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## OUR COMMISSION



Art thou down hearted, child of God?  
If thou would'st courage seek  
FORGET thyself—go forth and tell  
Glad tidings to the meek.  
Is thy heart sad because of loss?  
Go forth and take this token,  
Tell all that mourn, that soon our God  
Will death's great prison open.  
For ashes, beauty—oil of joy,  
And praise as garments strong,  
Instead of hearts of heaviness,  
Their hearts will fill with song.  
While God today His vengeance shows,  
On nations great and small.  
Teach them to pray "Thy kingdom  
come,"  
God's blessings on them all.  
This then is thy commission now  
Go forth and do thy part,  
And thou wilt find the greatest joy  
Lies deep within thy heart.



—Selected.



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The more we know about a  
cause the more interested we will  
be.

"You take a daily paper, do  
you not?"

"Yes, several of them."

"Why not give them up and  
save money?"

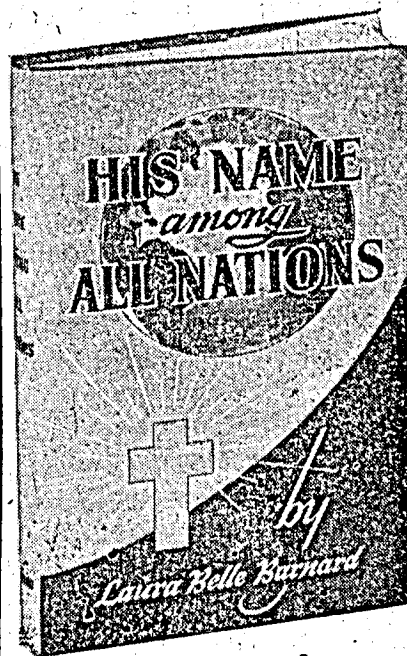
"What! Don't you suppose I  
want to know something about  
what's going on in the world?"

"How many church papers do  
you take?"

"None."

"Then am I to understand that  
you don't want to know what is  
going on in the church of God?"

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# EDITORIAL

## WE PLEDGE YOU OUR BEST

Most of you over the state will know, ere you read this issue, of the latest move concerning the Free Will Baptist Gem. September 19th your unworthy was elected Editor-Manager of this Free Will Baptist enterprise by the Missouri State Association in its annual session assembled with the Macedonia Church, which happens to be my home church, located eight miles south east of Monett. At the time of this election, the folk who made the move backed up their action with something over sixty subscriptions, \$157.00 cash offering, and pledges to the amount of \$430.00. For this expression of interest and confidence, I most heartily thank each and every one. I only wish I could feel myself worthy.

I do not have a great deal to say just here, as to any pledge for the future, any line of promises, or far fetched dreams and aspirations. I rather feel to let it all be covered in the words at the head of this paragraph, **"I DO PLEDGE YOU MY BEST."** You and I are not strangers, and when I think along these lines, I am free to say just here that I do enter this place and shoulder up this responsibility with a great deal of confidence. We need your prayers, and I feel we will have them. We trust you will be patient with us. Please bear in mind that it is going to take some time to get going just like we hope to. It can not be done over night, but by the help of God and the cooperation of you dear people it can be done.

## WE DID NOT PUBLISH A SEPTEMBER ISSUE

We are sorry to have to miss the month of Sept. However, there was nothing else to do. The month was over half gone before we took over, and the fact that this is all new to us made it most impossible to get out a September number. I hope you will understand, and will bear with us.

## WE ARE BIDDING HEAVILY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes, we must have all the subscriptions possible. The Gem continues at \$1.00 per year. We will most heartily thank you for all the subs. you send in. It will help greatly. **WE MUST BUILD THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.** Come along now and take this up with your church, your Auxiliay, your friends and neighbors. Lay this matter before them. The more subscriptions we get the better Gem we can give you. When we think of the fact that there are some 250,000 to 300,000 Free Will Baptists in the United States, we are compelled to say that the subscription list of the Gem should run into several thousand. We are expecting to be flooded with subs.; I believe we will not be disappointed.

## A WONDERFUL STATE ASSOCIATION

The Missouri State Association which met with the Macedonia Church last month was a most wonderful success. A fine spirit of peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire session. A splendid representation was present from all over the state. A great spirit of enthusiasm was manifested concerning all phases of our work. Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of our College in Nashville, Tenn., was present one day and night in the interest of the school, and Rev. Damon Dod returned missionary from Cuba, was with us and brought the missionary message. Each of these men brought great inspiration to us all by their presence and their messages. I will not say more concerning the State Meeting as the Clerk-Treas., Rev. Marie Hyatt, tells you all about it in a complete report elsewhere in this issue; but it is certainly no exaggeration to say it was one of our best ones.

## MANUSCRIPT AND MINUTE WORK

We want manuscript for the Gem. Send us sermons, letters, and also reports concerning our work in general. We want plenty of manuscript; would rather have too much than not enough. Let us have reports on the activities of your church and its auxiliaries. You brethren, who are able to do so, send in some good sermons for publication.

Yes, we are ready to do your minute work. If you have a minute job for publication, let us hear from you.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ALSO?

You will notice in an above Editorial that several hundred dollars were donated at the State Association and turned over to the Editor to be used in getting this Gem Office going again. As we said above this is highly appreciated. If you would like to help, along with these others, we will certainly be grateful. As you know, this place stood unused for seven months after the resignation of Brother Dees in April, 1946. Bro. Brown has been serving as Acting Editor for only nine months, starting in December, 1946. His work was done on an almost gratis (free) basis. Certainly the work has gone down to a great degree. Nothing else could have been expected, of course, with no one definitely in charge; with the responsibility of keeping it going. It, therefore, will be quite a job to get it going again. Any donation you may send in for that purpose will indeed help, and be assured it will be appreciated; not only by me, but by the State Executive Board and all concerned. As I stated before, I have great confidence. I know you will give us your hearty cooperation. Thank you.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MO. STATE ASSOCIATION

Marie Hyatt, Clerk-treas.  
Greentop, Mo.

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1*

In all the sessions of the Missouri State Association, the previous one at Macedonia Church seemed the greatest blessing to me. The above verse of scripture describes the fellowship enjoyed by all. The Holy Spirit was our leader; love and harmony prevailed throughout each session and service; God was in our midst.

The outstanding feature of our Association was a definite answer to several years of united prayer. God definitely led in the election of our new Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, Rev. Winford Davis. Our church paper is very dear to our hearts; therefore, rejoicing came as God's man was chosen. There was shouting, tears of joy and rejoicing manifested during the hour of business as subscriptions, donations and pledges were given to the support of the Gem.

The State League and Sunday School Conventions are launching forth plans for holding their sessions during the Youth Encampment. If building facilities are perfected, the 1948 sessions of these Conventions will be held in connection with our Camp. Our Youth Camp seems to be moving right along in the lives of our young folks. It's up to our churches to make this camp available for our Youth. They make the church of tomorrow. A challenge to build is ours!!!

Rev. Henry Melvin, Business-Manager, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, presented to us information concerning our College. We were so happy to have Bro. Melvin. He was a blessing to our Association. An offering of \$88.34 was given to the College. Then during the business session our State went on record as opposing any trend or movement toward our Bible College becoming a lib-

eral arts or fully accredited institution.

One evening service was given to missionary interests. Rev. Kenneth Turner showed us pictures of F. W. B. missionary work in Cuba. Rev. Damon Dodd delivered a soul-stirring missionary message. An offering of \$154.45 was given to Foreign Missions. Our State heartily indorsed the Foreign Mission Extension Campaign recently launched by the National Foreign Mission Board. Rev. Damon Dodd has been appointed as the Director of Foreign Missions in our State. Let's cooperate with him in reaching the quota set for the Missouri State Association!

Home Mission presented itself anew to Free Will Baptists. The State Executive Board (our Home Mission Board) was challenged to give us a workable plan in behalf of Home Missions. We're expecting a report from them in the near future.

Our State endorsed the resolutions made by the Superannuation Board at our National Association last July. Each member of every F. W. B. church in Missouri is expected to give \$1.00 during this year to Superannuation. Don't fail in this department of work.

The Women's Auxiliary Convention was a real blessing. We're trusting that the coming year will be a greater one of service in our Auxiliary work. The theme of our Convention "Exalt ye the Lord" remains a challenge to us.

Item No. 8 of the Business Committee reads: "We recommend that the Executive Board be instructed to consider the need for funds to establish our National Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Also, that they be empowered to allocate any available funds from the State fund for this purpose. Further, that they have the privilege to use plans devised by them to reach the \$2,000.00 goal for Missouri as suggested by the National Association." This item was adopted.

Words cannot express the appreciation of our State to the Macedonia Church for their kind hospitality as they entertained

us during our stay with them. The church with the excellent cooks, Mr. and Mrs. Champ Sells and daughter, worked so earnestly in caring for the material needs of our State Association. Their thoughtfulness and labor made our week's visit a real pleasure.

All in all -- this last session of our State Association was a real blessing. We're looking forward to the 1948 session which meets in the Northeast Mo. Association. We're trusting that it will be a greater blessing.

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."*

## REPORT OF YOUTH ENCAMPMENT WORK

Reported and plans made for work as given before, and received by, the Missouri State Association in its recent session.

What we have at the camp on the twenty acres of ground owned by the Missouri State Association is a building 30 by 40 which was used as a main auditorium where institute classes were conducted during the day and where worship service was held at night during our session this past summer. We have a well 212 feet deep with an abundance of water, well house 8 by 8 ft., cook house 8 by 12 ft., two cabins 14 by 20 ft. equipped with enough bunks for 26 people. All of this belongs to the State Association. We have also a cabin 20 by 14 ft. equipped with bunks for 12 people belonging to the Merls Chapel Church.

It was necessary to borrow five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in order to complete the work sufficiently so we could have the encampment this year. There was \$236.00 in the Youth Encampment treasury at the be-

ginning of the recent session of the State Association. An offering was taken during the Ass'n. to the amount of \$196.23, and several churches agreed to build cabins, and have them ready for next year's encampment. The State Sunday School and League Associations are joining with the Youth Encampment Board in putting a Promotional Secretary to work, promoting the interests of the Sunday Schools, League work, and the Youth Encampment program. It is the aim of these officials to give every Sunday School and League in the state an opportunity to share in the promotion of this work.

God is giving us a marvelous opportunity to move forward in His work. May we not sin in failing to let God do the work He has to be done through us.

We no doubt will have some definite plan of work to present in the very near future. In the mean while could we have an offering of from \$10.00 to \$25.00 from 50 Sunday Schools, it would take care of the balance of indebtedness, and give us a substantial sum with which to start further work on your encampment grounds.

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

—Rev. O. T. Allred

### Concerning The Musical

#### Department Of The Church

I would like for all the people in our Indian Creek Association to know what is going on in the interest of better singing in our churches. During the recent session of the Indian Creek Ass'n which convened with Blue Eye Church I was elected Singing Evangelist. My duties are to sing to hold singing schools and to sing for revivals. Since I was elected I have visited two churches, namely, Pleasant Grove and Aurora, and was welcomed by all. If any church would like for us to help in singing in any way such as in a singing school or in a revival, write and let us know. Also any minister that would need us to help in revivals we will be glad to serve. This work

is not made possible by a salary: only free will offerings.

Sincerely,

Roy Alyea  
General delivery  
Monett, Missouri

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The 1946 session of the National Association passed the following resolution:

- 1) That the Executive Secretary lead in the accumulation of funds to buy or build suitable property as National Headquarters for Free Will Baptists, it being provided that the initial investment is not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- 2) That all Departmental Boards and Conventions of the National Association, exclusive of the Bible College, be required to set up administrative offices in said property as soon as facilities have become available.

This resolution was read by you in the National Minute and in all the state papers. We made a plea to you for funds through the papers. A personal letter has been sent to every State Moderator and letters have been sent to many friends of the cause for a contribution to this most worthy project. Again, I am writing letters to our State Moderators and to many friends of the cause, asking for full co-operation in this work. Some states have done well in their offerings—two of our states, whose gifts in general to the denominational projects have been small in the past have sent the most to the National Headquarters Fund.

In the 1947 session of the National Association, it was voted to locate its headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. Now you know where it will be located, but you will help to determine how and what and when it is to be opened. The state associations will soon be in session—I believe great concern will be shown between now and January 1, 1948. You are called upon to have faith in God, have plans and pride for your denomination, and make a large contribution to a cause that will bring the Gospel of Grace to our generations

and growth to our denomination because of God's goodness to us and our gifts. Please send all funds to me, earmarked, National Headquarters Fund.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Treasurer,  
3609 Richland Avenue,  
Nashville 5, Tennessee.

### HONORABLE MENTION

We would be very ungrateful if we failed to extend this word of appreciation for the service rendered by Rev. B. F. Brown, former Editor of the Gem, who came to the office last December to begin putting out the Gem again while the State Board in the meantime was looking for a permanent Editor. Bro. Brown did not come into the office as Editor, neither was he aspiring to the position; but he only consented to come as Acting-Editor while, as I said, the Board was looking for some one. Bro. Brown was the Gem's first Editor. He was elected in the fall of 1928 when the Gem was founded. He served faithfully for many years. We owe a great deal to Bro. Brown, and to his good wife as well, for their sacrificial service rendered in the publication of the Gem. The fact that he has been putting out the paper since last Dec., even though it has been small in size, makes it easier for us to take over and get going at this time.

—The Editor

### OBITUARY

**BRADLEY** — William Alvin Bradly was born near Purdy, Barry County, Missouri July 21, 1894. Departed this life October 3, 1947 at his home in Monett, Mo. at the age of 53 years, 1 month, and 13 days. He was united in marriage to Cora Pitts of Purdy Feb. 26, 1921. To this union was born two children, Mrs. Frances Moudy of Hays, Kansas and Mrs. Louise McCullough of Granby, Mo. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, a mother, two brothers, and three sisters. The brothers and sisters are as follows: Walter, of Monett, Roy of Illinois, Mrs. Lively Sexton of Purdy, Mo. Mrs.

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# GOOD PEOPLE LOST-BAD PEOPLE SAVED

## BY REV. SHERMAN OAKES

*"Many will say to me in that day Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderfull works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you depart from me, you that work iniquity." -Matt. 7:22-23.*

### INTRODUCTION

Christ did not say, you that commit iniquity. Likley they were obeying the letter of the law, and could say, "I thank God! I am not as other men. I am good." Their works were wrong. "Ye that work iniquity." Works are an effort toward an end. And their works were false gospel, the gospel of self righteousness or salvation by self-merit. They would not say, "God be merciful to me a sinner." They never did anything wrong. Had not sinned in years. Yet they were violating God's declaration. "No flesh shall glory in his right." And the question of Paul, "Where is boasting? It is excluded."

Jesus said, "If I bear witness of myself, my witness is untrue." If it would have been wrong for the sinless Son of God, to witness of His goodness we are absolutely without ground to witness for ourselves.

Self-righteous people are telling how good they are, the things they do not do, what great wonders they perform, how close to God they are. Dwight L. Moody shook two continents toward God. He said, "When you hear a man telling how good he is, you can tell how far he is from God."

### THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT

The scripture makes clear this subject: "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death." It seems right that those who live good, and do good works, have good characters, and are religiously observing the Golden Rule, should go to heaven. While all of that is good in its place, the end thereof is death if we depend on them for salvation.

God has plainly declared, "All have sinned and come short of the glory

of God." And again, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." He that climbeth up any other way the same is a thief and a robber." And to settle the fact, "For other foundation can no man lay, than is laid, which is Christ Jesus."

If you are standing on a foundation of self-merit, or self-holiness, you are attributing your going to heaven to that and not to the shed blood of God's dear Son. God cannot recognize your merit relative to salvation, if He did He would nullify the atonement of Jesus.

### SALVATION BY GRACE

"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9). The definition of grace is an unmerited favor, and it is made clearer by saying a favor that can not be merited. If you are depending on your own merit, you are fallen from grace. The only time "Fallen from grace is mentioned in the Bible, it is a case of depending on other than the blood of Jesus for salvation. An insurance policy gives four weeks grace. You owe the premium, but cannot pay it. If you die the policy is in full force. When you are under grace, you are empty handed, nothing to claim as merit on your part. In Dr. Joe Hankin's meeting a man came forward who looked half dead, and asked permission to speak. It was granted and he said, "Neighbors, I call you to witness. I have lived right, paid my just and honest debts, treated my neighbor right. I have lived the Golden Rule, and boasted my religion would take me to heaven. My doctor said, 'Jim Ragsdale, set your house in order, you must die today.' I turned my face to the wall and everything went black: I reached out my hand to find something to hold to, but there was nothing to hold to. I cried to God to spare me and I would confess

Christ as my Savior." Jim forsook his self-righteousness and depended on the finished work of Christ.

### SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS IS DAMNING

As much as we hate dance halls, road houses, night clubs, liquor and beer stores, the religious people who are self-righteous, that is depending on other than the naked atonement of Jesus Christ; and teaching that philosophy, are damning more people. Jesus said to that type of religious folks, "Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and harlots go into the kingdom of God before you." (Matt. 21:31). Christ could not save the good people. What was true in the days of Christ's earthly ministry is true today. He stood outside of self-righteous Jerusalem and wept, saying, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft I would have gathered you as a hen gathereth her brood and you would not, now your house is left unto you desolate." Jerusalem was the center of religious life, but lost.

### HE DID AND CAN SAVE THE BAD PEOPLE

Jesus crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee and found a wild man who stayed in the tombs, who was possessed with a legion of demons. The authorities could not bind him with a chain strong enough to hold him. He was a terror to the country. Jesus cast the demons out of him, and he was clothed in his right mind. He believed on Christ and wanted to go with the Lord. Jesus left him in his own country to witness the saving power of Christ. At Jacob's well, He met a woman, who had five husbands and the man she was living with was not her husband. She believed on Jesus. Throwing down her pail she then went into the city of Samaria, testifying that Jesus was the Messiah. The City came out, and believed. She led more people to Christ in one day, than most of us do in a life time.

Mary Magdalene met Jesus one day, she was possessed of seven demons. He cast them out and she became His disciple. Mary was the first per-



son Jesus appeared to after His resurrection.

Mell Trotter, was a drunkard, he stole the shoes off his dead baby and sold them for liquor. He met Jesus and believed unto the salvation of his soul. He became an evangelist of International reputation.

#### ZEAL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

The reason Christ cannot save good people but can save the bad is set forth in the following scripture: "For I bear them record, that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for salvation to everyone that believeth." (Rom. 10: 2-4).

The salvation of the Lord is not earned, neither is it received as a reward, it is by grace—a gift. "...the gift of God is eternal life." If salvation is earned, it is wages. If for merit, it is a reward. The only way this gift of salvation can be received is set forth in the gospel hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, oh Lamb of God I come, I come." When you receive the gift it is yours; no law based on justice can take it away from you. When you receive the gift of eternal life, it is yours for time and eternity. It will pay us to study the word gift for a month, so we will thoroughly understand what the gospel is. Then we will know how to preach Jesus Christ, the Lord, as the Savior.

#### GOD'S GLORY SHINES

God's glory shines now in my life,  
And keeps me free from sin and  
strife;

I'll safely walk the path of right  
Until I reach the mansions bright,  
God's glory shines for your delight,  
'Twill surely guide, both day and  
night;

'Twill guide you to the golden strand  
Where you shall join the ransomed  
band.

God's glory shines to those in sin,  
And it will cleanse the life within;  
Come, enter now the Shepherd's fold,  
And share eternal joys untold.

—Aubrey Douthitt

#### GRATIFYING RESPONSE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS IN THE CUBAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

We are very much pleased with the response to the appeal we made for the support of the Cuban students this year. So far the following have taken the support of one student each:

Intermediate Class

Mt. Elon Church of South Carolina

Prayer Band of the Highland park Church  
Highland park, Mich.

Young Peoples League of Hazel park Church  
Hazel Park, Mich.

T. L. Scruggs

Vet. Hospital, Outwood, Ky.

Free Will Baptist Church  
Leeds, Alabama

Ladies Auxiliary  
Camilla, Georgia

Womens Auxiliary  
Highland Park, Mich.

Fellowship Church  
Flat River, Missouri.

The Ina Church,  
Ina, Illinois

Ladies Prayer Band of Hazel Park Church,  
Hazel Park, Michigan

The support of these students is \$15.00 per month. The school must have more funds with which to operate this year as there is a marked increase in the student body. The treasury is not able to supply it so we fell on this plan to get more funds with which to run the school. You will be furnished with a picture of your student together with their name and testimony. You will please send the money through the National Treasury designated for that purpose. The money will be sent right on down for the very purpose for which you give it. By sending it through the treasury your state will get credit for the amount on the quota given for this year. Why don't more of you join with us on this plan? Remember, however, we want this done in addition to what you may be already doing for missions.

Yours for the spread of the gospel

—Winford Davis, Treas.

#### THIS IS THE SPECIAL SEASON OF THE YEAR IN MO. FOR REVIVAL CAMPAIGNS

As the Gem goes to press, we know of several revivals in progress over this immediate territory. Rev. O. T. Allred is in a meeting in Arkansas, Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffries at Hickory Grove; Rev. Haily and Rev. Bandy at Aurora, Rev. Harvey Hill and Rev. Archie Cooper in North East Missouri, Rev. Wilson and Rev. Jones are soon to begin with the Amity Church, Rev. Cecil Campbell at pleasant Grove and no doubt others are in progress, or will soon begin, that we do not know about. We are praying for these revivals; that in each one there may be a great ingathering of souls, and the churches greatly revived.





## Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis Promotional Secy.-Treas. National Board



Rev. Damon C. Dodd

Mo. Foreign Mission Director

A director for the promotion of foreign missions has been appointed in each of nineteen different states. The director for Missouri is Rev. Damon Dodd of Flat River. He will have charge of the promotion of foreign missions in the state of Missouri throughout this national associational year. Each State Director has been asked to designate one month in the year as special missionary month. Bro. Dodd has designated November for this state. May we all get ready for a special missionary drive throughout the state during the month of November. You will hear more about this in the near future.

—The Editor

### CONCERNING THE ITINERATE WORK BEING DONE FOR MISSIONS

Rev. Kenneth Turner leaves right away for the state of West Virginia where he is to conduct an itinerary with the picture machine under the direction of Rev. Kenneth Brown, Missions Director in the state of W. Va. We

hope for great results from that itinerary. The quota for West Virginia this year is \$2,000. We believe they will meet it before the year is gone.

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Roach are busy somewhere in the eastern states in the interest of the missionary program. We haven't heard from them for a while, but we are sure they are busy as they had some plans layed the last time we heard from them. May the Lord bless all these efforts put forth in the interest of our dear missionary cause.

—The Editor

### WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Things have been moving in a hurry concerning our foreign mission work since the launching of the Extension Campaign at the National Association in July. All of the State Directors have been appointed and instructed, several states have designated their respective months as special missionary month, a number of the State Directors are busy launching their drives (getting out advertising material, etc). The results so far are very pleasing. We can already notice a difference in the financial receipts. The following is a list of the states that have already taken their special missionary months up to this date of October 1st:

South Carolina .....	October
Illinois .....	October
Missouri .....	November
Michigan .....	November
Mississippi .....	November
Georgia .....	December
California .....	December
Tennessee .....	February
North Carolina .....	March and April

We are now busy getting out a circular to the Free Will Baptists of the states of South Carolina and Illinois which have taken the month of Oct. The suggested quota for each of these states was set at \$1800.00 for this associational year of 1947-48. Both of these states are off to a good start.

Next, as you will see above, comes the month of Nov. which has been taken by Missouri, Michigan, and Mississippi. These three states are also moving along splendidly as to meeting their quotas. We will have more to say to the F. W. Baptists of these states as we further approach the month of November.

Latest reports from the foreign fields are encouraging. Miss Louise Ferettino, who has gone to Cuba to serve as Secretary to our Director of the Cuban field, writes that she is extremely happy in her new work. Miss Ferettino is a very capable Secretary, and promises to be of great value to our work in Cuba.

Mrs. Willey has lately been in the states, having come over to bring Tommie and Barbara to Toccoa Falls, Georgia where they

### OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENES SOON

The Oklahoma State Association meets the 21st of this month (Oct.). The Editor does not know for sure just where it convenes, but I am guessing that it meets at the Oklahoma Camp Ground. We hope to learn of some splendid forward strides being made at this meeting of our sister state. I hope to witness some fine returns for missions. Remember Oklahoma, your quota for this National year is \$1800. Come on; do your best.



entered school for this term. Also the daughter of Maxamina Sanchez of Pinar del Rio has entered the same school with Tommy and Barabara. Let us keep these dear children on our prayer list as they must be away from their parents for the school term. Also remember it is not easy for the parents. Such as this is just part of the life of a missionary. It further verifies the fact, as we have said so many times, that a missionary's life is a life of sacrifice. Sister Willey has now gone back to the work in Cuba.

Miss Yeley has also returned to Cuba after a visit and vacation in the states through the summer. She returned at the same time as Sister Willey. Miss Yeley has made some very helpful contacts during her stay in the states. We appreciate it very much.

Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey are now in language school at Wolfsburn, Landour North India. At the last word we had from them they were getting along fine. It was voted at the National Association this last time that anyone upon entering the Indian field as a missionary must enter language school for the first year.

The last word from Miss Barnard brought the good news that all was well. She is, of course, very busy in the work at Kotagiri.

The following is a table which shows the exact progress made by each state toward raising its quota during the months of July, Aug., and Sept., the first quarter of this associational year:

QUOTA	NAME OF STATE	AM'T. GIVEN 1st QUARTER	AHEAD OF QUOTA	BEHIND WITH QUOTA
1947-48				
\$8,000	North Carolina	\$1,822.31	\$.....	\$ 177.69
6,000	Missouri	1,532.57	32.57	.....
1,800	South Carolina	1,180.83	730.83	.....
3,000	Michigan	571.34	.....	178.66
6,000	Tennessee	278.08	.....	1,221.92
1,800	Illinois	223.43	.....	226.57
1,800	Oklahoma	184.42	.....	265.58
850	Georgia	184.35	.....	28.15
1,200	Texas	176.68	.....	123.32
1,200	Alabama	174.15	.....	125.85
600	Mississippi	64.80	.....	85.20
850	Arkansas	55.00	.....	157.50
200	Kentucky	54.05	4.05	.....
2,000	West Virginia	53.25	.....	446.75
	New Mexico	20.00	No quota given	
700	Florida	11.00	.....	164.00
	New York	10.00	No quota given	
200	Virginia	5.00	.....	45.00
2,500	Ohio	.....	.....	625.00
200	California	.....	.....	50.00
100	Kansas	.....	.....	25.00

## MISSIONARY MISSILES

R. T. Hassall

The spirit of Jesus Christ is the spirit of missions.

Foreign missions stand or fall on the divinity of Jesus Christ.

With missionary capital you'll have missionary interest, and you'll find it easy to pray for missions.

Have you received, as I have, of His boundless, unmerited grace and favour? Then your obligation to the heathen, your debtorship, is as great as mine. "I am debtor . . . so, as much as in me is, I am ready" to pay the debt.

God has two main purposes for your life: the first, that you should be holy; the second, that the heathen might know Christ through YOU.



## REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER GIVEN BY STATES

Bro't forward from	
August .....	\$2,887.89
Rec'd by States during Sept. as follows:	
South Carolina .....	\$850.83
North Carolina .....	748.67
Missouri .....	370.55
Michigan .....	171.34
Tennessee .....	113.61
Georgia .....	125.58
Oklahoma .....	78.00
West Virginia .....	53.25
Kentucky .....	53.00
Mississippi .....	38.49
Arkansas .....	37.05
Texas .....	35.09
Alabama .....	27.00
Illinois .....	15.00
Florida .....	11.00
New York .....	10.00
National Aux. Con. ....	107.80
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations" ....	212.00
Total .....	\$3,058.26
Grand total .....	5,946.15
Disbursements for Sept.	3,167.63
Bal. in treasury Oct. 1, 1947, .....	2,778.52
—Winford Davis, Treasurer	

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Marzelle Scott of Kansas City, and many other relatives and friends who mourn his going. He was converted about ten years ago at the New Salem church during a revival at that place and became a member of the Methodist church at New Salem. Later with his family transferred their membership to the Free will Baptist church in Monett of which he was a member until death relieved his sufferings and he bid adieu to earth and its cares and sorrows. He was a good man, a loving husband, a devoted father, son and brother.

Funeral service was conducted in the Free Will Baptist church in Monett, Mo. by Rev. W. K. Weston and Rev. Francis Goodnight in the presence of a large audience. Interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We your Executive Board are making an appeal to you, asking for your support and cooperation in three things, namely, the Home Mission Plan, The Free Will Baptist Gem and the Unified Fund. If you will support these phases of the work. I am sure that every phase will grow more this year than in any previous year.

We hope to have some real good news for you by the next issue of the Gem.

Following are the minutes of the last meeting of the Board:

### Executive Board Meeting

Meeting at Macedonia during Ass'n, Rev. F. C. Zinn elected Chairman. He authorized the clerk to buy stationary and receipt books.

Monett, Mo., September 26 1947, Executive Board met at the Gem office, with all members present. Session opened with prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

The completion of the organization of the Board was taken up, and Rev. C. B. Dees was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried that we square off with Rev. B. F. Brown 'as is'. By common consent it was agreed to take invoice of the stock at the publishing house.

Motion carried that the part of the Unified Fund belonging to the states be allocated as follows: 75% to the General Fund, 10% to Home Missions, 10% to Superannuation and 5% to help establish the National Headquarters.

Motion carried that the Board be paid 10 cents per mile one way for traveling expenses. Motion carried that the State Home Mission Board give to the Church at Springfield \$100.00, for evangelistic services of two or more week's duration, the evangelist to meet the approval of the Home Mission Board.

Motion carried that in as much as our people have asked the Home Mission Board to advance a Home Mission Plan, therefore,

we are asking for contributions from every church in the state, amounting to \$1.00 per month or more, for the support of evangelistic service and general Home Mission work during the coming year.

Motion carried that we authorize Bro. Davis to make repairs on the building (the Gem Office) out of the General Fund as funds are available.

Motion carried that we give Bro. Davis authority to use the cash and returns from pledges as he sees fit to start the Gem working in a good way.

Motion carried that we adjourn, until the call of the Chairman.

—Rev. C. B. Dees, Sec'y-Treas.

Editors note—Please bear in mind that the State Executive Board also constitutes the Home Mission Board.

## HONOR ROLL

We are running a six months honor roll. Two subscriptions—yours may be one—puts you on the roll. And, as you send in subscriptions, your number will be increased.

We are giving a first, second and third prize. The prizes are our own secret until the time is up. It will be a great honor to win one of these prizes, and besides the Lord will bless you for your service. Get your name on the Honor Roll, by sending in two or more subscriptions; then send in the most subscriptions and receive first prize.

### HONOR ROLL

Rev. Billy King, Fredricktown, ...	56
Hazel Creek Union Church .....	54
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. ....	14
Dave Bowers, Myrtle, Mo. ....	10
John Bough, Lockwood, Mo. ....	10
J. K. Stephens, Stockton, Mo. ....	7
Opal E. Jeffreys, Lockwood, Mo. ...	5
Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Lemay, Mo. ...	4
Rev. W. F. Willingham, Mt'n Grove	4
J. W. Hollingsworth, Neosho, Mo. ...	3
Eulah Wisehart, Myrtle, Mo. ....	2
Woodrow Matthews, Mine La Motte	2
T. O. Dunn, Purcell, Okla. ....	2
Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, ...	2
Thora Arbogast, Greenfield, Mo. ...	2
Mrs. W. H. Poitevint, Quincy, Fla. ...	2

# MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

(For August, 1947)

**State Unified Fund**

Merl's Chapel S. S. ....	\$ 10.00
Leadington S. S. ....	2.54
Mine LaMotte Church ....	7.55
Carterville Church ....	10.84
Desloge Church ....	11.70
Monett Church ....	18.00
Copper Mines Church ....	7.00
Verdella Church ....	5.92
Laclede County Ass'n ....	4.50
Oak Grove Church ....	3.00
Monett Women's Aux. ....	6.50
C. W. and S. E. Kans. Association .....	13.98
Merl's Chapel Church ....	22.02
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$123.55</b>

**Foreign Mission Fund**

George McDaniel, Long Lane, Mo. ....	\$ 2.10
Mine LaMotte League ....	18.00
St. Louis Southside Church .....	25.00
St. Louis 3rd F. W. B. Church .....	14.41
Rev. Laverne Miley,, Kirksville, Mo. ....	5.00
Doyen Glenn, Crisp, Mo. ....	100.00
Green Grove Church ....	16.00
Mrs. Will Gregory, Monett, Mo. ....	10.00
Rock Chapel Church ....	23.72
Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting .....	10.00
Madison Co. S. S. Con. ....	21.39
St. Louis S. Side Church..	4.94
John W. Adkins, Kirksville, Mo. ....	25.00
Monett Church .....	9.85
Hickory Grove Church ...	4.64
Junior Class of Hannon S. S. ....	1.62
Amity Church .....	11.00
Union Light S. S. ....	14.66
Carterville Church .....	11.77
Monett Church .....	14.00
Rev. James Barker, Farmington, Mo. ....	20.00
Independence Church ....	42.51

Hickory Grove Church, Haddam, Kans. ....	2.43
Verdella Church .....	14.00
Macedonia Church .....	22.38
Flat River Church .....	12.89
Shibley's Point Church ...	3.70
True Blue C. (Mt. Olive)	1.00
Mt. Olive Church .....	9.13
C. W. and S. E. Kans. Association .....	63.22
Mrs. Lon Carter, Aurora, Mo. ....	5.00
Pleasant Grove S. S. ....	13.47
Carterville Church .....	11.96
Hannon Church .....	5.00
Mtn. Valley League .....	13.60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$583.69</b>

**Jehoida Chest Fund**

Copper Mines Church .....	\$2.00
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**Home Mission Fund**

St. Louis 3rd F. W. B. Church .....	\$10.22
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**Cuban Girl's Dormitory  
Fund**

C. W. and S. E. Kans. Association .....	\$150.00
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(For September, 1947)

**State Unified Fund**

Sublette Church .....	15.11
New Harmony Mission ...	5.87
Leadington S. S. ....	4.32
Northeast Mo. Ass'n .....	7.78
Monett Church .....	25.00
N. W. Mo. and N. E. Kans. Association .....	2.00
Liberty Ass'n .....	5.00
Indian Creek Ass'n .....	20.10
Union Third Fork Church	5.00
Aurora Church .....	5.00
State League Con. ....	5.00
Aurora Church .....	7.95
Harmony Ass'n .....	5.00
Mine LaMotte Church ....	7.55
Mo. State Aux. Con. ....	8.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$133.68</b>

**Foreign Mision Fund**

Golden Oak S. S. ....	7.63
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Golden Oak League .....	1.59
John W. Adkins, Kirksville, Mo. ....	25.00
Rev. James Barker, Farmington, Mo. ....	22.30
Monett Church .....	2.00
Minister's Con. C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kans. Ass'n .....	5.00
Mrs. Jessie Thompson, Anderson, Mo. ....	6.00
Buffalo S. S. ....	5.81
True Blue C. (Neola) ...	1.00
Mt. Olive Church .....	2.80
Monett Church .....	18.15
Indian Creek Ass'n .....	32.00
Myrtle League .....	12.76
C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kans. Fifth Sunday Meeting ...	4.15
Union light S. S. ....	17.10
Hickory Grove Church, Haddam, Kans. ....	5.02
Amity Church .....	16.00
New Harmony S. S. ....	26.79
Hannon Church .....	5.00
Mo. State Ass'n .....	154.45
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$370.55</b>

**Expansion Program Fund**

Mo. State Ass'n .....	\$88.34
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**\$50,000.00 Co-laborer Band Fund**

Monett Women's Aux. ....	\$1.00
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**State Entertainment Fund**

Jewel Church .....	\$ 5.43
Wagoner Church .....	6.10
Mt. Zion (Cuba) Church ..	5.00
St. Louis S. Side Church ..	11.75
Merl's Chapel S. S. ....	10.00
Mrs. A. T. Lawson, Brashear, Mo. ....	10.50
Rock Chapel Church .....	10.00
New Prospect Church ...	5.00
New Prospect S. S. ....	1.00
Cedar Ridge S. S. ....	1.00
Shiloh Church .....	5.00
Amity Church .....	12.05
Piney Church .....	8.00
Hickory Grove Church, Haddam, Kans. ....	6.30
Hannon Church .....	10.00
Carterville Church .....	10.00
Desloge Church .....	10.78
Twin Oak Church .....	10.00



Jones Chapel Church .....	10.00
New Harmony S. S. ....	10.00
Copper Mines Church ....	10.00
Cave Spring Church .....	2.25
Union Light Church .....	5.00
Flat River Church .....	25.00
Laclede County Ass'n ....	15.85
Oak Grove Church .....	4.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Ch. ....	10.00
Richwoods Church .....	6.00
Walnut Grove Church ....	12.00
Liberty Church .....	10.00
Aurora Church .....	10.00
Niangua Church .....	10.00
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo. ....	3.50
Cotton Creek Church .....	2.00
Connellsville Church .....	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis, Freeman, Mo. ....	5.00
Mt. Zion Church .....	10.00
Garfield Church .....	11.00
Total .....	\$314.51

Marie Hyatt, State Treas  
Greentop, Missouri

## THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Our new Auxiliary Officers for the state of Mo. are as follows:

President—Rev. Alta Mikel,  
Greentop, Mo.

1st. Vice—Mrs. Jewell Campbell  
Wheaton, Mo.

2nd. Vice—Mrs. Lucille Beatty  
Fredericktown, Mo.

3rd. Vice—Rev. Melba White,  
Plattsburg, Mo.

4th. Vice—Mrs. Burnice Davis,  
Monett Mo.

5th Vice—Mrs. Gussie Hamb-  
len, Flat River, Mo.

Sec.-treas.—Mrs. Imogene Dun-  
klin, Monett, Mo.

Field Worker—Rev. Alta Mikel,  
Greentop, Mo.

Our main object in printing these names in our paper is that you district officers will know the names and addresses of our

state officers, and may we urge that you keep in touch with them. Do put forth a special effort for a good report mailed to our state officers before the next session of the State Association so that we might have complete reports at that time.

As fourth vice president, I want to urge you auxiliary workers to send in any articles you might have, and we will publish them in the Gem or the Missionary Review. We would like to reserve space in the Gem for our women and we will appreciate very much any help you can give us.

May the Lord richly bless our work together for Him.

—Mrs. Winford Davis

## THE BUTLER-DUNN SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

As we come in to take over the management of the Gem Office, we find in stock several hundred copies of the Butler-Dunn Systematic Theology. These books were published by Dr. John H. Wolfe some few years ago and placed at the Gem office for sale. I do not know how many have been sold, but I do find a large supply of them on hand. The selling price of this book is \$2.00 per copy, and the Gem Office gets half the price of each copy sold. If we could move this stock of books it would help greatly in a financial way, and, too, the public needs the book. The writer has had a copy of this book for a number of years. In fact I have one of the few originals that were left at the time this new supply was published. I can truthfully say it is a wonderful book. It has been a great help to me in my studies. There may be some few portions that I cannot wholly agree with; as to the greater part of the book, however, I have never read its equal. This is especially true of lecture No. one under the heading, "The Doctrine of God". In this lecture is studied Theism, The Nature of God, The Attributes of God, etc. Then lecture No. two under the heading of, "Necessity and Authority of Scripture Revelation". This is also a wonderful chapter. I think

I never read anything quite so good on "The Law of the Sabbath" as found in Butler-Dunn, to say nothing of the wonderful chapters which treat on the great truths such as: Divine Government, Proofs of Free Will, The Fall of Man, The Atonement, Objections to Evolution, Election Conditional, Perseverance, Conditions of Salvation, The Church and its Institutions, Prayer, Faith, The Ministry and many others. The book has 467 pages, and is beautifully bound in heavy board binding. A book any one would be proud to have in their library.

As most of you know it was written by two of our earlier Free Will Baptist Ministers, Drs. J. J. Butler and Ransom Dunn. The writer was privileged a few years ago to visit the old home of Dr. Dunn, and look through his old library as it yet stands in Hillsdale, Michigan, just a few blocks from Hillsdale College, a Free Will Baptist Institution at one time. I indeed enjoyed that visit.

Why not let us have your order for this book at \$2.00 each.

—The Editor

## WHEN GABRIEL BLOWS HIS HORN

*When Gabriel stands on land and sea,  
And says, "Time no longer will be".  
He'll blow his trumpet long and loud,  
The Lord descends upon a cloud.*

*The faithful ones the Lord will save,  
Give life and raise them from the  
grave;*

*The living, ready life to share,  
Caught up to meet Him in the air.  
Directed by the Savior's hand,  
We'll move along to glory-land;  
All sorrows o'er, no more to roam,  
We'll dwell with God in peace at  
home.*

*O friend be ready for that morn,  
When angel Gabriel blows his horn;  
While we are here we must prepare,  
If life eternal we would share.*

—I. Tom. Smith.

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1.00 per year

**REPORT OF TWO REVIVALS IN N. W. MO. ASS'N**

One, at Mt. Zion Church the other at Union Third Fork

On the first Sunday in August we began the meeting at Mt. Zion. There was very small attendance the first service, but attendance and interest began to increase. God gave us a good revival. Several souls prayed through to victory, two united with the church, and were baptized. This meeting closed on Friday night before the third Sunday in August.

We came by the Vardella Church, in Barton County, where we have been preaching one Sunday each month for the past year. This being our last Sunday in the pastoral year, the church gave us a nice love offering - besides the regular amount given each month. They also informed us that we had been unanimously elected pastor for another year. We had the privilege of baptizing two on this Sunday afternoon.

After being at home with our family from Monday until Saturday, we went to our Merls Chapel Church near Cassville for our last service of the Ass'nal year. God gave a glorious service. This church has also by a unanimous vote called us to pastor their church for another year. This church has preaching services two Sundays each month.

On Monday following the fourth Sunday in August we began a meeting with the Union Third Fork Church. This church is near the Mt. Zion Church. In reality the revival was continued from there. God gave another victory. Several from this community had been saved in the first revival. Others were saved at the church. One young man at home after church in answer to a mother's pleading, and prayers. Another young man was saved out in the yard about 2 a. m. One man 77 years old prayed through to victory and united with the church. Eight united with the church and eight were baptized in this meeting.

Both of the churches have

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**REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER**

Receipts during the month of August, 1947

Montie Irby, Comanche, Texas .....	\$ 20.00
Union F.W.B. Sunday, School of Tennessee .....	5.00
Highland Park Church, Highland Park, Mich. ....	120.00
Lansing Gospel Tabernacle, Lansing, Mich. ....	120.00
Harris Memorial Auxiliary, Greenville, Tenn. ....	50.00
Shawnee, Okla. First Church .....	5.00
New Light Church of Georgia .....	8.70
Wewoka Church of Okla. ....	20.00
Daily Vac. Bible School, Bethlehem Church of Tenn. ....	8.00
John B. Elliston, Okla. City, Okla. ....	5.00
Trinity Church, Nashville, Tenn. ....	20.00
Greystone Church of Tenn. ....	2.00
Moore's Chapel, Elizabethton, Tenn. ....	9.00
Mrs. Edwin Roper, Ransomville, N. C. ....	1.00
First F. W. B. Church, Tulsa, Okla. ....	10.00
Central Texas Quarterly Meeting .....	50.11
Miss. Dorothy Conley, Crockett, Ky. ....	1.00
Corinth S. S. of Georgia .....	27.00
Aux. and Bible School, Midway Church of Tenn. ....	13.00
Daily Vac. Bible School, Bethlehem Church of Tenn. ....	8.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson, Nashville, Tenn. ....	2.00
Floods Chapel S. S. of N. C. ....	4.17
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, S. C. ....	25.00
South Carolina S. S. Convention .....	80.00
Vacation Bible School, Bethany Church of S. C. ....	10.00
Eastern Union of Eastern Conference of S. C. ....	100.00
Opie Hargrave, Mtn. Home, Arkansas .....	7.00
Missouri State Association, by Marie Hayatt, Treas. ....	583.69
State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas. ....	386.60
An unnamed brother in Arkansas .....	1.00

**Designated funds:**

**For dormitory building in Cuba**

Highland Park League of Highland Park, Mich. ....	\$100.00
Leeds Church, Leeds, Ala. ....	27.50
National Auxiliary Convention .....	86.00
Hazel Park League, Hazel Park, Mich. ....	30.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n. by Marie Hayatt, Mo Treas. ....	150.00

**For support of Students in Cuban School**

Hazel Park League, Hazel Park, Mich. ....	\$ 15.00
Intermediate S. S. Class, Mt. Elon Church of S. C. ....	15.00

**To apply on the new Church building on the school farm in Cuba**

State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas. ....	\$ 25.00
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**For India Missions direct**

State of North Carolina, by J. W. Alford, Treas. ....	\$ 25.00
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**Total .....** \$ 2,287.55

Brought Forward .....	2,806.96
Grand Total .....	5,094.51
Total Disbursements .....	2,206.62
Balance in treasury Sept. 1, 1947 .....	\$2,887.89

—Winford Davis, Treasurer

### REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER GIVEN BY STATES

Brought forward from month of July .....	\$2,806.96
Received during August by states as follows:	
Missouri .....	\$ 733.69
North Carolina .....	516.77
Michigan .....	385.00
South Carolina .....	230.00
Tennessee .....	117.00
Texas .....	78.91
Oklahoma .....	40.77
Georgia .....	35.70
Alabama .....	27.50
Illinois .....	27.21
Arkansas .....	8.000
Kentucky .....	1.00
National Auxiliary Convention .....	86 00
Total .....	\$2,287.55
Grand Total .....	5,094.51
Disbursements during August .....	2,206.62
Balance in treasury Sept. 1 1947 .....	\$2,887.89

—Winford Davis, Treasurer

## When God Evens The Score

By Rev. Sherman Oakes

*"For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." —Romans 2:31-32.*

#### MEANING OF THE WORD JUDGE

The word judge means to criticize, that is censure for correction. We should judge ourselves in order to see and acknowledge our faults, and make adjustment. If we would criticize ourselves, and confess our sins, we would not be reprov'd or reprimanded by the Lord; and we would save ourselves from chastisement; that is punishment.

A judge is an arbitrator, or umpire one chosen by parties in a dispute to settle it. God gives the saved the

privilege of judging the wrong in their lives and declare it. If we fail to be honest and impartial, He takes the job over and chastises: that is, correction by punishment. In Jeremiah 10:24, we read: "O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest it bring me to nothing." The Greek is: "That thou not diminish me."

#### JUDGMENT OF BELIEVER'S SINS

In I Peter 4:17 we read: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God." And again we read: "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If you endure

chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not." (Hebrews 12:6-7.

After hearing a sermon on "God's Rod" a woman told the preacher it wasn't so. Said she, "I have been a member of this church for thirty-five years, and I have attended shows, and dances; I have attended cocktail parties, smoked cigarettes and drank; and the Lord hasn't chastised me." The preacher turned to, Hebrews 12: 8. "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then you are bastards and not sons." the fact is plain if you are without chastisement, you have never been saved.

#### CHRIST THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS

In I John 2:1-2 we read: "My little children, these things write I unto you that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." This is God's glorious provision for our sins. But we should judge ourselves, and make confession to the Lord: who is the high priest over the household of God. This makes plain in: I John 1-9. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

#### EVIL OF SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Christian should aim not to sin, but not have a self-righteous attitude. When we have lived our best, we are still short of God's standard. The apostle Paul said, "Where is boasting? It is excluded." And again the word declares: "That no flesh shall glory in His sight." If we haven't willfully sinned, we should remember the words of the Prophet: "Who can understand his error: cleanse thou me from secret fault." The right attitude is set forth in an old hymn: "Every day, every hour; let me feel thy cleansing power."

If we cover our sins, not acknowledging them; the judgment of the Lord is upon us. If we confess, He forgives. If we are not honest with ourselves and God, pleading our blamelessness, He punishes us. Let's read the text: "For if we would



judge (criticize) ourselves, we would not be judged (criticized). But when we are judged (criticized), we are chastened (punished) of the Lord that we should not be condemned (judged guilty) with the world." Many Christians have self-righteous philosophy; and are punished, because they won't confess their sins. They think their living is so perfect, that they should ignore the model prayer, Jesus, taught us to pray: "Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."

The reason so many Christians don't prosper, is set forth in; Proverbs 28:13. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." For our own good, and in order to be a blessing to others; we should be penitent every day. We uncover our sins by confessing them to the Lord. By uncovering our sins, and depending on Christ's atonement, they are covered by the blood; and we are saved from the chastening of the Lord.

#### JUDGMENT OF THE LORD IS SOMETIMES DEATH

"For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we judge ourselves,

we should not be judged." (I Cor. 2:30-31). The Lord has patience, but the time comes when He has borne long enough; then it is obey or take the consequences. Christians, don't think that you can stay away from church, fold your hands, fiddle your time away, fail to help carry on the Lord's work, and live selfishly; robbing God of His tithes, and get by with it.

Many Christians are under chastisement. If we knew we wouldn't live long, unless we adjusted ourselves to the will of God, I think we would be more consecrated to the Lord, and His service. The Lord sought to kill Moses. In Exodus 4:24 we read: "And it came to pass by the way, in the inn, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him." God had given Moses command that no male was to go into Canaan, without circumcision. Moses married a Gentile woman, she objected to her sons being submitted to the ordinance. Moses listened to his wife instead of God. And when God told him to go down into Egypt to lead the Israelites out into the promised land, Moses was going to take those boys along without the seal of circumcision. Knowing that God had said no male who did not bear that seal

would ever be permitted to possess any of the land; yet Moses was going to take them anyway. On the way to Egypt one night they stopped at an inn. And God sought to kill Moses that night. God appeared in that inn and faced Moses with it, and said in substance; "Moses, even though I spent eighty years getting you ready for this job, I will kill you before I let you go another step until you have done what I have told you to do. I will kill you and start all over again and raise up someone else." Listen, the sooner we learn that God does what He says the better.

God is no respecter of person. He loved Moses as much as He loves you. He will do the same thing to Christians today. If you are a child of God and bow your neck against God, He will break your neck.

"If my people, that our called by my name, will repent and turn from their wicked way, I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal the land." What a revival that would bring.

"In Iowa (a wet state), with a 1940 population of 2,538,263 there were 10,707 traffic accidents reported in 1944. This was an accident for every 236 people. In Kansas, with a 1940 population of 1,801,028, there were 2,862 traffic accidents in 1944. This was an accident for every 628 people."—The Evangel.

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been without a pastor or regular service for some time. We are praying God will send them a pastor who will lead them forward in the Master's work.

Yours in His service  
O. T. Allred

#### Report of the Fifth Sunday Meeting Held at the Granby Freewill Baptist Church August 31, 1947

Introductory Sermon by Rev. A. M. Walgamott—at 11:00 A. M. Meeting was called to order by opening song No. 58.

Prayer by Brother Bill Bailey

Sermon by Brother Crain. Text, St. John 1-10.

Song by Brother Bill Bailey, "In The Shadow Of The Cross."

Sermon by Rev. Orville Johnston, James 2:19.

Song by the Granby Choir.

Song by Sister Gertie Green, "Where Could I Go But To The Lord."

Sermon by Sister Elda Crain, Matthew 28:19-20.

Song by Sister Rosetta Wheeler and Wilma Blunk.

Sermon by Brother West, Matthew 7:14.

Song by Walgamott Sisters, "I Hold To His Hand."

Sermon by Rev. Whittaker, Timothy 2:6.

Song by Brother and Sister West, "I've Got That Old Time Religion In My Soul."

Sermon by Rev. Craig. Text, Romans 1:6.

Song by Sisters Ruth and Ina Fern Walgamott, "Home Of The Soul."

Motion was made and seconded to elect someone to preach the Introductory Sermon at South Picher Okla. Church next fifth Sunday meeting. Sister Elda Crain was elected.

—Rev. F. E. Crain, Moderator  
—Sister Oma Newton, Clerk

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DON'T FORGET

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Association, Rev. Marie Hyatt, has moved. Her new address is Greentop, Mo.

### NOTICE

After October 1st. my address will be changed to:

311 W. 15th Street  
Columbia, Tennessee

—Rev. J. B. Bloss

### REV. SHERMAN OAKES TENDERED His RESIGNATION

Rev. Sherman Oakes of West Gastonia, North Carolina, who was elected Editor of the Gem by the State Executive Board a few months back sent in his written resignation just before the setting of the State Association. After considerable deliberation on the matter, Bro. Oakes decided it was most impossible for him to cut loose from all of his interests and connections in North Carolina and move to Missouri. It was our happy privilege to meet Bro. and Sister Oakes upon their short visit to Monett during the past summer. Even though we were with them but a short while we learned to love them. Although Bro. Oakes could not see his way clear to come to the Gem office as Editor, we are happy at least to know the Gem has friends in the persons of Rev. Oakes, his wife and the people of his fine church in West Gastonia.

*"When God is going to do something wonderful, He begins with a difficulty. If it is going to be something very wonderful, He begins with an impossibility."*

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