way America treats the 'Sacred Cow.' Fashionable groups drink toasts to him gaily, and never before in history has he been so enthroned in American life.

How much longer will this beast rule in our land!! This is a question with which we all must deal. In some sections of our country he is being corralled. Honest people are rising up in protest to his menacing career. The people in North Dakota have passed a law forbidding the sale of booze in cafes and grocery stores. The law will be in effect Jan. 4, 1947. The citizens of Delta, Colo. said NO! to a recent proposal to license the sale of liquors by the drink in their town. Dodge county, Minnesota recently voted to remain dry. The wets put up a terrific fight in this campaign, but to no avail. Angelina County, Texas recently voted by a majority of 2400 against licensing the sale of beer. In Botecourt County, Virginia, the dries won out by a wide majority in a local option referendum on the sale of beer and wine and other alcoholic beverages. This election will mean that more than thirty es-

tablishments now selling beer and wine will have to cease sales of such beverages.

Also a bit of encouraging news comes from Washington, which states that Republican Senator Capper of Kansas, who is senior member on the Senate Agriculture Committee, announced recently that he will introduce a bill in the new 80th Congress to prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages. Let us pray for this move, that God will direct our Christian leaders to take the lead in defense of our Christian principles and cease to bring woe to our neighbors and our neighbors' children, by not only giving them drink, but encouraging the consumption of the same. If we refuse to support measures to take away the drink that is so destructive to our country, we are guilty of giving drink to them and, as a result, woe will be pronounced upon us. Write to your Congressman, Senator, or Representative and inform them that you are in favor of any bill that will prohibit the advertising of alcoholic beverages. Most of all pray for the thousands of victims who this Christmas time will feel the impact of the liquor traffic and the many homes that are on the verge of being broken up because of its influence.

Radio Message by Rev. Raymond Riggs, December 22, 1946.

### MONETT CHURCH REPORT

The ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Monett Church are thankful for another privilege to report our work since the beginning of the Associational year. We have a membership of 27, with an average attendance of 27. We have two meetings each month. The offering we receive is tithed each month. Our Auxiliary adopted the Co-Laborer plan as recommended by the National body.

We have sent Kylem, the girl we adopted at Greenville Orphanage, a box at the beginning of school, one for her birthday, and one for Christmas. We also sent an offering of \$25.00 to apply on the station wagon they are buying for the conveyance of the children at our Cuban Mission. We are thankful for the privilege of helping this institution.

We also co-operate with the church in holding cottage prayer services in the homes of those not privileged to attend church services, and them that

know not God. This creates a closer fellowship, and strengthens our spiritual lives as well, also others are helped.

Last summer we sponsored a Vacation Bible School, and are now making plans for the one to be held this May. We are looking for a wonderful school, and for souls to be saved.

Four boxes were distributed for Thanksgiving, also a nice love offering in food, and many for Christmas were given.

We have also held a Stewardship and Mission Study class, and sent an offering to Foreign Missions. The first command to a Christian is "Go ye." The characteristic of a Christian is love, and living in the light. If we have love, we give of our time, talent and money. In an ever changing world we must learn to evaluate what is the most important, rather than what we may think is the most necessary, for ourselves. If we love, and give, then we are making it possible for others to go to foreign countries, while we can go to friend, neighbor or relative. Thus we are trying to accomplish what should be the foremost desire of every Christian—leading souls to God.

Pray for our auxiliary, that each of our women may put their all on the altar, and do all we can in co-operation with our church and pastor.

We invite all women and pastors of our churches to attend the all day Quarterly Meeting of Indian Creek Woman's Auxiliary Convention to be held at Monett Church on Wednesday, February 12, 1947, beginning at ten o'clock a. m.

Mrs. Melvin Dunkin, President.  
Mrs. Will Gates, 1st. Vice Pres.  
Mrs. Roy Alyea, 2nd. Vice Pres.  
Mrs. W. L. Powell, 3rd. Vice Pres.  
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Mrs. C. L. Atwell, 5th. Vice Pres.  
Mrs. Lewis Greenway, Cor. Sec.  
Mrs. Ed. Jones, Sec.—Treas.  
Mrs. Nettie Herrell, Flower Chairman.

### WHICH CHURCH?

The story is told of a staunch Presbyterian who finally became convinced that all the Christian denominations should unite and join as one. A friend asked him, "What will this one big church be like?" "Like the Presbyterian church of course," was the quick reply.



## REPORT OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT BOARD

The Board met at the Camp site Saturday, February 15th and transacted the following business:

1. We employed carpenters to build one cabin 14x20 ft. (this will be property of the State Association and will be used as headquarters while other work is being done) and one building 30x40 ft., which will be used as main assembly hall and dining room. This work will be done on the hourly base of \$4.60 per hour, for six men. These men are doing carpenter work regularly, all of them used to working together. They are also vitally interested in the Youth Encampment work.

2. The Board voted to employ machinery to grade a road entrance to the camp grounds and clear stumps from play ground.

3. We ask our State Executive Board to invite the Christian Workers Institute, for joint session with our Youth Encampment this year, preferably in the month of July.

4. Rev. Mark Lewis, of 2043a Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo., was elected General Superintendent of this year's encampment.

The well is now being drilled, and we have thirteen thousand board feet of oak lumber on the ground, all paid for, and approximately \$1,000 cash in the treasury; but we will need at least that much more to pay for drilling the well, putting in a pump, erecting buildings, and getting the grounds ready for use this summer.

We, your Board, have been doing our best to accomplish the task set for us: working, praying, planning and giving to this worthy cause. Now is your opportunity to do your part as individuals, churches, Sunday schools, leagues and Woman's Auxiliaries. We feel that God would have a number to give \$50. or \$100. donations, others \$25., and many \$5. and \$10., and surely every Free Will Baptist in the State of Missouri would like to give \$1.

Send all offerings to Rev Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Missouri.

Rev. O. T. Allred.

## ST. LOUIS 4, MO., Jan. 30, 1947

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Lovers,  
Greetings from 3rd. F. W. B. Church, 1330 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis 4, Mo:

We have learned of the action of the State Executive Board pertaining to the Gem, and we are overjoyed at the prospect of having the monthly visit of our beloved paper again. During the past months that the Gem has not been published we have missed it very much; too, we have missed hearing from those of God's family who are called Free Will Baptists. We do enjoy hearing from you because we love you so much, and trust that the Lord has richly blessed your labors since we have heard from you.

I am sure all will be happy to know that we, the Third Free Will Baptist Church, are still going on for God. We are happy to report that the Lord has blessed us wonderfully. Every Auxiliary of the church is prospering. And the Lord has supplied our every need; and in turn made it possible for us to give considerable support to our denominational enterprises. For all this we are extremely grateful. Our aim, our desire is to go on for Him. And our hope is, "He WILL NOT fail us in the time of need."

We are planning for a revival meeting in the month of May. This plan began in November, 1946. All during the winter months we have been having special prayer meetings, that have included cottage prayer meetings on behalf of the revival. We are aware of the fact that we are living in unusual times; therefore, we know we need unusual power for service, thus the special prayer meetings. We already feel victory in our hearts. The Rev. Raymond Riggs of Highland Park, Mich. Church is to be the evangelist; and we plan to have a special quartet for the singers. Please pray with us, that the meeting will be a grand success.

Our building program is prospering nicely. As you will remember, our present building is all free of debt. However, it is not a regular church building. We are very hopeful of being able to build during this year of 1947. We have considerable funds on hand for this purpose and know that the Lord is able to supply more. The reason we know this is, "We have tested Him before." We believe this year will be a RED LETTER year in our church history.

May we express our deep appreciation of our beloved Eld. B. F. Brown as acting editor of the Gem. We know that, due to his age, this is a great undertaking for him. But, thank God for his willingness. God has always been able to supply a man for every place of worthiness. We believe He will supply a permanent editor soon. We shall pray to that end.

May the rich blessings of a gracious God rest and abide on you all, is our fervent prayer.

Yours in Christian Faith,  
Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor,  
2043a Sidney St., St. Louis 4, Mo.

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## SEED THOUGHTS

By The Editor

Once there was a Christian,  
He had a pious look,  
His consecration was complete,  
Except his pocketbook.  
He'd put a nickle in the plate,  
And then with might and main  
He'd sing, "When we asunder part  
It gives us inward pain."

I prayed for faith and thought it would strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read, "Now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now began to study my Bible and faith has been growing ever since.

—Moody.

Still as of old, man by himself is  
priced.  
For thirty pieces Judas sold himself,  
not Christ.

## Church Bulletin Boards

One summer this announcement appeared on a church bulletin board in Cleveland:

No Sunday School  
No Sunday Evening Service  
Morning Service in the Chapel  
Subject: Leave Us Alone

It is a serious mistake for a church to give up its Sunday night services during the summer months.

## The Neglected Book

"Mother," said the small boy, pointing to the big Bible in the case in the front room, "is this God's book?"

"Yes, dear."

"Then don't you think we had better send it back to God? We never use it."

—Pays.

## THAT GEM OFFICE STOCK

Yes, the stock at the Gem office is now State property; but we must raise the money to pay the debt we have contracted.

At our Board meeting, held at the Gem office, January 28, 1947, the contemplated purchase of said Gem office stock was thoroughly discussed; and it was unanimously agreed that said stock should belong to Missouri State Association, also that Bro. Dees needed the money he had tied up at the Gem office, and that he should have it. The wisdom of the idea to borrow the money and buy the stock was so convincing to all members of the Board that we decided to do that very thing, therefore

We took an inventory of the stock, and found it amounted to \$852.26. We paid Bro. Dees the \$34.26 we had received to apply on the purchase price of the stock. Bro. Dees owed \$410., borrowed from the Church Extension Fund; so we cancelled that note, and made a new note for \$410. payable to the Church Extension Fund. This still left us owing Bro. Dees \$408., which we borrowed at the Bank, on nine months time at six per cent interest. We have the privilege to pay \$25. or more on the note any time we have the money for that purpose.

Bro. Dees is now paid in full, and we own the stock—it is State Association property.

We propose to pay our debt with money donated by friends of the Gem. We are now ready for your donations, in any am't.

So far most of the donors have sent \$5., most of them sent \$4. donation and \$1. for a years subscription to the Gem. But we are not saying what you should give—the matter of how much lies between you and the Lord.

It will be easy to pay this debt if every Free Will Baptist in the State is willing to help a little.

Send all contributions to the Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond Street, Monett, Missouri.

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.....Information Card (Six Point System), Form 9.....	20c each \$.....
.....Individual Report Slips, Form 10.....	\$1.50 per (pad) 1,000 \$.....
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.....Request Slips, Form 12.....	20c per pad of 100 \$.....
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TULSA, OKLA., Feb. 9, 1947.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the New Home Free Will Baptist Church has thirteen members. We meet one day each month, have devotional services in the morning and do work in the afternoon, for those who need help.

We have our program one day each month, and Bible study one day.

We have a wonderful time carrying the work on for the glory of God.

Mrs. L. A. Wooldridge, Sec.—treas.,

R. 9, B. 558, Tulsa, Okla.

DESLOGE, MO., Febr. 5, 1947,

Dear Friends:

I am so glad to be receiving the Gem once more. I pray that an editor can be found soon, and the Gem can soon be even better than it ever was.

I am glad to report that Aulsbury Chapel Church is on the road to victory for God. We now have full time preaching, and have an average of 45 in Sunday School, and as many in church services. We are praying for an old time revival, and expecting wonderful things from the Lord.

I am sending you 3 subscriptions.

Rev. James Barker.