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THE MONTH OF MAY BRINGS MOTHER'S DAY

Who can find a virtuous woman? is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Proverbs 31:10-31.

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THE HONOR ROLL

The honor roll terminated with
April 30th. Those receiving first,
second, and third prizes are as
follows: Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Flat Riv-
er, Mo., Rev. Wade Jernigan,
Shawnee, Okla., and Rev. Arthur
Bailey, Plad, Mo.

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let's keep pulling together.

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THE CERTAINTY OF THE PERSONAL RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

By J. R. Davidson, Davis, N. C.

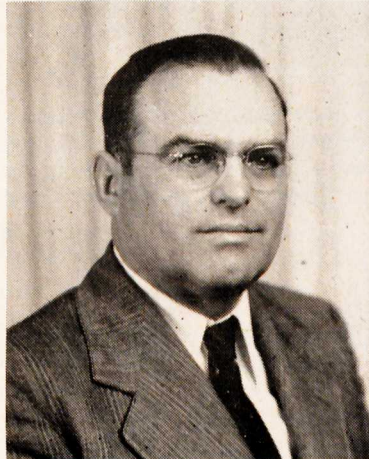
"And while they looked stedfastly toward Heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." —Acts 1:10,11.

I assume that the readers of this article are, for the most part, Christian; at least, nominally. I further assume there are many faithful followers of our Savior who will read this, and, who are unable to attend church services. Such are in need of the comforting assurance concerning the Lord's coming again to complete the Christian's redemption; to wit, the redemption of our bodies. To such as are hungry for this truth, and, especially to those who are nearest their change from this limited sphere of life into the unlimited, I wish to dedicate two messages, in which I deal with the first and second aspects of the personal return of Christ. I do not propose to present theologies of men, nor of any sect of Christianity, but, rather, to bring the thus saith the Word of the Lord.

For this meditation we shall look into what the Book has to say about what we term the first aspect of Christ's Second Coming. A question directed to me in a prayer meeting assembly a few years ago was: "Do you believe there are two resurrections?" I preferred to answer by quoting the late C. E. Petnam. I quote, "What difference does it make what I believe, let's see what the Word has to say about it". Thus began an examination of the portion of the Word at which we wish to look now.

Let us allow the apostle Paul to set our thinking in order for the examination of this part of our Lord's promise. I quote from I Corinthians 15:22, 23. "For as in Adam all die, even in Christ shall all be made alive, BUT EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN ORDER: CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS; AFTERWARDS THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S AT HIS COMING". So, we see there is to be order in the resurrection, and, that the saints are to come forth in the

order after Christ's personal resurrection, who is declared the "firstfruits". "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die", said our Lord Jesus Christ to Martha as He offered her comfort concerning her deceased brother, Lazarus, John 11:26. In connection with this statement an examination of I Corinthians 15:51,52 is in order. "Behold, I shew



you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and **WE SHALL BE CHANGED**". The greatest commentary on the Bible is the BIBLE, hence, we now turn to Revelation 2:11 and 20:6 to glean the primary meaning of the above quotation; namely, "whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". **SUCH CAN NOT BE TOUCHED BY THE SECOND DEATH.** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **HE THAT OVERCOMETH SHALL NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH.** Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the **FIRST RESURRECTION:** on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests

of God and of Christ, **AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS**". True it is that, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement", as declared in Hebrews 9:27, but, death as we know it is not the same to those who are depending on their resurrected, coming-again Lord to save them from the throes of eternal death as it is to those who know not the liberating power of Christ's resurrection-life. May we now turn to Ezekiel and David in order to get God's view point on this matter. "... As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked", Ezekiel 33:11. But, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints", echoes David in Psalms 116:15.

The many references to the coming of our Lord Jesus for His Body, the true Church of which He is the Head, begin with Deuteronomy 30. Considerable attention is given to the truth in at least five of the Psalms, two chapters in Isaiah have much to do with the confirmation of this glorious news, while Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Micah, and Zechariah among the other prophets vouch for its authenticity in adding their testimony. In the New Testament Matthew 24 and 25, Luke 12, I Corinthians 15, II Thessalonians; together with a great deal of the subject matter of the Book of Revelation give considerable emphasis to the promises associated with the first aspect of Christ's return for the redemption of our bodies and the gathering together in the air of the redeemed to "ever be with the Lord". May every true child of the King find the proposed comfort in the following verses from I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you **BY THE WORD OF THE LORD**, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are

asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

In verse 13 enlightenment is proposed for our comfort concerning our departed loved ones whose bodies are in the state of decay in the earth and sea—"I would not have you ignorant concerning them", said Paul; "lest ye sorrow as those who have no hope". Verse 14 says, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again", just that sure will He reunite us with our loved ones who have died in the triumphs of the living faith. That is, if we have actually exercised saving faith in His vicarious sacrifice and resurrection-life. The order of His resurrection act is dealt with in verses 15 through 17. The living saints shall not go up ahead of the sleeping ones, Paul says, "By THE WORD OF THE LORD" in verse 15. "The Lord HIMSELF shall descend from Heaven, with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God", then, "the dead in Christ shall rise first", as we have it in verse 16. Afterwards (immediately) "we which are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air—SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD" are his climaxing words in verse 17. Now, I invite every true child of His who chances to read this to accept the comfort offered in verse 18, "wherefore comfort one another with these words". But, before leaving this emphasis, let me remind you of Christ's offered comfort through His followers before taking His departure back to His Father. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UN-

TO MYSELF; THAT WHERE I AM THERE YE MAY BE ALSO."

I would be most unfaithful unto my Lord, my calling, and my reading audience, should I fail to offer God's warning to the "OTHERS WHICH HAVE NO HOPE" mentioned in this message. My unsaved friend, listen to what is offered you, but what you can not hope to have outside of living faith in the crucified, resurrected, ascended, enthroned, and Coming-again Savior. In Revelation 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the FIRST RESURRECTION: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years". But listen also to verse 5. "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished—THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION". The last statement of verse 5 refers to the sixth verse, and literally says: those who have no part in the first resurrection must pass

through the duration of the Kingdom of Peace in the state of the wicked dead. Those who are alive, and out of the faith must pass through the period of "Jacob's Trouble" which is to come on the living world after the saints are caught up to "ever be with the Lord". May we, in closing, offer Jeremiah 30:7 with Daniel 12:1 to further confirm this statement. "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's Trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of Thy people: AND THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE, such as never was since there was a nation even to that time: and at that time Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the Book."

Note—A second message will follow in which I will deal with the second aspect of Christ's return. —J. R. D.

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FEED MY LAMBS

By Rev. O. T. Allred

Christ told Peter to express his love for Him by feeding His lambs. It is true when Peter expressed his love for the Master that Christ said, "feed my sheep", and we know sheep must be fed proper feed if they are to produce what the Shepherd has a right to expect of them, but I would call your attention to the fact that Christ first said to Peter, "feed my lambs".

Having had pastoral responsibilities for some years, I find that sheep (the people of God) need feed, guidance, and protection, but if we fail to feed the lambs we will have no sheep.

I am thinking tonight of the youth of our churches and those whom the church may reach with the gospel:

The Kind Of Feed They Need

First Peter 2:2 speaks of the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby. Where will the lambs find the sincere milk of the word? Every home should be a place where children are taught the word of God: both by precept and example. Our Sunday School,

the teaching department of the church, is one of the church's opportunities to feed the lambs.



1st. By teaching them the word using such helps as are doctrinally sound. I can't understand a Sunday School with most of its adult members belonging to the

church which is sponsoring the school using some other literature. How can we expect the boys and girls of our Sunday Schools to become loyal Free Will Baptists when we do not use literature that corresponds with our faith?

2nd. After we have made sure that what is taught our children is fundamentally and doctrinally sound, we need those who administer the feed to be fitting examples in Christian faith and practice. No one who is not a consecrated Christian, separated from the world and yielded unto God is qualified to teach a Sunday School class. With these requirements being met, the teacher is then in position to acquaint himself with the word so as to present Christ to the lambs; not only as a Savior, but as Lord in their lives, a perfect example, a safe criterion, a sure foundation upon which to build. If those who teach are conformed to the world, slaves to the same sinful habits as the world, live in adultery, vote for those who are in opposition to the cause of Christ, we can expect many of the lambs to perish.

We need better trained teach-

ers and leaders in every department of our work, but our work has suffered more over those who failed to be Christian gentlemen and ladies as they walked before their people.

The Free Will Baptist League, the training department of the church, is the department where the lambs are trained for service for the Master. A pastor who cannot get in and work whole heartedly with the young people of the church will soon find himself without sheep to feed, and then, perhaps, wonder why.

If we will properly equip and support our Sunday Schools where the word is taught, our league where our youth are trained, our Youth Encampment where leaders are given training after they have caught the vision by having an opportunity to have fellowship, inspiration, and determination with others who have yielded their lives to Him, we will have thereby rendered a great service to our youth.

The Master is saying to each of us, "Lovest thou me more than these (The things of this present world.)? If so, feed my lambs".

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

By Mrs. E. G. Tharp

Over in Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, we find this question asked, "Will a man rob God?"; then it goes on and states "Yet ye have robbed me." You will find this in Malachi 3:8a. Let us look at ourselves and see if we are not doing just that. Are we careless about paying our tithes? Do we pray for God's work as we should? Are we using the talent He gave to us, or have we hidden it? Do we study His word that we may know His will? Are we afraid to speak out against evil for fear we'll hurt some one's feelings? Well, our Bible tells us in James 4:4b, "The friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

But, our Savior taught us to love our enemies. We are not to hate sinners but the sin. Jesus told us in Matthew 5:44, "But I say unto you love your enemies,

bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you". So let us begin to measure ourselves by the things our Savior taught us in the sermon on the mount. Then let's turn back the pages of time for more than 1,000 years B. C. and see what Psalms 50:10-14 says as this will get us back "on the beam" again. As I have been trying to get before us the duty of our stewardship, we know that all things are God's by creation, and we are only entrusted with it. God said, "every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is mine and the fullness thereof." So we are not our own. We are bought with a price. So we owe all to God and let us render unto Him those things that

belong to Him. If it is money you have in your possession that is needed to carry on God's work, or if it is earnest prayer for the work, let's not fail God. I find the thought very ably expressed in a poem by Annie Johnson Flint:

PRAY—GIVE—GO

*"Three things the Master hath to do,
And we who serve Him here be-
below*

*And long to see His kingdom come
May Pray or Give or Go.*

*He needs them all, the open hand,
The willing feet, the praying
heart—*

*To work together and to weave
A three-fold cord that shall not
part.*

*Nor shall the giver count his gift
As greater than the worker's deed,
Nor he in turn his service boast
Above the prayers that voice the
need.*

*Not all can go; Not all can give
To speed the message on its way,
But young or old, or rich or poor,
Or strong or weak—we all can
pray.*

*Pray that the gold-filled hands may
give*

*To arm the others for the fray;
That those who hear the call may go,
And pray that other hearts may
pray!*

To this I say AMEN.

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We just closed a two weeks' singing school at Granby. Everyone that attended enjoyed it very much. On the last night we had a community singing. The house was full and we all had a wonderful time. After the singing the women served coffee and pie.

—Roy Alvea

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

By J. M. Doughty

A friend of mine boasts that he never votes, and he is actually proud of the fact that he takes no interest in public affairs except his church.

One of the great religious writers and teachers of this country once wrote, "If this nation ever fails, it will be because of the indifference of the people".

We have too many Christians that do not keep informed about public affairs. We have read that Hitler started his organization in a beer celler. The Christians of Germany were indifferent to what was going on until it was too late to do anything about the Godless organization.

It behooves the Christian people of Missouri to keep informed as to what is taking place in our state. On March 27, 1947 there was introduced in the House of Representatives of the 64th General Assembly of Missouri a Home Rule Local Option Bill Number 373 providing for the right of the local communities to vote on the elimination of taverns, night clubs, saloons, and other obnoxious places where liquor is sold. People could vote by precincts, townships, villages, towns, or cities. On April 8th, 1947 this Local Option Bill was referred to the Committee of Criminal Jurisprudence for approval.

On April 30, 1947 this Committee, composed of 8 Republicans and 4 Democrats, met and gave the opponents and advocates of the Local Option Bill a hearing.

A representative of the wholesale liquor dealers of Missouri was quoted as saying the proposition to allow precinct local option was utterly ridiculous. Think

of that! That the liquor people are opposed to the people of a town or township having a vote on a question that greatly concerns them.

Those who favored the Local Option Bill presented about 900 petitions with 38,000 names requesting that the bill be passed. Three Republicans and two Democrats of the Committee voted in favor of the bill. Five Republicans and two Democrats of the committee voted against the bill. The readers can see that no party lines were drawn in the Committee on the Local Option Bill.

On May 6, 1947 a motion was made to disregard the veto of the committee and let the House of Representatives vote directly on the Local Option Bill. There were 52 votes for the motion and 56 against the motion.

Three representatives were present but did not take enough interest to vote. There were 39 representatives absent without leave. Fifteen of these representatives were present for a vote on the next bill.

Think of there being 98 county representatives that refused to vote for a bill that would give their constituents in the home county a vote on a question that is of great importance to them. Were not these 98 representatives representing the liquor traffic rather than the voters in the home counties who elected them to office?

If the readers of the Gem will write to United Drys, 728 E. Capitol Street, Jefferson City, Mo., and request a report on Home Rule Bill 373, they will find much information about the Local Option Bill and the liquor dealers' tactics.

From this report you can learn how your representative voted on Local Option. If he voted for your community's betterment, praise him! Yes, Praise him! If he did not vote for the welfare of his constituents, let him know that you do not approve of his attitude toward the Local Option Bill which gives the people a right to vote on an important proposition.

THE TENTH ROW

*One tenth is mine,
The Lord thus said,
This I found when
My Bible I read.*

*So unto my garden
I went one day
To do some work,
And to think and pray.*

*I counted the rows
Until I had nine;
Then came the tenth row,
But it wasn't mine.*

*The tenth row belongs
Dear Lord to You,
So show me now
Just what to do.*

*So I bowed my head
In silent prayer
The Lord quickly spoke,
For He was there.*

*The Lord said to me
In a still small voice,
Give it to the needy
That you may rejoice*

*There's a dear old lady
Who lives very near
So I gathered the vegetables
And took them to her.*

*The smile on her face
And the clasp of her hand
The tear in her eye
Made me understand.*

*This was a blessing
That paid me well
For the row of my garden
That I didn't sell.*

Wilbia Sell
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ATTENTION LEAGUERS OF INDIAN CREEK ASS'N.

The month of the 5th Sunday League Rally has again rolled around. It will be held in the Jones Chapel Church this time. We're expecting YOU!

—Donald Greenway

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EDITORIAL

MOTHER'S DAY

During the month of May we observe Mother's Day, a day set apart in which we honor our mothers yet living and commemorate those having gone on. It is fitting and right that we have this day.

We cannot say too much in honor of our good mothers. They have suffered for us and cared for us when we were unable to care for ourselves. One great man, as you will recall, said, "All I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother". Perhaps, a lot of people could truthfully make the same statement.

While we glory in the righteous and wholesome lives of our good, old fashioned, Godly mothers, at the same time our hearts are made to bleed as we are compelled to observe so much lack of respect for self and for others and so much laxity in the life and conduct of a lot of our present day mothers, and in those who will be our mothers of tomorrow. Such as we see practiced in the lives of women and girls these days in regards to nudeness in the public, cigarette smoking, etc. is downright shameful. Yea, more than that, it is sinful. I think one of the most commendable ways to honor our dear mothers gone on before is by sounding a clear note of warning to all womanhood of the present day. The saying, "as goes the women so goes the nation", has proven to be a true one throughout all history. Never has there been a national downfall but what it was preceded by a dreadful looseness in the lives of its women.

Yes, we take the greatest joy in honoring our mothers who are mothers in deed. May God ever bless the memory of those gone on, and God be thanked for those of today who dare to stand for all that is clean and upright in womanhood.

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RECENT BIBLE CONFERENCE AT NASHVILLE

It was our privilege to attend the recent Bible Conference in

Nashville, Tenn. We are happy to report a wonderful time. A large tent was stretched on the school campus for the occasion which proved to be of great convenience. A large crowd was in attendance. We heard some splendid preaching by our brethren who filled the stand at the various intervals during the forenoon and at night. The regular ministers for each day and evening were Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar, Rev. Floyd Cherry, and Rev. T. H. Willey from Cuba. Bro. Barrow had charge of devotionals each morning. The preaching was very inspirational throughout.

We were entertained the few days we were there in the home of our Bro. C. B. Thompson. Our Foreign Missions Board held its annual meeting during this conference week, and Bro. Thompson, being a member of the Board, took it upon himself to entertain the entire Board in his home during our stay. We appreciated this very much. Am also glad to report our Board enjoyed a very fine session, and some very progressive strides were made, for which we are grateful.

Everything at the College appears to be moving along nicely. We highly enjoyed our stay during the conference.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM NEEDS A FOLDING MACHINE

The outstanding need at the Gem Office now is a folding machine. There is becoming to be entirely too much folding at this place to expect it to be done by hand much longer. Since we came here in September, we have published between 20 and 30 minute jobs ranging from 200 to 1500 copies per job, and as to pages, they ranged anywhere from 14 to 45 pages. We have put out seven editions of the Gem with an approximate total of 12,000 to 14,000 copies. We have published 13,000 copies of the Missionary Review, besides many other booklets, pamphlets, etc. All this had to be folded by hand. Hand folding

is slow. We don't mind the work; but we can't afford to take the time. It holds up production. Mass production is the secret to the financial success of this enterprise. Not only with us here, but with any other printing establishment, it is a continual "fight" for time. Work must be turned out. The time spent in folding is sorely needed on other things. There is no mistake about it we have GOT to have a folding machine before the minute work opens up again this early fall. We are not sure just what one will cost. We have not gone into the matter very far as yet. The cost of course will depend altogether on what type and size machine we buy. At least it will cost a few hundred dollars. How much will YOU give on one? Will you write and tell us how much you will pledge on a folding machine with a promise to pay within the next three or four months? A bunch of nice pledges will give us something definite to start with. You need not worry, the Editor will give liberally right along with the rest of you. What about it? Shall we get going on it?

Yours for a greater printing
establishment.

—The Editor

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THE BOYS HAVE MADE ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT

Roy and Donald have been working hard with the automatic feeder on the big press, and at last have succeeded in making it work. The automatic feeder came with the big press, when it was installed here twelve or fifteen years ago; but until now it has never been made to work. I wish you were here this morning to watch it print the 6,000 copies of the Missionary Review while at the same time doing its own feeding. Naturally the boys are very proud of it, which is true of any of us after we have put so much work into a thing, we get the more joy out of the accomplishment. I think it is also worthy of note that no mechanic whatever was

called to assist in making this complicated affair go to work after laying here idle these many years. The calling in of a mechanic has never been necessary since we came in here last Sept. With all of the replacement of parts and adjustments which were necessary it has been done by our own employees. Hats off to those in the production department of this enterprise.

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SO FAR THE FOLLOWING HAVE VOLUNTEERED

In a recent issue of the Gem we asked for volunteers in the various communities to be pushers and promoters of the Free Will Baptist Gem and the Gem Publishing House. To date those listed below have volunteered. We are very thankful for these and hope others will write us in acceptance of the same position. You can be of great help to us in your community in the matter of getting subscriptions, securing job work, and in the matter of acquainting the people of your church and community with the work of the Free Will Baptist Gem. Many folk have money they would be willing to donate to the furtherance of this good work if they but knew the need and the details. You can be the one to let them know. Come on, let us hear from you.

Volunteers to Date:

Miss Edna M. Davis
Norton, Virginia
Mrs. R. O. Baker
Niangua, Missouri

—The Editor

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OUR MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Ere we hardly realize it the date for our summer encampment is going to be at hand. There are a number of things that must be done at the camp before that time comes. Our Youth Encampment Board, together with the Promotional Secretary, Bro. Allred who is working with our Youth for Christ Promotional Program, are all working hard to get things in preparation for this summer's encampment; but we must all real-

ize it takes money to have these things done. It is going to cost something to get the road built into the place; it will cost something to run the cement floor in the main building, to electrify the premises, etc. Only by the fullest cooperation can these things be accomplished. We are hoping our people will rally from all over the state and make the encampment site everything it should be before the time rolls around for the summer session. Brethren, if we are going to have a State Encampment, let's have one worth while and one that will command the respect of the public. If anything is worth doing at all it is worth doing right. However, as we have just said, these things can't be done on promises, intentions and well wishes. We must reach in our pockets and get the cash. When enterprises are started I like to see them move out in a way that will speak loudly for the cause of Christ and the denomination. Certainly, our youth program is a worthy one. We cannot do too much for the preservation of our young people in this evil day. They are our church of tomorrow. Therefore, let's concentrate our efforts on this program and put it over the top for the glory of Him our Lord.

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REV. KING ENJOYING PRECIOUS VICTORIES IN REVIVAL WORK

Rev. Alfred M. King of Marshfield, Mo. writes he recently held a ten nights' revival with nine conversions at Teagues Church, and they are having baptizing there the 25th of April. He is, at the time of this writing, April 19th, in a revival at Salem, Mo.

We are happy to learn of the good work being done. May the Lord continue to bless. Certainly the field is wide open for soul winning. No need for anyone to be idle.

—The Editor

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MEMORIES OF MOTHER

*As I walked a lonely pathway
In the wiles of sin's despair;
And fierce winds of doubt were blowing,
Sorrows, heartaches, pain and care.
Hark! hark! a voice come from the moorings,
Of the days of long ago;
Singing sweetly, oh so sweetly,
Voice of mother, sweet and low.
"Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see."
Standing there in great amazement,
Knowing too, that I was lost;
Thinking of that praying mother,
Trying to count the awful cost.
Then again that same voice sounded,
Clear as in my childhood glow;
Singing sweetly, Oh! so sweetly,
Voice of mother sweet and low.
"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood,
Drawn from Emanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."
Tears of sorrow and repentance,
Welled up, within my guilty heart,
I am lost, my soul is sinking,
Pangs of Hell, pierced like a dart.
Like a tolling bell at evening,
Clear as in the twilight glow;
Singing sweetly, Oh! so sweetly,
Voice of mother sweet and low.
"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."
Look to Jesus! Look to Jesus!
Seemed a voice to me did say;
You from sin He'll come and rescue,
He's the Life, the Truth, the Way.
Then I turned my eyes toward heaven,
And by faith, to Him did go.
And I joined my voice with mother's
And we sang as long ago.
"I've wandered far away from God,
Now I'm coming home;
The paths of sin too long I've trod,
Lord, I'm coming home."
"Coming home, Coming home,
Never more to roam;
Open wide thine arms of love,
Lord, I'm coming home."
By our son, Rev. C. C. Tharp, Ridgecrest, Calif. Sent in by his mother, Mrs. E. G. Tharp.*



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THE INEVITABLE CHARGE

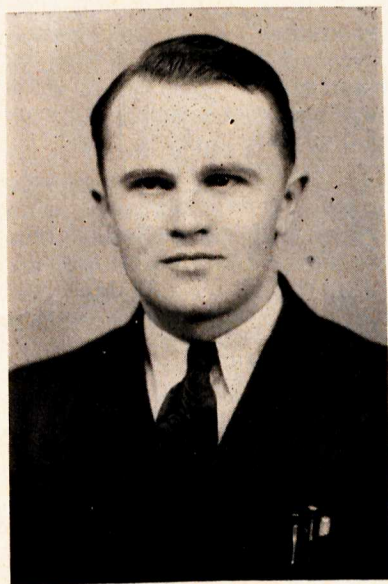
Message To The First Graduating Class Of The Cuban School Of Missions

By Rev. Raymond Riggs, Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions

TEXT: II Timothy 4:5, "Make full proof of thy ministry".

Introduction:

I consider this one of the greatest privileges in my life, and I feel very grateful and humble to bring this message to the first graduating class of our Cuban School of Missions. This is a milestone we have looked forward to. This is an occasion that has not happened to Free Will Baptists in the last century. This is the result of sincere prayers, concerted effort, financial investment and sacrificial service. In addition to the erection of buildings, (visible edifices) the salvation of souls and the edification of Saints, the most visible



and potential results lie in the finished product of these five students who shall graduate from the school and go out into full time Christian service. We feel that our forces have been strengthened by your preparation.

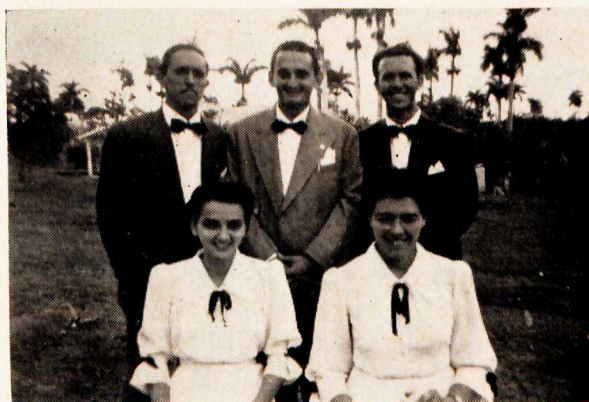
Besides the prayers, tears, and moments of anxiety, the Foreign Mission Board of the National As-

sociation of Free Will Baptists of the U. S. A. has invested over \$60,000 in the Cuban School of Missions, and its auxiliaries during the past five years. This may sound rather expensive, but when compared to the value of a soul, and the dividends that we are sure to come, it is very little. Our people in the States have made this investment because we have a passion for souls, and have had confidence in our missionaries, and we are conferring this confidence upon you graduates, and do hereby charge you to share with us the responsibility of winning the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ, and of being faithful in the propagation of His message.

THE CHARGE IS PERSONAL

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom". If you are sure that God has called you, and now after these five strenuous years of study and practical preparation, you no longer can shift the responsibility neither can you afford to neglect it. You can not depend upon your faithful teacher, Rafael. You can not depend upon Bro. Willey to do your part. You now stand on the

threshold of time, with the Word of God, in your hand and in your heart, the world, white unto harvest is before you and God is saying through the Holy Spirit:



"Preach the Word:

be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine".

The Word is powerful

One of the things that Christianity is suffering for today is power in the pulpit. You can not have it by giving book reports. It is not generated through relating our personal experiences. It does not come through the observance of ceremonies and rituals. The passing of personal criticism and placing ourselves as judges will serve as parasites and leave our own souls, and the souls of those to whom we minister, lean and frail. Instead the Christian worker has an endless supply of material in the Word of God, when declared with humility will always produce power. Power over sin, fear, anxiety, doubts, and even death. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,

and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart". (Heb. 4:12).

The Word is Eternal

Your personal experiences will soon fade into oblivion. Your book reports and essays will change with fashions. Your citations and speculations will come to naught—but God's Word will abide forever. "Heaven and earth shall pass away—but my Word abideth forever".

The Word Will Keep You From Sin

Just because you have been saved from the guilt and penalty of sin, does not mean that you are exempt from sin. Neither should we believe that because we are saved by grace that we are at liberty to partake of the sensual things of earth. Declaring, and proclaiming, the believing and living of the Word of God will keep us from sin. David said, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee". Thus we conclude that by observing and preaching the powerful, eternal, sin-killing Word of God, we shall be able to live up to God's expectations if ye who are to be called His servants, when He said, "Be thou an example of the believer".

A blind man once started for a walk down the familiar country road. As he began his journey he called for a lantern and lighted the lantern and started off. He was asked, "Why do you carry the lantern, you can not see?" "No," he replied, "but I want others to see me".

THE CHARGE CONSISTS OF PROVIDING NUTRITION

In recent years we have heard much about malnutrition, and of thousands of people in war stricken countries who have literally starved to death for lack of proper food. It must be terrible to die of physical hunger. But a more agonizing death is for one to die of spiritual hunger. We read in I Peter 5:2, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind". So we see we are charged with the responsibility of not only getting

people saved, but helping to maintain their salvation through providing them with proper spiritual nourishment. As a father makes provisions for his children, so the servants of the Lord are charged to tend the lambs and sheep of His fold.

This phase of our charge is so important that the Lord Jesus reminded Peter three times, relative to cultivating and providing nutrition. "So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto Him, yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, feed my lambs. He saith unto him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto Him, yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time. Simon, son of David, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, feed my sheep". (John 21:15-17). In other words, if you say you love me, then prove it through sacrificial and nutritive service.

In my travels and observations, I hear preachers complaining of having small attendance in their service, while others seem to have large crowds. Then I am reminded of what my grandfather told me when I was a lad. He said, leave plenty of salt on the deer runs, and out for the sheep—and

they will always come back.

THE CHARGE, WHEN CARRIED OUT, WILL CHARGE OTHERS

When we faithfully discharge our duty in these respects, and prove our love for Christ by the kind of service described in His Word, we are automatically placed in a position of authority that should commend the utmost consideration and respect of those whom we hope to serve. Please do not expect response to this position until we have made full proof of our ministry and have walked worthy of the vocation wherein we are called. When this is done, others will be charged to:

"Remember

them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of the conversation." (Heb. 13:17). This verse does not apply to those in legal or civil authority, but it has reference to the minister, teacher, or director whose duty it is to feed and take the oversight of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Who have spoken unto you the Word of God".

Remember Them in Prayer

Devoted Christian workers live on prayer.

Prayer is an absolute essential to the success of every Christian worker. Even though these first 5 graduates from our school have been taught to pray and they realize the importance of prayer in their private lives, we must realize that it is our privilege and obligation, and particularly, the duty and privilege of every Cuban Christian to earnestly and sincere-



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ly remember these to God in prayer—every day of our lives. The devil and his forces will attack them. They will have times of discouragements, and despondencies. They will need wisdom from God. They will need power to keep self under subjection.

We as the Board of Foreign Missions pledge our sincere daily prayers on behalf of these graduates, that they may be valiant soldiers of the cross. Personally, I had rather have the prayers of one consecrated saint of God than to have access to the might of any army. Will you as laymen and fellow Christians join with us in remembering these in prayer? We trust that you will.

Remember Them With Your Moral Support

The success of the work of these graduates, and the extent of their ministry will not only depend upon your prayers for them, but also upon your courteous and congenial attitude toward them as individuals. Remember, even though they are God's servants, they are also human beings. If you appreciate their life and effort, please don't wait until dead to say something about it. Give them the flowers while they can smell the aroma. Do things for them and to them that will produce edification.

Remember Them

With Your Financial Support

If there is anything that will limit the work of a preacher or pastor, more than anything else, it is for one to have to depend on secular work for maintenance. He can not give God his best.

The Apostle Paul declared that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, I Cor 9:14. This is made possible only when God's people honor God with their substance. By this I mean we must bring our tithes and offerings into God's store house that His servants, and His work may prosper in His sight. Mal. 3:10.

We in America are happy that we have been able to make the investment that has aided in producing these graduates. We believe that the natives of Cuba, composing this convention and the various local churches are eager

to share with us in the financial support of your own workers. It is the duty of the graduates and Christian workers and teachers to teach every Christian that they owe God one tenth of their income and to give free will offerings as they are able. But remember, you can not give an offering until you have paid your tithes.

ObeY Them That Have The Rule Over You

Not only are the peoples of earth commanded to remember our spiritual advisers, but we are commanded to obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account that they may do it with joy, and not with grief, for that is profitable for you. Heb. 13:19.

Graduates, we are behind you. We want you to remember the charge. We promise to remember you in prayer, hospitality, and material support.

We are grateful to Bro. and Sis. Willey, Sis. Yeley, Miss Olive Van Syoc, Louise Ferettino, Bro. and Sis. Dodd, Rafael and every native pastor and worker who has had any part in reaching this goal. Let us be examples to the flock and when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. I Peter 5:4.

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MISSOURI AND THE FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAM

Missouri, you are falling a little behind. When we balanced our books the first day of April, Missouri stood \$177.38 in arrears. All through the year, and even the years past, Missouri has ranked right up close to the top all along. We have been very grateful for this; but we don't like to see our home state falling short at this stage of the program. However, I do have all confidence we will pick up during these closing weeks of the National Associational year, and will after all come out on top. Our quota is \$6,000.00 for the year, which means \$500.00 per month. Come on, Missouri, let's not fail to reach our quota.

—Winford Davis

REPORT OF TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY FOR MARCH

By Rev. R. E. Conner
Buffalo Springs, Texas

On Sunday, March 14, we drove to Denison, Texas, to be in the service at the First Free Will Baptist Church. This was our first visit here, and we enjoyed it very much. We found the church in good spirit, and growing under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Hampton. They have about 20 boys and girls that really thrill your soul with their singing. The church gave us a warm hand shake promising to cooperate and pray for us.

On Sunday night, March 14, we drove to Dallas to be in the Bonnie View Church. This church was organized last summer and with the help of the Home Mission secured a building. The house was full. We had a wonderful service. Everyone was happy and rejoicing. Five men and women were reclaimed. The Lord is blessing this work, and we're so thankful.

On Friday night, March 24, Rev. Tiff Covington and I began a meeting at the Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas, where he is pastoring. I had to leave the following Wednesday night to begin a meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Comanche, Texas. The report of the meeting was, the church was spiritually revived.

We had a good meeting at Comanche. This church is small, but with the help of the other people, we had good attendance. Rev. M. R. Gaines, pastor, is encouraged over the work there. A man about 80 years old came back to the Lord and joined the church after being a backslider for 35 years. Let us pray for all our churches, that all of our work everywhere will go forward.

MONEY RECEIVED FOR MARCH

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North Zulch C.	6.50
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Mrs. T. H. Gilchrest	1.00
Lenison C.	6.25
First F. W. B. C. Dallas	12.00
Weatherford C.	5.00
Clayton C.	4.40
Pleasant Mound C.	17.50
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THE LITTLE LAD, THE LORD, AND MISSIONS

By Robert B. Crawford

Here is a miracle of Jesus constituting a unique and striking illustration of some of the fundamental principles of missions, the feeding of the five thousand. The importance which the Holy Spirit, who inspired the writing of the scripture, attaches to this miracle is indicated by His choosing to give us four versions of it, one in each of the four Gospels. This is true of no other of our Saviour's miracles, and indeed of very few incidents in His entire life. We do not have four records of Christ's birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, ascension, one of His parables, prayers, or discourses. A few events where there are four records are His agony in the garden, His trial and condemnation, death, burial, resurrection, and finally His Great Commission. Yet, we believe Jesus was teaching a parable when He performed this miracle. He wrought this miracle not merely to satisfy the physical hunger of those before Him, but also to unfold to His disciples, then and ever since, the divine principle and method of giving the Gospel of salvation to earth's perishing millions. For this reason we choose to regard this incident as a parable, a parabolic miracle. There is much rich teaching into which we will not go at this time but we will keep the missionary application in mind. We will direct our attention to three statements made concerning Jesus and the thoughts these things present. First, He saw, He felt, and finally He acted. That He saw suggests **Vision**; that He felt suggests **Compassion**; and that He acted suggests **Consecration**. So we will give ourselves to these three lessons. Mark. 6:34.

The Need of Vision

The thought of vision runs all through the Bible. To Abraham God gave the vision of the promised land, saying to him, "Lift up thine eyes, and look, for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever." To Isaiah, to John on Patmos, God gave an exalted vision

of Himself, with profound spiritual results to each of them. But Mark 6:34 speaks of a vision of the **needy multitude**. "When Jesus then lifted up His eyes". Jesus saw the multitude but the scripture says nothing of the disciples seeing the multitude. That is so true today of many of Jesus followers, they do not see as Jesus sees.

Theirs was a selfish vision. They had finished some work and they wanted private fellowship with Jesus. They were selfishly only concerned about their own comfort and did not lift up their eyes to see the needs of others. There is a religious selfishness when one



wants all the money to be spent in his own church program.

Many have the prejudiced vision. They are for their folks and no one else. In this group were those whom Jesus led one day into Samaria away from their own province, from their kin, and bade them lift up their eyes and look on a harvest field for missionary effort among the Samaritans whom they as Jews looked upon with contempt. We need to hear the word, "God hath made of one blood all nations for to dwell on the face of the earth". Well do

we know that had the call to Paul been eastward instead of westward over Europe and on to us, we might today be in heathen darkness. The "Man of Macedonia" got the Gospel started our way. The Jews thought they were the only ones. They could not see the Gentile being brought into the fold also. But where they say, "We need them at home", or, "We should convert America first", they need to hear "God so loved the world", "The field is the world", "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". Yes, we should know that the light given by God if not walked in and not shared with others becomes darkness. "If the light that is in thee be darkness", said Jesus, "how great is that darkness".

The children of Israel and God's dealings with them furnish us a painted lesson for the church today and one incident seems to fit the case we are now discussing. When they gathered manna in the wilderness, there were some among who hoarded the manna selfishly, with the result that it bred worms and stank. I believe if we had continued to give the Gospel to the world, not nearly so much modernism and Higher Criticism would have swept our land. The hungry and neglected multitudes would not be as they are today.

Just when did the loaves and fishes multiply? Not in Jesus' hands, He could not have held them. The disciples could not hold all that food in their hands. We believe it occurred at the very instant and act of the giving away by the disciples of what appeared to be the last bit they had. As they were obedient the supply was replenished, whereas had they ceased distributing at any juncture or stopped short of the last tier of hungry people, the multiplication would have ended abruptly. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty". This is still true. **Oh! Wake up Free Will Baptists.** What interest has God in helping any church "make ends

meet" merely around itself? No missionary church has to struggle for financial survival. "Where there is no vision the people perish".

The Need of Compassion

We read that when Jesus lifted up His eyes and beheld the great multitude, "He was moved with compassion toward them". Jesus did not look with pity and say, "Too bad" but was "moved with compassion". The word "compassion" is a strong word, meaning "suffering with". Jesus loved so that He suffered with men. His heart bled and broke for sorrowing, sinning humanity. He was called "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" because He bore the griefs and sorrows of others. In Isaiah's words, "In all their affliction he was afflicted".

In Matthew 9:36 we read the reason for His compassion, "they fainted" from exhaustion because of burdens too heavy for them to bear. They "were scattered abroad" literally thrown down implying cruelty or oppression. They were "as sheep having no shepherd" a truly pathetic picture, for sheep are helpless and dependent animals, with no weapons of defense and no instinct of right direction, and therefore, they need to be guided, protected, and fed by a Kind Shepherd. There are millions "fainting" under a crushing burden of dire poverty, the weight of physical affliction unrelieved by any medical help, the lack of features that brighten a home. They are "scattered abroad" by the forces of injustice, cruelty, and oppression. They are victims of greedy officials who impose taxes upon them. "The tender mercies of the wicked are cruel". Prov. 12:10. Also "The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty". Psalms 74:20. How true these are where you have slavery, witchcraft, Hindu caste, and opium all continuing to take a ghastly toll of lives.

"They are as sheep having no shepherd". Jesus knew they needed a shepherd, and He said, "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers". Yes, this

multitude needed help but the disciples said, "Send them away that they may go into the country round about and buy themselves bread". The disciples did not welcome the problem of feeding the multitude, but listen to Jesus' answer, He thrust back upon them the responsibility they sought to shirk and sternly replied, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat". The heathen today has been given for bread a stone, for an egg a scorpion. Christ alone is the Bread of Life, and the Gospel is the only remedy for sin, whether in America, or Asia, or Africa, or India. He speaks to us as His disciples today, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat".

The Need of Consecrated Action

Jesus saw, felt, and acted. Emotion is never a satisfactory substitute for action. The only compassion that is real and counts is the compassion that pours itself out in some material way, in some practical effort for the rescue of lost souls.

Jesus had a plan for the feeding of the multitude, but He wanted the cooperation of His disciples. Phillip could not believe that there was sufficient money for food. Oh, how disappointed must Jesus have been at Phillip when He was the Lord of Creation and Phillip could not recognize His power to provide. Andrew then mentions, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes. But what are they among so many?"—Jesus must have blushed again. "Make the men sit down", He replied. Men are seeking methods, but God is seeking men. He wants men to associate with Him in a divine plan. If some want to say He could have fed the group without the loaves and fishes, we answer He did not do it, and neither will He save the world without our help. Not even the heathen, who is lost unless he comes to Christ.

Who the lad was we don't know. He came to hear Christ preach. He had an opportunity to give what he had to Jesus and he did so, and Jesus took it and multiplied it by divine power, and made it the means of feeding the hungry people. The lad could have kept his

lunch and been satisfied physically but oh, the hunger he would have experienced if he had not given it to Jesus. The willingness of the lad is told to every generation. There are many "little" adjectives in the Bible. We think of the child Samuel as God's mouthpiece to Eli the priest. We think of David who slew the giant warrior Goliath "with a sling and with a stone". We think of Gideon, who pleaded that "my family is the poorest in Manasseh and I am the least in my father's house" and his putting to rout the mighty host of Midian with a force of three hundred men armed with trumpets and empty pitchers. When the "little maid" who told the "great man" Naaman of Syria of the true God and brought healing to his leprosy. Also Jesus rode the little colt on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is amazing how "God hath chosen the foolish, the weak things, base things, things that are despised" to the end that no flesh shall glory in His presence. I Corinthians 1:27-29. How encouraging it is to those who have a few talents to give them to the Lord. Little is much when God is in it. He chose to use the lad; He chooses you and what you have. "I am the vine, Ye are the branches". He will give us life to bring forth fruit. "Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth". Look at the position of the disciples—loaves, disciples, multitude. He has chosen His disciples to administer and cooperate with Him.

Will you accept this message? Read your Bible, read "His Name Among All Nations", get the spirit of missions, spread it to others. Send your offerings at once to your Foreign Missions treasury, and ultimately the Gospel will go to the lost and they will know the Bread of Life.

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INDIAN CREEK AUXILIARY MEETING

Auxiliary Quarterly Meeting will meet with the Monett Free Will Baptist Church May 12. The morning session will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Every church is urged to attend this meeting, including the ministers.

CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

St. Louis, Mo.
March 29, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis and Gem Readers:

I have just been elected as Gem reporter for the 3rd Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis.

Our church is very dear to my heart, so it is with great pleasure I am reporting its progress. I am sure the Gem readers everywhere will rejoice to here that we in St. Louis have purchased a lot and plan to build a new church in the near future. The Lord is really blessing our church spiritually and financially. Easter was a red letter day for the St. Louis church. We had 106 in Sunday School and a wonderful morning worship service. The evening service was a consecration service and six precious souls were saved.

We do not have a full time pastor since the Lord called Bro. Lewis to new fields of labor, but we do have a wonderful man of God, Bro. W. F. Cravens, filling in and doing a grand job. We thank the Lord for Bro. and Sis. Cravens; his preaching and their singing have really been a blessing to our church.

Opal Hughes, Reporter

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SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE AT THE ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDRENS' HOME

The first Easter at the Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home was a great day. The sun was shining and the children all got their rooms in order for the day. Visitors begin registering at the early part of the day. All during the day there were seventy-eight visitors who signed the register. They came from six different counties over the state.

By the eleven o'clock hour the chapel was filled to its capacity. After a short devotional, the Rev. R. P. Ritch of Pell City, Alabama brought the Easter message. All the children enjoyed the message. One little girl gave her hand for prayer. Bro. Ritch is well known among the children in our home, for he visits them often.

After the message, a basket dinner was spread and enjoyed by all. It was something new for all the children and it was certainly was a great day in their lives.

A chartered bus came from Pell City Church. Thirty-one of the Sunday School and league came to share the day with the children.

Two large buckets were filled with Easter eggs for the hunt. Bro. Ritch and his friends hid the eggs on the campus. A large candy egg was offered to the child who found the most eggs. The champion was one of our little boys of the Home, Barton Thompson.

It was a thrilling day for lots of our little visitors who made their first visit to our home. We have at this time 15 children in the home. We are expecting others who have already been accepted to arrive here soon.

We have witnessed the confession of four of the children to the Savior. We are looking forward to having a church right here on the campus during the year of 1948. We already have the building equipped with seats for church purposes.

We are glad to find some Free Will Baptist members here and feel that it will be no task to have a good church here. We are glad for the Subscriptions to the Baptist the People of Sulpher Springs and Gum Springs are getting up. I want to urge all of our Alabama people to subscribe to the Baptist and the Gem.

Yours in His service,

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Supt.

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PROGRAM

For the District Sunday School Convention of the Texas West Fork Ass'n. Convening with the 1st. Free Will Baptist Church of Weatherford, Texas on May 15-16, 1948.

SATURDAY NIGHT

7:30 P. M. Singing
8:00 P. M. President's Message
..... Appointing of Judges
Visitors assigned to homes
..... Benediction

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 A. M. Sunday School
11:00 A. M. Morning message
..... Noon Meal

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M. Business
2:30 P. M. Program from various
Sunday Schools
4:00 P. M. Adjournment
C. J. Hearron, President

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Bristow, Okla.
April 9, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

I am a reader of the Gem, and I sure do like to read the letters from other places. I waited last month for someone else to write but didn't see anything in print. I wanted to tell about our revival we had. It began the 21st of March and ended the 2nd of April. Bro.

Benjamin Scott from Mountain Grove was the preacher. The power of God came down upon him, and he preached a good sermon every night. I attended every night, and the Lord was there. Bro. Ben didn't shout, but he was full and bubbling over some. Their were 6 souls saved. We thank the Lord for them. Oh! there are so many that need Christ because there is a time coming that it will be too late. We thank Bro. Ben for coming our way and we want him to come back sometime if it is the Lord's will. If some of you folks who read this attend the church where he pastors, just stand behind him. His church is at Niangua, Mo. If some of my folks read this, I have an aunt, Rachel Williams, and a cousin living around there, I would like for someone to write a letter from that church. We still have good sermons every Sunday and Sunday night from Bro. Paul Russell and his good wife. We have learned to love them and the Lord knows they have worked with us all. We have good prayer meetings and the young people have a good league and still have cottage prayer meetings. We thank the Lord for all these young people. We have auxiliary every Monday night; our attendance averages 8 most of the time. We have 14 enrolled. I love the work and attend most of the time. Pray for us in our work because it is all for the Lord. Now bless the Editor of this paper and all Christian people. I hope to see this in print.

Your sister in Christ,

Lula Wiley

Rec. Sec.-Treas. of Aux.

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REVIVAL AT GRANBY, MO.

We have just recently closed a three weeks' revival with the F. W. B. Church in Granby, Mo. Being necessary to be here at the Gem Office in the daytime, we could only go down and back each evening, however, and we were also compelled to be out over the week ends for our appointments; but in the face of these handicaps, we were blessed with a very good revival. One mother surrendered to the Lord and was gloriously saved, and we saw a splendid revival in the church. It was indeed a joy to work with the good folk at Granby.

In addition to the financial support they gave, during the meeting was the staging of a shower for the Editor and family. I wish you might have seen the many good things they gave us in the way of canned goods and groceries. I judge there was somewhere from thirty to forty dollars' worth. We appreciated this thoughtfulness and generosity on the part of these people very much. It meant the

same as cash to me besides the love and appreciation it expressed, which meant more than the material help.

Rev. A. M. Wolgamott is pastor of this church. We had worked with Bro. Wolgamott in revivals in other years; therefore, he and I were not strangers. A number of the people who now comprise the membership of the Granby Church were at one time members of the Jones Chapel Church where I served as pastor the first seven years of my preaching experience.

May the Lord continue to bless the good folk and the pastor at Granby.

—Winford Davis

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OBITUARY

Mary Jane Davis, infant daughter of Lawrence and Oleta Davis, passed away at the Wheaton Hospital, Wheaton, Mo. March 18, 1948 after a short life here of only six hours.

Graveside services were held the 19th at the Bethel Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Winford Davis officiating, assisted by Rev. Albion Erickson.

Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rickman, Ralph Davis, and Rev. Davis, who sang, "Gathering Buds" and "Where Shall I Go".

Flower girls were Robinell Davis, Delitha Marbut, and Shirley Long.

Survivors include the tiny girl's parents, two brothers, Tommy and Teddy; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Julia Melton; and the Paternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Davis.

The short life of little Mary Jane and the fact God took her home to Himself so soon after her coming to grace and bless this home is illustrated in the text which was used in the service, namely: "My beloved has gone down into His garden to gather lilies". Song of Solomon 6:2. Just bud-ded on earth to bloom in heaven.

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Huntsville, Texas
April 13, 1948

Dear Co-Laborers:

Greetings in the name of our Master. Time flies and here it is spring with all of its beauty declaring the glory of God. Since we last wrote, our Auxiliary Convention met in Bryan with a wonderful program and good reports. Sister Halbrook indeed is a wonderful president, and you feel inspired all the way through. Bro. Bruce Barlow, the pastor of the church, delivered the convention message which was enjoyed by all.

We were very happy that we had been able to organize our auxiliary here in Huntsville with 20 members, which was gladly received into the Convention. We had such a wonderful day that we invited the Convention to meet with us in September.

Our work in Huntsville is growing. Our women kept the week of prayer before Easter and we run a week after

—with good results. We received 7 for baptism and the church is greatly strengthened.

Well, we are sure that many of our friends would like to know how the new house is coming, and we are glad to tell you. It will be ready to move in next week. We plan a dedication service sometime during the last of May if it is the Lord's will. Someone asked if it was too late for their offerings and we said NO. We do appreciate so much what our friends have given on our home. We have received something over \$500, and may God bless each one who has given. You will never know what your love and kindness has meant to us at this time, for we took the Huntsville church by faith, and this will be a mission field for 2 or 3 years yet. It will take real work to put it over but by the grace of God we mean to stay with the work and the people till we have a good church here. We also want to thank sisters Franklin and Parker for the nice letter they sent out in the interest of our house.

No doubt you will want to know the size of the house; here it is: A 4 room house with 3 closets and a bath; 2 bed rooms, a large living room (12 x 22), and a nice large kitchen. All of you come to see us (but not at the same time).

Pray for us. We need your cooperation and prayers that God will help us have strength to finish the task he has given us in this city. Best of success to our kindred everywhere in the Lord.

Yours for Jesus,

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams

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FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday night, March 14, the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church launched what was to be the largest revival in its history. The Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee was the evangelist. Rev. Bloss gave some marvelous messages, both to Christians and sinners. At the close of the meeting the total who were saved or had rededicated their lives for service, numbered well into the forties.

Easter Sunday, packed with many events, brought to a close this revival. Following the Sunday morning service, a basket dinner was enjoyed in the new church basement. In the afternoon a baptismal service was held. There was a total of sixty-four candidates baptized by seven churches. The approximate attendance at this affair was between 1,000 and 1,500.

Now, Fellowship Church is looking forward with great anticipation to the spring youth revival. With the spirit still prevailing from the last and, especially the prayers being offered by that great delegation of Christian young people from the church, it's sure to be an all-out campaign for Christ. From this forthcoming meeting comes the hope that out of it will spring a

great Youth for Christ movement in this area.

Several of the young people were privileged to attend the Annual Free Will Baptist Bible Conference at the College in Nashville, Tenn., during the week of April 4. Everyone of them enjoyed the marvelous blessings of God and agreed that it was a time well spent to be in all of these services.

On Saturday, April 10, the St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting met with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River. The Lord surely manifested Himself in that place in a great way and many things were transacted for the Work that day.

Since moving into the new church basement, the church has made a rapid progress. Sunday School and league simply "growing out of bounds". The church is now in a campaign among its members to raise funds for finishing the building—that is, the construction of the auditorium. Perhaps, the most outstanding contribution has been made by the Ladies' Auxiliary, for nearly \$500 has already been turned in by this organization.

We wish to ask that you continue to pray for us and our work that we might in the future do more toward the building up of the greatest kingdom to come—The Kingdom of God.

Margaret Dodd

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Dear Gem Readers and Youth for Christ Workers:

Just a line to report the good news of the youth camp program. God is on our side ready to do marvelous things if we trust in Him and do His will.

He is working through our people who are willing to hear the Macedonian call "Come over and help us" and we say "Thank God" for Christian brethren and sisters who love the cause.

We, the Board, (as well as others) in the short time in which to prepare and make ready for our summer youth session, ask God to direct hearts that we may be ready. We say again "Thank God" for men who will say we have the money take it and use it for the Cause without interest. Just received a call today from Bro. Harvey Hill saying a man will be at the camp Tuesday, April 20, to clear the ground and build the road. We plan to be there to help.

Come on League and Sunday School workers. Young people, let's put this over for Christ. Send in your offerings and donations.

Yours for Christ,
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.
Irondale, Mo.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

(From March 15 to April 15, 1948)
Brought forward \$184.56
RECEIVED—
Madison Co. S. S. 25.00
Golden Oak S. S. 14.21
A. W. Hartely, Wichita, Kans. 5.00
Fredericktown S. S. 34.11

1st F. W. B. S. S. Flat River ..	19.77
Southside S. S. (Pledge)	25.00
Cross Roads S. S. (Lebanon) ..	5.20
3rd St. Louis S. S.	34.00
Southside S. S.	8.56
Rev. & Mrs. John Long, Patton ..	2.00
Total	\$172.85
Grand total	\$357.41

EXPENDITURES—

Traveling expense, etc.,	\$ 18.72
Subs. to Gem	21.00
Everett Allred (note in full) ..	152.25
Total	\$191.97
Balance	\$165.44
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas. Irondale, Mo.	

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REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETING
IN OHIO

The Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists in Ohio met with Silver Run Church on the 1st Saturday in March. Rev. W. B. May is the Moderator, and Rev. Osborne Farley is the assistant moderator.

Rev. Joe White of Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting brought the message in the morning and Rev. Frank Delawder in the afternoon.

Constitution and By-Laws and minutes of last meeting and letters read.

Other business which was brought before the meeting was transacted.

Visiting brethren from Pine Creek Q. M. were present as follows: Rev. Homer Nelson, our State Evangelist, Rev. Joe White, Rev. Ketter, Rev. Adams and Decon John Hernning. Also, we had present with us Rev. Walter Doll from Portor Q. M. and Rev. Delawder and Rev. Gus Graham from Jackson Q. M.

My granddaughter, Mary E. Darnell, and son, Tommy, attended Franklin Co. Q. M. Sat March 18th at Rosedale, Ohio north of Columbus. This is just a new Quarterly Meeting with four churches. They are progressing and growing very fast. They have a church in Columbus, Ohio, one at Meauicburg, one at Springfield, and one at Rose-dale. They are in our Ohio River yearly Meeting. Quite a few of their class are from Kentucky, the state which our former National Treasurer was from, Rev. F. S. Vanhoose. I am sure quite a few of the brethren will remember Rev. Vanhoose.

May the Lord bless all.

Mrs. W. H. Jacobs
Cheshire, Ohio

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SISTER YOUNGBLOOD
WRITES FROM CALIFORNIA

Bits of her letter are as follows:

"I enjoy and appreciate the Gem very much. It is still a blessing to me as it used to be when I lived at Blue Eye, Mo. My mind so often goes back to my home country and the Free Will Baptist Church there."

"My husband came so near going on to his reward; but by the help of the Lord and the good attention he received at the hospital he is back home again. Please help me pray for him".

"Bro. Winford, I enjoy your writeups in the Gem so much. We heard you preach for so long at Blue Eye, when you were pastor there. I enjoy all the letters in the paper. They are such a blessing to me. I often read the Gem several times over".

"I am yet a Free Will Baptist, though I love all Christians, and long to see all unsaved come to Him".

Birtie Youngblood
B. 3, 551 L. Street
Bakersfield, Calif.

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
IN 1947

The year, 1947, could be termed Achievement Year for the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church of Rt. 3, Bryan, Texas.

For a number of years the folk of this church had been wanting a parsonage. Last year, though a half-time church and small in active membership (between 20 and 30), the members resolved through hard work and faith in the Lord to have a parsonage.

In the fall of 1946, a lodge building approximately 28 x 40 feet no longer in use was deeded to the church by surviving lodge members.

The church began to work, doing most of the work during the first months of 1947 which meant cold weather and rain. Gifts in money, furniture, and kitchen utensils were very generously given by members, sister churches, members and churches of other denominations, friends, and business establishments in the city of Bryan.

The former lodge building moved to the parsonage ground, the distance of one mile, is now a nice dwelling of six rooms and bath and completely furnished. Though a rural parsonage, it has electricity, running water, and Butane gas, which makes possible the modern conveniences.

The many persons making possible this parsonage were privileged to see concrete evidence of their generosity and love to the Lord when at a house warming at the parsonage, May 2, 1947, over 100 persons attended. At this occasion many lovely gifts were given for the parsonage.

The church owns 9 acres of land, the church being on oneacre, a cemetery of three acres adjoining the parsonage lawn. The parsonage with furnishings is valued at \$3,500. The entire church property is valued at \$5,500.

The church and parsonage are 8

miles southeast of Bryan, Texas on a gravel road.

The church very humbly and sincerely expresses deep gratitude to the Lord and to those who have helped to make this dream a reality—a Free Will Baptist parsonage. Everyone is welcome to visit the parsonage and the church.

Alvin F. Halbrook, Pastor

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SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is a report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Texas State Board of Superannuation for November 1, 1947 to March 18, 1948.

Receipts

Balance Nov., 1947	\$120.46
Regular receipts	71.49
Total to account for	\$191.95

Disbursements

Paid Superannuated Ministers \$	65.55
Operating expense55
Total disbursements	\$ 66.10
Balance March 18, 1948	\$125.85

Receipts Itemized

Clayton C.	\$ 3.30
Clayton C.	6.60
Central Texas Q. M.	9.31
Central Texas Q. M.	8.10
Mrs. R. L. Davidson	1.00
North Zulch C.	1.00
Central Texas Q. M.	13.35
Clayton C.	3.30
Clayton C.	5.67
Bright Light C.	1.00
West Fork Q. M.	15.86
North Zulch C.	3.00
Total	\$ 71.49

SUPERANNUATED LIST

At present there are two ministers on the Superannuated List of the Texas State Board of Superannuation. Rev. E. S. Jameson ... Tatum, Texas
Rev. J. H. Dowell Austin, Texas

Alvin F Halbrook
Chairman-Treasurer

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PLEASE LORD

Lord, bless our little home,
And keep me a loving wife
Help me a gentle mother to be,
And place calmness in my life.
Give me of Thy wisdom's store
To guide me day by day,
In making decisions I must make,
And saying the things You'd have me say.
Help me make life more worth while,
For a husband kind and true.
Please Lord, help us both as we teach
Our little ones of You.
Bernice Estes

MISSOURI TREASURER'S REPORT

(For March, 1948)

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

C. W. Mo. & S.E.Kans. 5th	
Sunday Meeting	\$ 14.54
Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Davis, Monett	1.00
St. Louis 3rd S. S.	28.80
Rock Chapel C.	18.36
John W. Adkins, Kirksville ..	75.00
Jewel C.	7.51
Flat River C.	11.82
Ross R. Thomas, Hannon	5.00
Hazel Creek U. C.	45.31
Myrtle C.	19.00
Hickory Grove C.	6.01
Aulsbury Chapel C.	5.00
Cartersville C.	14.91
Hannon C.	5.00
Buffalo C.	12.65
Golden Oak S. S.	3.65
Golden Oak L.	2.00
Amity C.	17.50
Union Light S. S.	9.63
Sublette C.	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. Henderson	1.00
Mountain Grove L.	10.00
Clarence Dunn, Hartville	25.00
Rev. Melba White, Plattsburg	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Deweese	3.00
New Harmony Mission	1.00
Mrs. Jewel Maberry, Greenfield	20.00
Sublette C.	6.75
Union 3rd Fork S. S.	5.00
Hartville C.	19.75
Flat River C.	19.03
Total	\$449.15

NOTE—In addition to December's report for Foreign Mission, Verdella Church sent \$30.00. I'm sorry for my overlooking this.

CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT

Hazel Creek U. C.	\$ 15.00
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STATE UNIFIED FUND

Desloge C.	\$ 12.30
Merl's Chapel S. S.	26.38
Verdella C.	5.06
Leadington S. S.	3.00
Mine LaMotte C.	3.75
Cartersville C.	15.72
St. Louis Southside C.	10.00
Copper Mines C.	2.00
Total	\$ 78.21

EXPANSION PROGRAM

Merl's Chapel C.	\$ 25.00
Ross R. Thomas, Hannon	3.00
Hazel Creek Union C.	33.98
Total	\$ 61.98

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines C.	1.00
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TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union C.	\$ 11.33
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Marie Hyatt, State Treas.

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REPORT

OF ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME
ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA

(For March, 1948)

Total Received	\$611.37
Paid out—	
Salaries	\$321.65
Office Supplies	6.77
Fuel	14.00
Alabama Power Bill	23.48

Hospital Insurance	14.00	3-10 Healdton C., Okla.	5.00
Payment on stove	18.21	3-10 Fork Q. M.	26.29
Annual Fee to State Institute	10.00	3-13 Wewoka C.	22.00
For Fruit	3.00	3-13 Central Ave. C. Okla. C. ..	15.00
Calf Feed	3.75	3-13 Wolf C. Smamac, Okla. ..	5.00
Payment on cow	15.00	3-13 D. O'Donnell	5.00
Tucker and Kendricks Co.	44.93	3-13 Rev. R. E. Conner, Texas	15.00
Grocery and Feed bills	169.70	3-13 Clayton C., Texas	3.30
Roofing	9.00	3-13 Rev. & Mrs. J. Elliston ..	200
Lumber	10.00	3-17 C. T. Berkley, Lindsay ..	50.00
Total paid out	\$663.49	3-17 First C. Shawnee	7.50
No. of children in home	15	3-17 Sulphur C.	15.00

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REPORT OF ORPHAN'S HOME

RINGLING, OKLAHOMA

(For March, 1948)

Paid out by Treas.—

3-15 The Weathermans' salary	\$ 75.00
3- 8 Rev. Virgil Bradford	69.85
3-29 The Weatherman's salary	75.00
3-29 Delbert Gro. & Market ..	147.59
3-29 Aunt Betty Bread	15.12
3-29 Dale Allen's Feed Store ..	21.75
3-29 Schuler Fruit Co.	10.88
3-29 Tyler & Simpson Co.	67.28
Total	\$515.47

Rev. Rex Weatherman's Expenses—

2-23 Laundry	2.00
2-24 Sallie Stow	10.00
2-28 Children's Allowence	5.50
3- 1 Laundry	2.50
3- 2 Sallie Stow	10.00
3- 2 Cleaning for boys	2.00
3- 2 Music lessons	11.00
3- 4 Ball tickets for 10	1.50
3- 8 H. S. Laundry	1.50
3- 9 Sallie Stow	10.00
3-13 Annual school play	1.10
3-15 Laundry	1.50
3-16 Sallie Stow	10.00
3-19 Nine hair-cuts	5.40
3-19 Electric bills	8.21
3-19 Telephone bills	8.40
Total	\$ 90.61
Produce sold	8.40
Balance to Rev. Weatherman	\$ 82.21
Total expenditures	\$597.68

Money received—

Carried from Feb.	\$ 3.12
3- 1 Tecumseh, Okla. C.	2.00
3- 1 Bristow, Okla. C.	13.50
3- 1 Drumright Mission Ladies	5.00
3- 2 Clayton, Tex. C.	3.30
2- 2 Blue Bell C., Sapulpa	5.00
3- 2 G. W. Gardener	5.00
3- 4 Earlsboro C., Okla.	3.00
2- 4 Spring Hill C.	2.75
3- 4 Tulsa C., Okla.	15.00
3- 5 5th Sunday Meeting	18.27
3- 5 Old Panther C.	5.00
3- 6 Duck Creek C.	5.00
2- 6 Caar Corner C.	5.00
2- 6 Drumright Mission Ladies	5.00
3- 6 League, Kerman, Calif. ...	15.00
3- 6 S. P. Brimer, Wilson	10.00
3- 8 Doratha Dehart, Healdton	2.00
3- 8 Rev. Bradford, dry goods	\$13.20 value
3- 8 Rev. Bradford, an fruits	\$7.00 value
3- 8 Rev. Bradford, one cow	\$100.00 value
3- 8 Rev. Bradford—cash	54.42
3-10 Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Brown	
Ft. Worth, Texas	10.00
3-10 James Holliday, Ft. Worth	1.00

NOTICE !

TO THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

OF SOUTHWEST VA. ASS'N.

I earnestly appeal to the pastors, especially, in each of the thirty-one churches, to urge Daily Vacation Bible Schools held in each of the respective churches in the month of June. While, any time during the summer months would be as well if found that June is not deemed advisable. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6). More thorough work can be done with the pupils in vacation time because of the advantage of a longer period of time. The children who attend a two or three weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School have the opportunity to learn almost as much as they learn in Sunday School in a whole year. The Daily Vacation Bible School will not only keep them busy, but will encourage their latent possibilities to develop and guide their development in creative and constructive channels.

In the churches having Woman's Auxiliary you will find that the Second Vice-Presidents are ready and willing to cooperate with you, and the Sunday School in fostering the work.

It would seem advisable to start plans no later than April as a well planned school will necessitate much time in which to prepare to reach all the unchurched youth of your community. Realizing that some day the youth of today will hold the reins, as it were, does it not behoove us to take advantage of the present—building to-

tomorrow, today. Let us not forget, They are the church of tomorrow. Jesus Himself said, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them". (John 13:17).

Wilson Chapel Church conducted D.V.B.S. last summer with a fairly good attendance reported. This should be the inspiration to guide those who have not yet attempted before to exalt Christ in the work of bringing the same type of school to your community. "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times". (Isaiah 33:6).

All necessary school supplies are available at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

Yours for Christ,
Miss Edna M. Davis,
Young People's Field Worker

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL WOMAN'S AUX. FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENTS

Please have your annual report mailed to me by June 1st, 1948.

In getting these reports at that time, it will give me ample time to compile my report for the W.N.A.-C. in July.

Thank you,
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
4th Vice-Prcs. W.N.A.C.
128 Pasadena,
Highland Park 3, Mich.

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WHEREIN LIES AMERICA'S HOPE?

We sing "God Bless America", we pray "God, Bless America", but are we doing our part as God-loving, God-fearing Americans to spread the Gospel, and to teach the words of life so God will bless America? America's greatest wealth does not consist of material things. Material wealth is easily swept away. America's true wealth lies in her Christian ideals, in her Godly institutions, and in her youth of today.

Oh! Christian men and women! We need to arouse now and work to save this land for our young people, and our young people for the land. What kind of America do we want God to bless? Are we asking God to bless a drunken America? Such is our land today when two liquor distilling firms roll up dividends of fifty million dollars in one year.

All this is because men have

turned away from serving the God of heaven, and have bowed to, and are serving, gods of gold. America's hope is yet before her. When will we no longer spend six billion dollars per year for strong drink? When will we be free of the terrible record of a murder every thirty minutes? When will we be free of the outstanding record of more young women being employed in selling liquor than are enrolled in college?

God cannot bless until we are ready to receive His blessings. It is a repentant America upon which God will pour His blessings. "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth". Revelation 2:16.

America, God is calling! Women of the F. W. B. Denomination, God is calling! The only hope for America is God. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land". II Chronicles 7:14.

Shall we seek to rescue these young lives today? We must offer them something better than the world offers. We must seek to organize Young Women's Auxiliaries, and Young Men's Brotherhoods. To teach and train younger ones through Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and through Go-Tell Bands. We cannot stop at just telling them they shouldn't go to worldly places, but must make a special effort to give our young people some worthy work to do for the Master to occupy their time. Put them to work in the church.

We must not only encourage the giving of our means to support Christian Education, but we must also encourage our youth to give their lives to Christ while young, and to take full advantage of the available facilities for Christian Education. At the same time we must enlarge and increase these facilities.

Spending a few days at the Bible College, enjoying the fellowship of students and faculty, gives a person a greater determination to do more than ever before for our youth. While enjoying the

blessings of God and the sweet fellowship, I was impressed by the great need for the W.N.A.C. to do something for the college.

The college is badly in need of some silverware. If each of the sixteen state auxiliaries in the W.N.A.C. would raise \$25.00, we could supply the college with sufficient silverware. Come on, auxiliary workers over these several states shall we rally now to supply our college with this badly needed item? If we will put our efforts together, we can raise this money by July. All you second vice-presidents take your responsibility for this drive and encourage your women to start now. Send all money to the National Executive Secretary, Mrs Huey Gower, 3716 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Shall we have this money in by the time for the National Association? Let me hear from you second vice-presidents. If you don't have state work, then your District second vice-presidents go to work now. The Lord's business is important. Let us get in a hurry about this. "Procrastination is the thief of time."

Mrs. Melvin Bingham
Second Vice-President
1904 S. Central
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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REPORT
OF DISTRICT AUX. CONVENTION
The Central Texas District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met March 9, 1948 at the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas. The theme of the convention was "Conquerors with Christ", Romans 3:37. The various messages and reports of the day were inspirational, informative, and challenging. The morning message was very ably delivered by Rev. Bruce Barrow, Pastor of the Bryan Church. Mrs. Barrow sang a solo just before the message, entitled, "Neath the Old Olive Trees".

The Convention was a profitable one and well attended. One new auxiliary was accepted into the Convention. This was the newly organized Huntsville Auxiliary.

Several resolutions were adopted for the advancement of the work, namely:

1. That each local auxiliary sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School in their church this summer.
2. That each local auxiliary obtain a Standard of Achievement Chart and strive to be an A-1 auxiliary.
3. That each auxiliary put forth a special effort to help their church reach its quota in the Expansion Program.

The next Convention will be held the second Tuesday in September, at the Huntsville Church, Huntsville, Texas.
Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook
President

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Take a look at your calendar! It tells you that it is time to make plans for your Daily Vacation Bible School now. Every church that has as many as ten children, has a need for a D.V.-B.S. Sometimes we forget just how important it is to train our youth.

Read with me an article that appeared in the Daily issue of the Oklahoma City Times, January 27, 1948. Written by Beth Primm,

A tiny patient stopped the famous Olsen & Johnson Show at the University Children's Hospital here. Those who saw will never forget. The act began when Olsen and Johnson walked in and began to shoot gags. Children on stretchers and crutches and in wheelchairs laughed and cheered. After Olsen and Johnson did a few numbers in their style, the former asked: "Now what would you like for us to sing?" I just supposed they'd ask for "Bonga Bonga".

But the star misguessed his audience this time. "What would you want to sing with us?"

Instantly a tumult began. It was like somebody had punched the right button. He could not distinguish the name of any particular song at first until a tiny voice on a stretcher spoke up so softly it was incredible that it should have been heard at all. Olsen leaned closer, then he went through the wheel chairs carefully and looked down at a small girl on her stomach, leaning on her elbows.

"What was it you wanted, honey?" the comedian asked. The child leaned close to his face and spoke so softly again that the crowd couldn't hear.

Olsen's face was perplexed as he listened this time. "Jesus. Jesus what?" he queried.

"Jesus Loves Me", little Lottie Riley, 5, of Stringtown, Okla. said again.

But Olsen, who has heard nearly every popular song in the world, could not sing it for her.

"You sing it to me", he said and Lottie did just that. At the piano, an expert at swing tried to follow. He hadn't heard this new song either. Then the children and all began to sing it together.

"I'll never forget it", said Olsen after the program. "I can't understand how I happened to hear that little voice in all the other noises".

Then I thought of the proverb (Proverbs 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

After reading this news article, I went down town to the Times office and spoke personally to Miss Primm about it. She said she could never

forget how those New York Stars looked when little Lottie spoke of Jesus. When I asked Miss Primm if she knew anything about the training of the child, she said, "Yes, Lottie had remembered a lot of training she received in Daily Vacation Bible School, also the training she had received from her mother about Jesus and how He even loved a cripple".

Free Will Baptist women, the door is open for our youth. Shall we as auxiliary workers open our eyes and see that there are great potentialities in the youth of Free Will Baptists?

Make definite plans today for your Daily Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Melvin Bingham
Sec. Vice-President of W.N.A.C.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Editor

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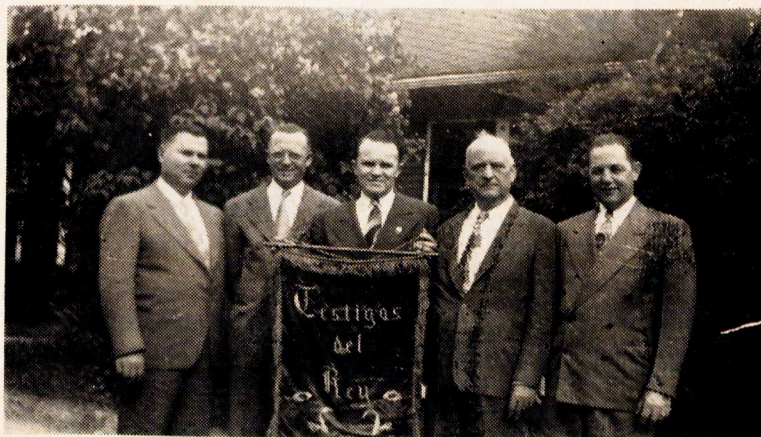
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Refunds	110.12
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Sale Pic. Poster Sets	8.00
Total	\$25,788.82
Grand total	\$27,922.11
Total disbursements ...	22,082.13
Balance in treasury	\$ 5,839.98

Winford Davis, Treas.



This picture of the Foreign Missions Board was recently taken near the College Campus in Nashville, Tenn. The Banner is a beautiful piece of Cuban handwork which was presented to Rev. Riggs following his message to the graduating class at the Cuban School. The wording in Spanish, "Testigos del Rey", means in English "Witnesses for the King".

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