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with the Monett church conducted
by Rev. Lewis, Pastor at Myrtle,
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tor of the State Association. A
full report will appear in next
issue of the Gem.

—The Editor

GOD'S INTERROGATION TO SINFUL MAN: "WHY WILL YE DIE?" EZEK 18:31.

By O. Stalcup

Last series of this message.

The Holy Spirit is sent to convince men of their guilt and danger, and to lead them to accept the mercy offered in the gospel. It is His office work to renew the heart and to convince of sin, and of judgement, and of righteousness. John 16:7-11. God gives His Spirit thus to convince men that they may be persuaded to flee from the wrath to come, return unto Him, and become reconciled through Jesus Christ. How often, reader, has God spoken by His Spirit to you? And even now are you not conscious of an effort to resist His influences and silence the voice of conscience and of God as that voice speaks in the truths you read? O, self destroyer, why this deaf to the expostulations of God? Why refuse to listen when He says to you again, as often before, **WHY WILT THOU DIE?** Why, sinner, why?

Everything is ready. The price is paid. All heaven is solicitous for man. God has done all that can be asked or reasonably expected, and the reason men will die is not because of anything on His part which renders it necessary. The way of escape is open; His decree hinder not the salvation of any. Christ has died; the way of life is pointed out. Men may enter it if they will; but they refuse, and the question returns, **Why will ye die?** The question implies the voluntariness of this death. It is not something which may not be avoided, but something which is chosen. Not that men understandingly and deliberately choose eternal death, but they voluntarily walk in that way which leads to it, and so, indirectly, choose the thing itself. Look at the question; every word is emphatic: "**Why will ye die?**" **DIE, PERISH, SUFFER FOREVER, A DREADFUL END, ETERNAL MISERY,** who would choose it? Who would not shun it? Then, **Why will ye die?** Reader, it is a matter in which you are interested; God is expostulating with you.

"In that lone land of deep despair,
No Sabbath's Heavenly light
shall rise;

No God regard your bitter prayer,
No Saviour call you to the
skies!"

Reader, are you hasting to that miserable abode? Why, O Why, will ye die? Why destroy yourself? Provision is made for your deliverance; life eternal has been purchased with the precious blood of Christ. It is offered to you freely. It is urged upon you without money and without price. Isa. 40:1-3. Then, **Why will ye die?** What is the reason? Why choose death when both life and death are placed before you? Why? Because you love your sins; you are attached to your ways of transgression. You love to gratify evil propensities of your nature; you love to indulge the native promptings of your heart. Sin for its own sake you may not love; but for the sake of the gratification they afford you, you love your sins, you delight in them, and, therefore, you will die. You **LATE HOLINESS.** Your hatred for holiness is just as strong as your love for sin. You do not like to deny yourself and practice that purity of heart and life which the Bible enjoins. God is Holy; and they who would hope for heaven must be holy: but this is contrary to your nature which is corrupt. Heb. 12:14; 1 Cor. 2:14; Gal. 5:17-21. The carnal mind is enmity against God; it loves not His character; it loves not His law, nor His Gospel. It is opposed to His requirements. It is not subject to the law of God; neither indeed can it be. Rom. 8:5-8. **YOU** have a carnal mind, and (if unregenerated) an unrenewed heart. **YOU** hate holiness, and, therefore, **YOU WILL DIE!**

YOU dislike the plan of salvation. It is too humbling. It makes insufficient account of human merits. It dispenses too entirely with works. It requires only faith. Rom. 3:9-31. You want to pur-

chase heaven with your good deeds. You want to pay your way through to the celestial city. You want to be indebted to no one but yourself for salvation. To renounce yourself and trust solely in Christ for eternal life is what you cannot endure. You cannot consent to receive heaven as a free gift. You dislike the plan of salvation, and, therefore, **YOU WILL DIE.** You have no inclination to choose life. The choice must be made, freely made, or you cannot be saved. How can you make that choice when you love sin, hate holiness, and dislike the plan of salvation? Especially, how can you make the choice when you have no inclination to do so and while a corrupt heart enslaves you? **your will?** The want of inclination is no excuse; it affords no apology; it is sin; it increases the guilt; it exposes to the wrath of God. Yet you are disinclined to the duty and altogether averse to it. Life its if you would like. The impending death you would shun. But, when the way of life is made known, and you are taught that it lies by the cross of Christ, you shrink from it; you have no inclination to choose it; therefore, **YOU WILL DIE.**

And yet God the Father asks you **Why?** Your Maker feels for you; He delights not in your death: He desires that you may live. He expostulates with you and asks, **WHY WILT THOU DIE?** And God the Son asks you **why?** He died for you. He agonized in the garden for you. On the cross He hung and there He died for you. He feels a deep interest in your welfare. He could weep for you as He did over Jerusalem. Luke 13:34-35; 19:41. He points you to the cross and to the crown, to heaven and to hell, and asks, **Why wilt thou die?**

And God the Spirit asks you **why?** If He felt no interest in your welfare, He would not strive with your heart and labour to bring you to embrace the hope of salvation. He manifests His interest in setting your sins in order before you and in accompanying the truth to your heart. Even now, He is moving upon your soul. He would draw you to Christ. He would lead you to the skies, and

the language of all His impressions and of all His strivings is, **WHY WILT THOU DIE?**

This is also the language of God's providence. Every passing event has a voice which speaks, warning of danger, and admonishing to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

This is also the language of conscience. How often does conscience reprove and admonish. Amid the cares and bustle of life its voice may be unheard and unheeded; but in the hour of solitude and sorrow, it will speak out and it will be heard. No one is a stranger to its voice. Reader, you have heard it often, sometimes gently whispering, and then again loudly reproving, or earnestly expostulating. Yes, and conscience speaks now; it seconds the word of truth which you read. It condemns for neglected duty; it urges obedience to the calls of God; it gives forebodings of coming wrath, directs the mind to retributions of eternity, turns your attention to the death that never dies, points to the undying worm and the quenchless fire, and asks, in thundering tones, **WHY WILT THOU DIE?**

There is no universalism in the Bible. Were universalism true, what sense in the question, Why will ye die? What meaning could be attached to it? It is utterly destitute of force and of sense. But it is not without meaning. It speaks of a death which may be shunned, and that is not temporal death, nor spiritual death, but eternal death. This is the lan-

guage of the Bible, and it cuts off the hope of those who flatter themselves that they shall not die, live as they may. Their dreams of safety and impunity are vain; their foot shall slide in due time. Deut. 32:35. Let no one build upon this foundation for it is to build upon the sand and secure a certain and fatal overthrow. Readers, Heaven and Hell are realities, and if one does not turn from his evil ways he will die.

"Ye must be born again", said Jesus to Nicodemus. John 3:1-8. In this expostulation of God to self-destroyers we see the necessity of regeneration to liberate the will, set it free from the bondage of corruption, and incline it to the choice of life. Beware then how you resist the Spirit of Grace. He will not always strive. Grieve Him away and you are lost. How bitter the reflections of the lost in the world of woe. They perish, not because abundant provision has not been made for the pardon of sin, nor because salvation has not been offered to them, nor because the Spirit does not strive with their hearts, but because they will not come to Christ that they might have life. John 5:40. They die, not because life is beyond their reach, but because they will die. This they must know; this they must feel, and upon this they must reflect forever. When they look back upon the past, and when they recall the scenes through which they have passed down to their death, their reflections must be bitter indeed. These bitter reflections, attended as they

must be by the reproaches of conscience, will form an important part of that misery to which they are doomed through eternal ages. Doomed to spend eternity in the company of the morally depraved and the damned among the agonies of perdition. And there in the cavernous, gloomy nether regions, over against the wall ye will see written large letters with lurid flame, **YE KNEW YOUR DUTY AND YE DID IT NOT.** Reader, do you covet that misery? Shall these bitter reflections be yours?

O, vain man, let the question come home to your heart. Why wilt thou die? If but the body were diseased and in danger of death, would you not apply to some skillful hand for relief? But what is the body to the soul? The soul is in danger of death; yea, the whole man is in danger of eternal dying. A kind Physician is near. He can heal. He can give life. He can save from death. Will you not apply to Him? He waits for your call; nay, He calls you to Himself. He is ready to relieve, waiting to be gracious. Will you not go to Him? Pause and think. Your end is near; eternal death is before you. Listen to the expostulations of almighty God. The Father calls; the Saviour invites; the Spirit strives, O turn and live, for **WHY WILT THOU DIE?** "Turn to Christ your longing eyes.

View His bleeding sacrifice, See in Him your sins forgiven, Pardon, holiness, and heaven; Glorify the King of kings, Take the peace the gospel brings."

HE WILL COME AGAIN

By E. C. Medlin

The thing that caused me to write this article is the fact that He is coming again.

Almost exactly nineteen hundred years ago, He was here in the flesh as a man. His first advent was the chief theme of the Old Testament prophecy. The place of His appearance, the manner of His coming, the character He would manifest, the way He would be received, His tragic death, His marvelous resurrection, and almost every detail of His wonderful life were minutely foretold.

Every prophecy concerning Him was accurately and literally fulfilled. This statement will not be disputed. How can anyone doubt that He who came in such perfect fulfillment of prophecies, reaching back through thousands of years, is the Divine Son of God and that He will come a second time in fulfillment of the numerous prophecies concerning His second advent?

He was here thirty-three and a half years in the flesh. The last years of His earthly life were

spent in public ministry. During this brief life He preached His own glorious gospel, performed many miracles, established His church, selected and ordained His successors, and made arrangements for the preaching of His everlasting gospel to the end of the age. Six months before His death He began to tell His disciples that He was soon to be taken from them. They heard Him say to the Pharisees, "Yet a little while am I with you, then I go to him that sent me". Again He said, "Now I go my way to him that sent me", and again when their hearts were grieved at this sad

news, He said: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also". (John 14:3).

He finished His work which he came to do on His first mission. He laid down His life for all that would accept Him. In Gethsemane He began to drink from this awful cup of suffering. From there he was taken by the cruel, heartless mob. Officers and rulers insulted and mocked Him; they smote Him with their sinful hands and spit into His innocent face, and yet, in fulfillment of what prophets had said, "He bore it as a lamb dumb before her shearers". They hurried Him before officers. They cried that He be crucified and Barabbas be released. When at last, the unwilling, but equally unprincipled Pilate passed sentence against Him after saying, "I find no fault in him". They led Him away to the place of death, compelled to bear His own cross. When they reached the place of calvary, they laid Him upon the cruel cross, and set it into its socket, tearing the gaping, bleeding nail holes wider in His suffering hands and feet as His weight came upon them. He finished drinking the bitter cup of sorrow to its dregs and cried, "It is finished".

His weeping disciples placed Him, whom they had once hoped to see enthroned as their earthly king, into the cold, dark vault. But the grave could not hold Him, because the Bible had said the third day He will arise again; and so, as the inspired apostle says in the first chapter of Romans: "He proved himself to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead".

He remained with them for forty days. He gave them instructions concerning the great work He wanted them to do. He assured them if they would faithfully do it, He would be with them all the days, even unto the end of the age. Finally He assembled them on the slopes of Mt. Olivet, and as they listened with rapturous interest to His blessed words, He was taken up till a cloud received Him out of their sight; and as they stood, still gazing into the

heavens, God sent two angels direct from heaven to renew the glorious hope and blessed promise He had comforted them with so often: "This same Jesus whom you have seen go into heaven shall so come again as you have seen Him go into heaven".

It anyone should doubt that He will come again, let us try to remove every doubt by calling attention to the undisputed fact that all the inspired writers of the New Testament believed it, and referred to it as an incentive to faithfulness in His service over and over again.

There is nothing surer than this promise will be fulfilled. All the inspired apostles attested it; angels from heaven verify it, and Jesus Himself says, "I will come again and receive you unto myself". Heaven and earth will pass away but His word will not fail. Let us examine some of the words the apostles say.

"I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also". (John 14:3). Listen to the testimony of Paul, an inspired writer. In Philippians 3:20,21, Paul says, "Our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body". Again, in I Thess. 4:16, Paul says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God". In his letter to Titus, he instructed this young preacher, in chapter two and verse thirteen, to "look for the blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God, and our Savior Jesus Christ".

And again I hear him say, so beautifully and touchingly, "I am now ready to be offered up, and the time of my departure is at hand: I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give me in that day; and not to me only, but to all them that love his appearing. He will come and fulfill Paul's glorious hope and mine; for among His last recorded utterances in His own blessed promise, "Behold I come

quickly, and my reward is with me to give to every man, according to his work".

Listen to the testimony of Peter, Prince of the Apostles. Peter exhorts us to be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto us by the coming of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:13). Again he says, "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away". (I Peter 5:4). "Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by his resurrection from the dead, to an inheritance that is incorruptable, and undefiled," ready to be revealed to us at His coming.

I now call your attention to the testimony of James. "Be patient therefore to the coming of the Lord, and establish your hearts, for His coming draweth near". (James 5:7,8). We are told in Hebrews 9:28, that He will come the second time, without sin unto salvation.

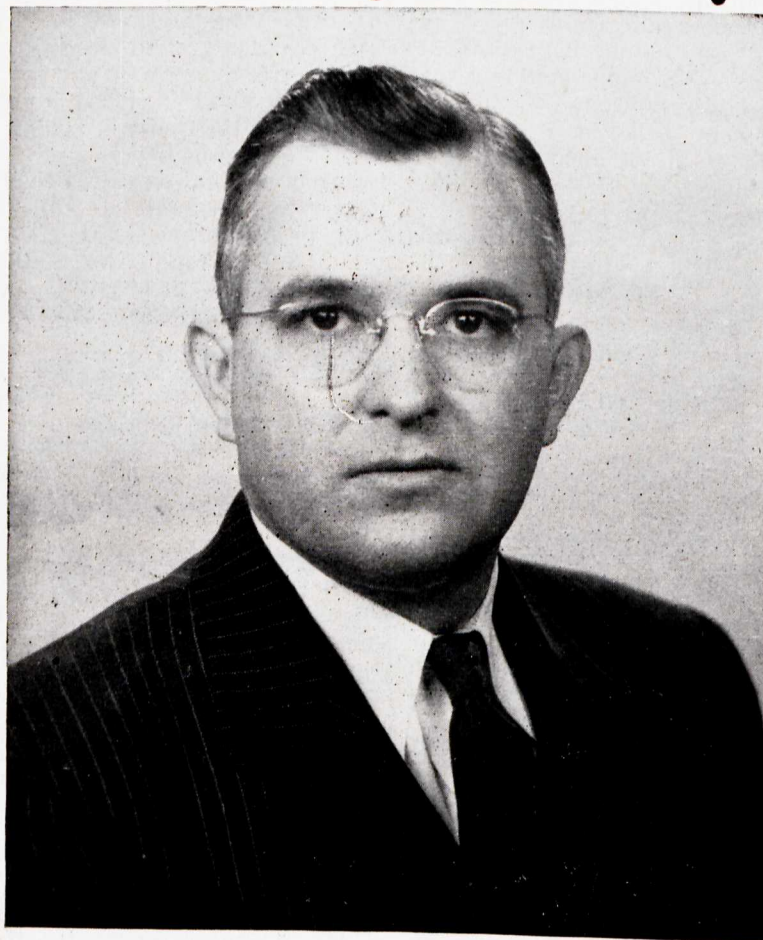
Of all of the disciples John was called the beloved disciple. John tells us that He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and those that pierced Him.

And then we have the testimony of the angels bearing witness to the fact that He will come again, and saying: "Why stand ye gazing into heaven? This same Jesus which ye have seen go into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven".

Best of all, He Himself promised His disciples repeatedly that He would come again. He said, "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 unto myself". (John 14:1-3). Paul talks of this same appearance in II Thess. 1:7,8, "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his might angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of

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Nat'l. Ass'n. To Convene At Pocahontas, Ark.



Moderator, L. C. Johnson

The National Association will convene in its twelfth annual session Tuesday evening of July 13th with the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church.

Pocahontas is the County Seat of Randolph County and is in the Northeastern section of Arkansas. It is located on Black River with Highways 62 and 67 passing through the incorporated limits of the city.

The Missouri Pacific and Frisco railroads intersect at Hoxie, the twin city of Walnut Ridge, a 17 miles distance of Pocahontas. The inter city Millon Motor bus makes

Pocahontas during different intervals throughout the day.

Those who shall come from the points of Walnut Ridge and points east and southeast (whether by train, bus, or car), should come by way of Memphis, Tennessee, Jonesboro, Arkansas and Hoxie, Walnut Ridge to Pocahontas. If you should come by car or chartered bus, take Highway 67 from Hoxie to Pocahontas.

Those who should come from points south, southwest and west, should come by Little Rock (whether by train, bus, or car), to Hoxie or Walnut Ridge and

thence to Pocahontas. Highway 67 from Little Rock to St. Louis comes through Pocahontas. If you come by train, you will get off at Hoxie or Walnut Ridge. From this point there will be bus connections with Pocahontas.

Those who should come by way of Springfield, Mo., will find it more convenient to come by bus



Clerk, E. C. Morris

as the Springfield-Memphis buses come through Pocahontas by the church. If you come by train, you will get off at Hoxie. From there you will come by bus to Pocahontas. If you come by car from Springfield, take Highway 63 at a point farther south, from there to Imboden, Arkansas. From this point take highway 62 into Pocahontas.

Those who should come from points north and northeast should come to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, the southeastern section of Mo. The St. Louis-Little Rock bus will come through there to Pocahontas. If you come by train, take the Missouri Pacific to Hoxie. From there to Pocahontas, you will come by bus.

The church building is located

on the south side of Pocahontas on Highway 62 west of the river.

Assistants will be at the bus depot and signs on the Highways to direct you to the church building.

Reservations should be sent in as soon as possible. Your information should state number and sex. Address such communications to the pastor.

The regular fee of \$2.00 will be charged for registration. If this should not finish defraying the expenses of entertaining the meeting, only free will offerings will be taken during the meeting. The local association has agreed to turn back all funds to the National Association which exceed the necessary amount to cover the expenditures for entertaining the meeting. If anyone should like to send in registration fee with your reservation, or a free will offering, please send it to the church treasurer, Earl Smith, Pocahontas, Ark. This doesn't mean that it is a prerequisite to a reservation. One may do this without sending in his reservation.

We are anticipating a record breaking attendance. The location being more centralized will offer conveniences heretofore not afforded. May we have records of outstanding achievements and a greater response to our different enterprises. May all goals have been attained and there shall be an unreserved determination to set greater ones for greater accomplishments for the Cause of Christ.

Ralph Staten, Pastor
Pocahontas, Arkansas

PROGRAM

OF NATIONAL ASS'N.

The following is the program of the 1948 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held July 13-16 with the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Tuesday Morning July 13

9:00 Annual meeting of General Board of National Ass'n.

Tuesday Evening

8:30 Moderator takes charge.
Sermon: Rev. H. L. Pitts, Brilliant, Ala.
Address of Welcome: Rev. Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Response to Welcome: Rev. Bruce Barrow, Bryan, Mo.
Music by Ass'n. Choir.
Announcements by the Host Pastor
Adjournment

Wednesday Morning, July 14

9:00 Devotional, Rev. Seldon Bullard, Darlington, S. C.
9:15 Moderator in charge
Receiving of letters and seating delegates.
9:30 Appointing of committees.
9:40 Hymn of praise
9:45 Report of General Board, Rev. James F. Miller, Farmington, Mo. Chairman.
10:00 Report of Woman's Aux., Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Greentop, Mo.
10:40 Report of Credentials Committee
11:00 Music by Ass'n. Choir
Greetings from the city of Pocahontas
Associational Message, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.
12:00 Luncheon
1:30 Devotional, Rev. Homer Nelson, Whellersburg, O.
1:45 Report of Executive Sec.-Statistician, Rev. Robert B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
2:15 Report of Board of Pub. & Lit., Rev. J. C. Griffin, Morehead City, N. C., Chairman.
2:55 Hymn of praise
3:00 Report of Nat'l. Ass'n. of Evangelicals, Rev. Robert B. Crawford
3:20 Business session
4:30 Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

8:00 Foreign Mission Session, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Chairman
Highland Park, Mich.
9:15 Business session
10:00 Adjournment

Thursday Morning, July 15

9:00 Devotional, Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.
9:15 Report of Superannuation Board, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo. Chairman
10:00 Sunday School Convention Report
10:30 The Training of S. S. Teachers, Rev. L. R. Ennis,

Goldsboro, N. C.

11:00 Hymn of praise, prayer, special music, T. G. Hamilton, Columbia, S. C.

Sermon, Rev. L. E. Collier, Ashland, Ky.

12:00 Luncheon

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Devotional, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.
1:45 Report of Home Mission Board, Rev. James F. Miller, Farmington, Mo., Chairman
2:15 Report of F. W. B. League Board, Rev. Henry Melvin, Nashville, Tenn. Chairman
2:45 Hymn of Praise
3:00 Report of Treasurer, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
3:45 Business Session
4:00 Adjournment

Thursday Evening

8:00 F. W. B. College session, Rev. J. L. Welch, Nashville, Tenn.

Friday Morning, July 16

9:00 Devotional, Rev. H. E. Willis, Hazel Park, Mich.
9:20 Report of special committees: Temperance, Resolutions, Nominating.
10:00 Miscellaneous business
11:00 Hymn of praise
Worship and closing message, Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
12:00 Adjournment
Luncheon

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God, and from the glory of his power".

And in Rev. 22:12, almost his last words of His message to John in revealing the things to him that were to come to pass, He said: "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be". "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such a time as ye think not the Son of Man cometh". (Matt. 24:44).

And then the inspired sacred song writer wrote:

"He's Coming Again,
He's Coming Again,
Be watching and waiting
The sight to behold.
He's Coming Again."

EDITORIAL

CONCERNING THE CAMPAIGN FOR A FOLDING MACHINE

Things have come to pass, so rapidly and we have so much news to tell you concerning this matter that we hardly know where to begin. Truly the Lord had in store for us a grand surprise. It was something far beyond our expectation.

Wednesday, June 16th, Roy, the Production Manager, and his wife, myself, and Mrs. Davis spent the day in Kansas City. Having already gotten in touch with a salesman, Mr. Biggio, he was ready to take us in his car and show us some prospects he had in view for the supply of our equipment needs. In fact, I think I shall state here that Mr. Biggio has been our "go between" every time we have made a purchase of machinery for the Gem through all the years.

We drove to the Westport Printing Company which we understood had a folding machine they wanted to sell, or trade for a linotype. The folding machine was in operation when we arrived, and in our conversation with them we learned they had two folding machines to sell instead of one; a smaller one for the smaller work and a large one for the larger work they having installed a new and extra large machine to meet the need in their great volume of work. It seemed evident to us that these two machines were exactly what we needed at the Gem office. They talked interested concerning our old linotype, and so the decision was that one of their men would come down by airplane the following Saturday, June 19th, to look it over. We came back home to Monett feeling quite sure some satisfactory deal could be made in the exchange of the machinery. So on Saturday, the 19th, the gentleman flew down. I met him at the airport, drove him to the Gem office, and five minutes had not passed until we had traded, giving them the linotype in an even trade for the two folding machines. The even trade was their own and first

proposition. However, their offer was exactly what we had in mind. They are paying half of the trucking cost. So that trade has solved our problem as to the need of a folding machine. Not once had we dreamed of being able to get a folding machine, to say nothing of two, in an even trade for the old linotype. Well, all we know to say is praise the Lord. He has surely gone before. This makes the third time your unworthy, with others, has gone to Kansas City during the past 18 years in the interest of equipment for the Free Will Baptist Gem, and each time we have providentially walked right into exactly what we were looking for. Will you join with us in giving sincere thanks to the Lord? Surely it is due Him. This trade was an agreeable surprise we certainly had not anticipated, and, too, the Lord gave us such very nice Christian men to deal with.

Now let us discuss another matter in connection with this. Way back in our minds we have been entertaining a thought now and then concerning the possibility of some day (though far out in the future, we thought) making a purchase of an automatic job press. This, too, is something the Gem needs very badly; but we knew in our minds there was simply no use of making mention of this matter until we could get the folding machine bought and paid for, and we did not know how long that would take. In fact we had no thought of getting this needed automatic job press for some years yet. Now listen to me. Will you believe me if I tell you that Roy and I the day we were in Kansas City made the purchase of an automatic Miller feeder for this press for the small sum of \$25.00? It is the truth, and we loaded it in the car and brought it home that day. Now this is a good feeder. It is an excellent piece of used machinery, and with it we bought a good variable speed motor with which to run the job press for the

sum of \$30.00. Now if the Lord didn't guide us to the location of this good equipment which was so greatly reduced in price, even if he did use Ed Biggio in doing it, then I am certainly beside myself. Brethren, such deals and trades do not just happen. Now, all we have to do is get us a Chandler-Price press that this feeder will fit and we will have the automatic job press already to go to work, which piece of machinery we thought was indeed far in the offing as yet. Mr. Biggio is already on track of one which he says can be bought for the pleasing price of \$150.00 to \$175.00.

Alright, what about the money you good people have sent in as a result of our launching this campaign for the folding machine? You will notice in connection with this write up that we have received the amount of \$263.40. As we have already made clear, we did not have to have a dime of it in securing the folding machine (machines) we needed so very much (other than trucking expense). Well, so much the better we didn't. Now I am sure you people don't want us to send this money back to you. I know you too well for that. You did not give it expecting it back. You want it to go into the Gem office in supplying this needed equipment. I'll tell you what we are going to do with it. We are going to buy this Chandler-Price job press on which to attach this fine automatic feeder. Is that alright with you? Sure, I know it is. Then, too, we had to use some of it in buying this feeder and motor, and the cost of going after this machinery is something and so it goes. Nothing, of course, can be accomplished without some expense attached. Be assured the installing of this machinery means the dawning of a new day for the Free Will Baptist Gem.

We are more than grateful for all who have sent in the envelopes which we placed in the last issue of the Gem for your convenience.

You will never know how much help it has been. Now the thing that concerns me is all the envelopes that are yet out which have not been sent back. Please do not take the attitude that just because we have gotten along so well in dealing for this machinery that we do not need the money. Brethren, there is no end to what we need here if we only had the money. Oh, if you will just keep those offerings coming in it will mean everything to us. Please don't fail to send in your envelope with an offering for this equipment campaign. Do your part, along with the others, and then you will feel good about it. A continuation of your liberality in this respect along with some proper management and careful buying and we will have a publishing house here that would make anybody righteously proud.

Now this is the best I know how to explain what has been done so far. The Lord has gone before and worked ahead of us so fast that we must now change the heading of our campaign from that of a "Folding Machine" campaign to that of "An Equipment" campaign. We have laid everything out on the table. We have kept nothing back. What we have told you is true. The equipment we have purchased so far is good. Used, yes, but good. Surely in your heart you are praising the Lord with us. Believe me we are a happy bunch about it around the Gem office. If the Lord talks to you in terms of giving to this worthy cause, please don't fail to listen.

We will keep you informed through the columns of the Gem as things take place in connection with this equipment campaign.

Gratefully yours,

Winford Davis, Editor-Mgr.

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LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN TO DATE ON THE FOLDING MACHINE FUND

(Now called equipment fund)

Mr. & Mrs. Artie McClanahan, Niangua, Mo.	2.00
Mrs. Dunn, Hartville, Mo.	2.00
Lloyd Warren, Archie, Mo.	5.00
Roy Alyea, Monett, Mo.	2.00
Edna M. Davis, Norton, Va.	2.00
Donal Greenway, Monett, Mo.	13.49
A. W. Hartley, Wichita, Kansas	4.00

O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	2.00	Mrs. Grace Lawson, Brashear, Mo.	2.00
Lester Jones, Ben Davis, Mo.	1.00	F. M. Mcsely, Blakely, Ga.	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, Calif.	12.00	D. C. Caudell, Greenforest, Ark.	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Liberal, Mo.	5.00	Total received to date	\$263.40
Paul Williams, Cartersville, Mo.	2.00		
Mrs. & Mrs. Quentin Thomas, Stewartville, Mo.	1.00		
Lizzie Turner, Cartersville, Mo.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Huffman, Strafford, Mo.	15.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Cross, Stockton, Mo.	5.00		
Harold Kelsey, Greentop, Mo.	1.00		
J. M. Foughty, Strafford, Mo.	1.00		
Mrs. Leslie Henderson, Monett, Mo.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Don Raney, Norwood, Mo.	3.00		
Elsie Miller, Chetopa, Kans.	5.00		
John W. Flanagan, Greentop, Mo.	1.00		
Gladys Filmer, Niangua, Mo.	5.00		
Otto Mackey, Monett, Mo.	1.00		
John H. Wolfe, Pawnee City, Nebr.	1.00		
Mrs. Walter Mielke, Detroit, Mich.	2.00		
Betty Hyde, Pocahtontas, Ark.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Grover Lewis, Arcadia, Kans.	5.00		
Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.	1.00		
Wess Housley, Norwood, Mo.	1.00		
Mrs. Irene Housworth, Sessor, Ill.	1.00		
W. I. James, Fredericktown, Mo.	1.00		
John W. Silvey, Ava, Mo.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Raney, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	10.00		
J. H. Willoughby, Ashokie, N. C.	2.00		
Mrs. Nettie Haws, Couch, Mo.	1.00		
Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	20.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Morawe, Chicago, Ill.	5.00		
Central Western Mo. Ass'n.	50.00		
Nellie Graves, Granby, Mo.	1.00		
Mrs. J. H. Jennings, Loco, Okla.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Glen McCarty, Topeka, Kans.	10.00		
Blanche Matthews, Fredericktown, Mo.	1.00		
Redith Maddux, Highland Park, Mich.	5.00		
C. A. Crooks, Worthington, Mo.	4.00		
Mrs. James Ballard, Malta, Ill.	2.00		
Mr. & Mrs. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	10.00		
Mrs. Pauline Henderson, Purdy, Mo.	1.00		
Mrs. Harley Chandler, Niangua, Mo.	1.00		
T. O. Dunn and Son, Purcell, Okla.	1.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Greentop, Mo.	1.00		
Rena Thomas, Hannon, Mo.	4.00		
Mrs. Will Price, Arcola, Mo.	5.00		
Mrs. Rena Brittenham, Monett, Mo.	5.00		
Un-named friend, Arcadia, Kans.	5.00		
Mr. & Mrs. Ora A. Gates, Novinger, Mo.	1.00		

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RETIRING AN OLD DEBT

Several years ago a loan was made to the Free Will Baptist Gem from the Missouri State Extension Fund to the amount of \$425.00. Of this amount \$25.00 was paid back, leaving a balance of \$400.00. Years have passed and still the debt has remained unpaid. Last fall, after coming to the Gem Office, I decided to see what I could do about paying some of this off. I knew it would be quite impossible to pay it from the proceeds at the Gem Office during this re-habilitation period through which we have been going; but I knew some people who were consistent tithers so I decided to write them a letter and lay the matter before them. I told them if they could see fit to place some of the Lord's money toward getting this old debt out of the way that I would put some of His money into it also. As a result, we have paid \$204.00 of the \$400.00 which remained, leaving a balance of \$196.00. We are very thankful to those who have responded so readily upon receipt of the letters I wrote.

Following is an exact list of all who gave for this purpose:

Doyen Glenn, Crisp, Mo.	\$50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
Donald Greenway, Monett, Mo.	27.20
Rev. & Mrs. Winford Davis Monett, Mo.	91.80
Miss Thora Arbogast, Greenfield, Mo.	10.00
Total	\$204.00

—The Editor

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JULY IS NATIONAL ASS'N. MONTH

Is it true that another twelve months have past since we were together in the National Association in Detroit in 1947? Yes, it is true though difficult it is to realize.

Our National Association convenes this time in Pocahtontas, Ark,

Opening on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in this month. The General Board will be in annual session all day Tuesday.

We have been enjoying some marvelous meetings during the last several sessions; it is next to miraculous the way the Lord has brought our people together during the last fifteen years. When I entered the work twenty years ago, we had no National Association. We were nothing but a segregated people. Now we are united as we have not been for forty years. We have a national body comprising seventeen states with work also in India and Cuba. We should be and extremely grateful, and at the same time a very humble, people. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us.

We are believing the Lord for another outstanding meeting at Pocahontas. We are looking for a very large attendance from all over. You will undoubtedly miss something worth while if you fail to be present at this another great National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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FOR YOUTH ENCAMPMENT SESSION DRAWING NEAR

Before the next issue of the Gem goes out the Missouri State Youth Encampment will be a matter of history. The encampment opens July 26th and closes Aug. 6th. The State Sunday School and League Conventions will be held during the closing days of the session.

We are anticipating a great time during the encampment. We have faith it is going to be a success from every angle.

Rev. Damon Dodd, Pastor of Fellowship Church, Flat River, is now busy getting out literature, selecting the teaching staff, and laying other plans in preparation for this summer's session.

We hope there will be a good representation of our children and young people from over the state in attendance. It is a fine thing for our youth; as well as older ones who can attend. We cannot do too much for our boys and girls in this wicked age. We should make every provision for them.

This is the first year the State S. S. and League Conven-

tions have been held at a separate time and place from the State Association. Personally, we like the arrangement and think it will work out much better than the former plan of having them all at the same setting. There will be much more time for attention and deliberation concerning important matters.

We urge our parents over the state to begin now to make plans for the boys and girls to attend this summer's youth encampment.

—oOo— **GEMS**

In one letter from way over in the state of west Virginia comes thirty-one (31) subscriptions to the F. W. B. Gem. Now that's what makes the Editor's face spread out the right way.

PLEASE NOTE THIS: On one occasion one of our Missouri pastors was unable to make his appointment on account of adverse weather conditions. Consequently no services were held; but the church mailed him a check covering the entire salary just as if he had been enabled to fill the appointment. Such thoughtfulness in our churches is scarce and far between; but it is certainly commendable of any church. Brethren, that certainly strengthens the morale of your pastor.

Another commendable gesture of appreciation recently made by one of our churches as follows: The editor could not fill his regular appointment on account of illness in the family. Another brother was sent instead. The church paid the brother the regular amount and in turn sent the same regular amount as usual to their pastor who could not go. To be sure it was more than appreciated.

Brethren your pastors have got to live, and living is high as you know. A little from each of you does not cost any one very much; but when pooled together and handed to the preacher means a lot to him and his family. Just a little consideration and love is what it takes.

Have you sent in the envelope which you found in last month's issue of the Gem? Remember, it asked to be sent in, and to not be sent in empty. Hunt it up and look at it again.

Don't be afraid to give to the Free Will Baptist Gem. It is becoming to be more and more on a solid financial basis.

A recent salesman who called at the Gem office, among other things related the following: "I have just sold

the Assembly of God two million dollars worth of new equipment for their new publishing house in Springfield, Mo., and they had the cash to pay for every piece of it".

Don't think because we traded off a linotype that we do not now have one. We yet have our best one; the one we have used through the past several years.

From all reports we have read and statements we have heard made the Nation Wide League Conference in Nashville last month must have been an overwhelming success. We praise the Lord for this report. However, we are not surprised for we expected this meeting to be a real victory.

Your Gem was folded this time by the larger one of our newly installed folding machines. If you think we are not grateful for these folders, brother you are mistaken in your thinking.

"On May 14th the entire Christian world was startled at the proclamation by the Jews of their new, independent state of Israel. To all serious students of prophecy this appeared indeed to be 'the budding of the fig tree.' I consider it the greatest event, from a prophetic standpoint, that has taken place within the last one hundred years; perhaps even since 70 A. D., when Jerusalem was destroyed".

—Louis T. Talbot
in *THE KING'S BUSINESS*

A CROSS FOR SALE— One cross for sale, nearly new. I cannot carry it and keep up with the world and its crowd. One Talent, new except slightly shelf worn. It has been laid away for years in a napkin. One bundle of Christian Opportunities. Contained in this bundle is one of the greatest opportunities in the world, and that is going to my church every Sunday. Another one is the opportunity of being a soul winner. I seldom use these opportunities; so I have decided to let them go with the sale. Address: corner Carless and Neglect Sts. (Signed) A Lotta Saints.

—Selected from the
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CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

FELLOWSHIP BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Brotherhood met at the church Saturday night, May 1948 at 7:30 p.m. Since it was organized four months ago with fifteen members the number has increased to twenty-five.

A wonderful Bible study has been enjoyed by all in attendance with the Rev. Damon C. Dodd as teacher. We have been studying from the 24th chapter of St. Matthew. We cordially invite every man, young or old, to come and enjoy these good meetings with us.

The meetings are held on the second Saturday night of each month.

This is strictly an undenominational brotherhood. Our aim is to bring the unsaved to Christ, and next to become better acquainted with God's word so as to make better Christians.

We have our own musical talent with us and are planning on some special services at other churches. Our singing consists of duets, two quartets, and group singing.

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Mill Creek, Mo.
May 18, 1948

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We would like to report about our March revival. We should have done this before now but neglect is one of our short-comings so we pray that God and the Gem readers will forgive us this time.

We surely had a good revival. Bro. Harry Beatty, the pastor of Fredericktown Church, was the evangelist. He surely did bring us wonderful messages each night. One soul was reclaimed and two souls were gloriously saved. We thank God for them. The Lord surely has been good to us here at Mill Creek. He has given us so many blessings. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. John Rogers. He has been with us for

two years and the Lord has wonderfully blessed our church and Sunday School through him, but the Lord has called him into the evangelistic work and he will be leaving us the first of June. He says that he will go anywhere to preach a revival. Oh, we thank God for men that will lay all on the altar for the Lord. Anyone or any church wishing a reference about Bro. Rogers, please contact Rev. F. C. Zinn of Flat River, Mo.

We pray God's blessings upon Rev. Rogers wherever he may go. We want to ask the Christian people to pray for us that God will send us the right one to lead us. It seems like we are down in the valley, but we know that if we will all put ourselves on the altar and let God have the right-a-way in our hearts, that He will help us.

Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
Belle Coffey

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AN EXAMPLE

Victory for our youth program is assured. Indian Creek Associational League Rally at its recent session (May 30) set an example of the surety of victory. The need for \$400.00 and a piano was placed before the rally and a motion was carried that Indian Creek League Rally buy the piano. The money was raised without any faltering or hesitation. Come on, Missouri, Let's all get behind this program and lift our youth up and give them to Christ.

Geo. LaShum

Those Who Pledged on the Piano

Monett Church	\$10.00
Pleasant Grove Church	5.00
Carterville Church	5.00
Jones Chapel Church	10.00
Donald Greenway	1.00
Roy Alyea	1.00
Louis Greenway	1.00
Granby Church	2.50
Woman's Aux. Carterville ..	1.00
Louis Eugene Campbell50

Buddy Johnson50
Tina Mason	1.00
Dorothy Greenway50
Geo. Lashum	5.00
O. T. Allred	5.00

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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The regular Free Will Baptist Fifth Sunday Meeting was held at Granby, Mo. May the 30th, 1948.

Sister Elda Crain of Miami preached the Introductory Sermon followed by congregational singing. Message by Bro. F. E. Crain. Scripture, Cor. 15:29. Song Sis. Elda Crain, "In the Little OLD Church by the Road". Message by Sis. Hattie Newman. Scripture, II Kings 2. Quartet, "Hide Me Rock of Ages". Message by Bro. Orville Johnston. Scripture, Acts 3:17. Song by Sis Ott Green "This World Is Not My Home". Message by Sis. Mayfield. Scripture, John 1; Acts 1. Song, Sis. Orville Johnston, "Heaven Now Is in View". Message by Bro. Walgamott. Scripture, Leviticus 8. Song by South Picher Church, "Who at My Door Is Standing?" Message by Bro. Norman Green. Scripture, St. Luke 19:6. Song by Whitiker Sisters, "Talk It Over with Jesus". Message by Bro. Whitiker. Song by Bro. and Sis. Norman Green, "I'll Meet You in the Morning". Song by Bro. and Sis. Mayfield, "Goodby Old World, I'm Through". Quartet, "I'M a Millionaire". Song, Bro. Baily, "When the Ransomed Reach Home".

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting, which will be August 29, will be held at Northwest Picher or as it is better known the Blue Front Church.

Bro. Norman Green and Bro. Orville Johnston were nominated and Bro. Norman Green was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon.

F. E. Crain, Moderator
Beulah Owens, Appointed Clerk

LACLEDE COUNTY Q. M.

Laclede County Quarterly Meeting met May 27, 1948 with Dry Nob Church at Dry Nob, Mo. with 6 churches representing with a nice delegation. We had a wonderful meeting all three days. On Friday night we had communion and feet washing with 26 taking part and at the close of the service there was one who came for prayer and was saved.

Our next meeting will be held with Happy Hill Church near Oakland. Pray for us that we will have just as good a one next time in August.

Reporter, Eld. Arthur Bailey

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June 10, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis:

Just a line to let you know I am still in the service for the Lord. I have preached 52 nights in revival work and have baptized 20. I still have some more to baptize Friday evening. I want you to pray that the Lord will save souls in every revival and support this great need. I feel the time is short. I have 4 more revivals to conduct if the Lord wills.

Pray much and trust that He will be with us always.

Rev. Alfred King

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Highland Park, Mich.

June 11, 1948

An all day meeting was held June 8 in the Highland Park F. W. B. Church for the purpose of organizing a District Woman's Auxiliary.

Two auxiliaries were represented: the Auxiliary of the Hazel Park Church and the Auxiliary of the Highland Park Church.

Meeting opened at 10:00 o'clock with singing, "Jesus Calls Us", led by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Sis. Gladys Sloan was in charge of the meeting, reading as Scriptures, Prov. 31:30; Phillipians 4:3. Prayer led by Sis. C. E. Riggs.

Invocation by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Welcome Address, Sis. Mildred Daniel.

Response, Sis. Allie Allison.

"What a Woman's Auxiliary Has Meant in My Life", Sis. Anna Collins.

Election and appointing of the

various Committees.

Special music by Rev. and Sis. Raymond Riggs.

Convention Message by Rev. Homer Willis.

Meeting dismissed in prayer led by Bro. Preston Slocum for the noon hour.

Lunch was served in basement of church.

Meeting opened for afternoon session at 1:00 p.m. with various committees retiring to private rooms to prepare reports.

2:00 p.m. reports of all committees read and acted on by the body.

Officers were elected as follows:

President, Sis. Allie Allison, 1st V. P. Mildred Daniels, 2nd V. P. Mildred Daniels, 3rd V. P. Ilene Dalton, 4th V. P. Anna Collins, 5th V. P. Daphne Shaw, Recording Secretary, Sis. Blanch Maynard, Field Sec., Sis. Gladys Sloan, Treas., Sis. Bertha Slocum.

Song, "Faith of Our Fathers".

Dismissed by prayers by Rev. Homer Willis and Rev. Raymond Riggs.

We request the prayers of all our auxiliary sisters that we may go forward in unity and live up to our motto, "Conquerors with Christ".

Respectfully submitted.

Anna Collins,
3772 Lawrence
Detroit 6, Mich.

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724 Rinker Ave.
Aurora, Mo.

June 12, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis:

I am reporting on our Daily Vacation Bible School from the Aurora Church. It was held from May 17 to May 29. Twenty pupils enrolled. There were four teachers. It was sponsored by the Women's Mission Circle. Awards were given for attendance, Bible Memory Work, and we learned several new choruses. A picnic was given on the last Friday and parents were invited. A good time was enjoyed by all. Different ones led the devotions including S. S. M. Rev. R. Rich.

Mrs. O. B. Huges,

Reporter

Fredericktown, Mo.

June 12, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis & Gem Readers:

It has been a long time since I have written to the Gem and we have done a lot of moving around since we moved from Fredericktown to Webster Co. to good old Amity Church. We lived there 6 years and then we moved back to Fredericktown Church. We have a real wonderful preacher, Bro. Beatty. The Lord surely must have sent him and his good family to us. We all like them so well. They are doing a wonderful work here. We have a fine Home Mission. While we older ladies and the young ladies work, Bro. and Sis. Beatty visit the sick. We send flowers and candy to the sick and very recently we have sent \$15.00 to the sick from our little mission.

God has really been good to us. We have more work than we can do all the time. As tomorrow is the big home coming at dear old Amity Church, O how we would love to be there but we won't forget all of you good people and you, Bro. Davis. We would love to hear you preach again. The Lord has been good to us. Our oldest boy, Wilbur was in the last war and came home all right. Now he is a deacon in the church. I am so thankful the Lord spared him through the war to come home. We are looking for our youngest boy, Clifton, and his family tomorrow. We haven't seen them for 2 years; so we will be looking for them. We had a fine revival last March; we had 18 saved and most of them joined the church. We got some wonderful talent out of them. They are so willing to work, to sing, and to lead the prayer meeting. We are real proud of them and thank the Lord for them for we do need the young people to work in the church. Bro. Dodd was our evangelist in our revival. He did bring such wonderful messages. We have elected a reporter for our mission but I just want to write this letter for I love to get the little paper and read the nice letters from every where especially my dear friend, Sis. McClanahan. She and her husband are our dear, good friends and we do love to hear

from them. May the good Lord bless Bro. Davis and all the rest of the Gem family. We are glad we have moved close to church where we can attend regularly; for we do love to go to church.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ,
Mr. & Mrs. W. I. James

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Myrtle, Mo.
June 14, 1943

Dear Bro. Davis & Gem Lovers:

Knowing that you all enjoy hearing of good revivals, I feel we must tell you of ours at Myrtle:



Rev. Mark Lewis

The revival began May 2nd, the first Sunday in May. The first week of the meeting was a Youth Revival. The program was prearranged, and speakers were the Young People of the church. These dear young people accepted their part on the program with some of the very greatest zeal for the Lord that I have ever seen. Their messages were, indeed, soul-stirring! One of the young ladies of the church served as special soloist each evening. This meeting was praised and well attended by all of the older members of the church. The Lord blessed in such a wonderful way.

The second Sunday Morning was given to a special consecration and re-dedication service. A number came to the altar to re-dedicate their lives to the Lord. It was such a precious hour! The

Rev. O. T. Allred was to be the evangelist for the Adult Revival. He arrived Monday, May 10th, for what was to be one week, and ended in being one week and until Wednesday night of the next week. The marvelous spirit and presence of the Lord that prevailed during the Youth Revival continued through the Adult Revival. The entire church was moved and deeply stirred. The Lord gave the salvation of ten (10) precious souls, nine (9) of these having become members of the church. Praise His name!

On the third Sunday of the month the Lester Band of St. Louis was with us for a special musical program. Of course, the string band was in full force, and vocal numbers were in abundance. This was one of the most perfect days in the service that I can re-

member. Nothing hindered or went wrong in any-wise. Everything went so perfectly in order that it thrilled our very souls. The Sunday School was well attended, the morning worship was good in every respect, and as for the noon hour, well, words just can't explain the bountiful spread that was spread before us by way of an old fashioned basket dinner. In the afternoon another program of songs and music was given by the Lester band. The above picture was taken at the noon hour of this wonderful day.

In September of last year, (1947) I came to this dear people as their first full time pastor. God has richly blessed in every way. Pray that we may still do greater things for the Lord.

Yours because of Calvary,
Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor



Free Will Baptist Church, Myrtle, Missouri

Huntsville, Ark.

June 21, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

I will send a report of the last revival we helped to conduct. It was at Marble, Ark. in the church there. We began the meeting May the 23rd and continued three weeks. I preached a week, and then Bro. W. H. Armstrong of Berryville came and helped the rest of the revival. We had an old time revival. God did wonderfully bless. Fifty-one precious souls

were converted to Christ and we baptized 55 and also had 30 additions to the church. Some others plan to come in later, and some will unite with their home churches. People came from several communities to help us in the meeting. We had some day services and it was quite a busy time. People were putting up hay and plowing corn but we had 40 present in one day service through the week. One sister said it was the best revival that had been held there

for 40 years. People were made happy and certainly did shout the praises of God. So I am glad the same God that blessed years ago is still the same and He will hear and answer our prayers if we will stay humble and in the center of His divine will. We started a revival last night at Pilgrim Rest Church near Springdale on 68 highway, and three precious souls were saved in the first service. Pray for us that a great number will be saved there.

Yours for Christ,
Eld Cecil Garrison
District Evangelist of
Old Mt. Zion Ass'n.

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Fredericktown, Mo.
June 13, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis:

I just thought I would write you about the revival we had at Twin Oake Church. Bro. Albert Halbrook was the evangelist, and there were 10 saved. We had good crowds all through the three weeks. The revival started on the 10th of May ending the 5th Sunday in May.

Bro. Halbrook preached inspiring messages. I don't see how the unsaved stood back like they did. However, we're thankful for the 10 that gave their hearts to God. We just ask the prayers of God's people to help us pray for the ones who raised their hands but wouldn't go any farther toward God. We feel our little church has been greatly helped by the revival and just pray it will continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bro. Woodrow Matthews is our pastor.

We also want to thank the visiting churches for their help by their presence and prayers. And we ask the prayers of the Christian people that our little church will grow.

Mrs. Tom Pirtle, Clerk

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Malta, Ill.
June 16, 1948

Dear Editor:

I am sending a small amount to be used on the folding machine. I

know it isn't much but every little bit helps. May the good Lord bless every penny that comes in for His glory. May He bless your every effort as well as the employees in getting the Gem out. It is a wonderful paper. I look forward each month to receiving my copy.

There are no F. W. B. Churches around here but I am strengthened by the reports in the Gem that the Lord's work is still going on and I hope and pray that the F. W. B's. will continue to be a real "on fire for God" Lord's people. Keep up the good work and pray for me and also those who are near and dear to us who are not saved that they will be soon. "The Lord bless and keep thee and make his face to shine upon thee" is my prayer for our people.

Mrs. James Ballard

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TO THE DEAR GEM READERS

I want to say a few words about our church. We don't have it quite finished yet; but it is so near complete we have services in it. We are growing in membership slowly. We had only one deacon when we started and now we have four. I have been a deacon thirty or thirty-one years, and I have searched the scriptures mightily, but I cannot find any place where we are not following Christ's teachings. He told us to take up our cross and follow Him. I have offered one dollar for someone to show me where we have failed to follow Him in our articles of faith. We follow him down into the water for baptism. We partake of His supper in remembrance of Him. We invite all believers to partake with us. We ask them to examine themselves. The Word says, "So let him eat". We wash each others feet to show the love we have for each other. Why? Because he told us that we ought to do it. He said by having this love all men may know we are His disciples. We notice Paul taught this same thing as our duty. Some say we can show love in some other way but Paul's instructions to Timothy said a widow that was a widow indeed lodged strangers and diligently done every good work and wash-

ed the Saint's feet was to be looked after by the church. So if the poor widow had this to do to make her worthy of a support, maybe Christ will feel under better obligations to us for our support comes from Him.

We teach that Salvation is free. He says he died for every man and it was not His will that any should perish but that all would come to repentance. The Spirit says, Come, and the Bride says Come. He also says whosoever will let him come and take of the water of life freely. So who is it left out without a chance. I say, No not one. We teach that people must die to the sinful things of this world, be regenerated, born again and walk in holiness as He says without holiness we cannot see the Father. I don't mean to just have the name holiness. That would not be any better than having a hoe handle without a hoe on it. Our bodies are temples for the Holy Spirit to dwell in, and they should not be defiled with evil. God won't let the Devil roam with Him in the same Temple. Christ says, If you abide in Him and Him in you. You can ask what you will and He will give it unto you. So if you don't get what you ask for, He must not be abiding in you. Maybe you are doing something wrong. Maybe you are going to the movies or fishing on Sunday or worshipping idols, playing games of some kind, not trying to keep some poor soul out of hell, just letting them go the same as to say you don't care. If you were to see a person within three feet of hell and him blindfolded, wouldn't you pull him back? A person on his way to hell is blind. The Devil has him blindfolded. He cannot see his awful doom. He doesn't realize he is as close to Hell as he is. He may think he will get in the light later but the longer he waits, the farther and farther he gets in darkness. God's Spirit strives with him weaker and weaker, and finally the Lord turns him over to reprobation of mind and hardness of heart to believe a lie and be damned. Then, old boy, man, girl, or woman, you can't repent. You cannot repent without His Spirit striving with you. You are too cold. So best of wishes for God's people that they

may hold out faithful to the end (The same shall be saved). Ezekiel says if the righteous sin, they will be lost and if a sinner repents, he will be saved. So watch ye well and pray lest ye enter into temptation is your old brother in the Lord's warning to you.

B. E. Coxwell
Woodville, Florida

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**FREE WILL BAPTIST
HOME FOR ORPHANS
Greeneville, Tenn., Rt. 9**

The Home Coming of this Orphan's Home is held May 10 each year. This year there was a large gathering of people, and the collection was \$200.00. There were people from far away but most of them were from Virginia and Tenn. The Executive Board was there. (E. H. Kilgore, J. E. Redding, W. E. Coville, Rev. G. D. Dunbar, and E. M. French). Trula Cronk, a graduate of the Home, and her husband, Rev. Dan Cronk, was there, and they are getting ready to go to India as missionaries. Mrs. J. P. Lankford was there and she has solicited over \$200.00 in the last year for the Home. They had a loud speaker and several of the visitors made short talks. The most impressive talk was made by E. H. Kilgore, who advocated starting the building program of fire-proof buildings now. He has given two thousand, five hundred dollars to the building program. The Board is very anxious to start building fire proof buildings for the Home as their living quarters are of wood structure and are three stories high. This is very dangerous about fire. They need more financial help, and if any church or individual anywhere can or will send in from one dollar to one thousand dollars, they will appreciate it, and God will bless you. You can send it to Supt. I. L. Stanley, Rt. 9, Greeneville, Tenn. Some folks might like to make a will to the Orphanage, they will gladly accept it. There are about 46 children in the Home.

They had a fine dinner, using one of their own steers for the meal. Some of the ministers pre-

sent were: Rev. Mrs. L. M. Salyer, Rev. Dan Cronk, Rev. E. M. French, Rev. P. A. Paxton, Rev. George Dunbar, Rev. E. J. Kilgore, Rev. R. A. Robinson, Rev. J. C. Howington, Rev. C. Y. Elkins, Rev. E. J. Wagoner.

Wilson Chapel Church of Virginia brought a nice linen shower for the Home.

Now don't forget. If you have some of God's money that you haven't given Him yet, send it to this Home. THANKS.

Jack McCoury,
Box 14
Johnson City, Tenn.

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**FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

We here at Fellowship Church have much to praise the Lord for. Our youth revival, with a group from the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee as special workers, was outstanding in every way. The preaching of Rev. Reford Wilson, Rev. Bob Wilfong, and Rev. Everett Bellard and the singing of the quartet won many friends for our church and a number of souls to the Lord. Each service was more blessed than the one preceding, but the last Sunday morning proved the greatest when so many young people knelt at the altar and dedicated their lives to the Lord for His work.

The Sunday School, as a result of this revival, was boosted. The league work is rising marvelously. There has been an increase, both numerically and spiritually in all of the regular services.

Plans are nearly completed for our building program which will be getting under way soon. Already building materials are being secured and put onto the church premises. We are sincerely praying that as this place of worship goes up that the Lord will make of it a light house on the hill that overlooks the sins and confusions of the Lead Belt Area.

Pray much for us and the work here in Flat River. We have God, the people, and great opportunities to win souls. By His grace we shall push on in the work for Him.

Margaret Dodd

NOTICE

Dear Sunday School workers:

Our first Sunday School Convention will meet August 5th at 9:00 a.m. at the Youth Camp in joint session with the Youth Encampment and the State League Convention. We are expecting a good delegation from our Local, or District, Conventions, and Local Sunday Schools. Be sure and elect your delegates, as our state constitution requires, with amendment of Article No. 2 of By-Laws that provides as follows: "All local Sunday Schools, where District Conventions are organized, shall report in writing and with one delegate; this delegate to be elected from the laity, and also compliance with Article No. 3 of By-Laws is required".

This above statement is an amendment to Article No. 2 of the By-Laws which original article is printed below with Article No. 3.

Article No. 2.

Each local convention shall be entitled to five (5) delegates for the convention, and one for each Sunday School in the convention. All delegates shall be elected by the convention from the laity.

Article No. 3.

Dues.

Section No. 1. Each district convention the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for the convention. And one dollar (\$1.00) for each delegate elected to attend the State Convention.

Section No. 2. Regular payment of dues with a letter of authorization shall constitute the necessary credentials for representatives.

Come, all you Sunday School workers, let's make this convention a real blessing to the cause of Sunday Schools.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secy.- Treas.
Irontdale, Mo.

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DR. BENSON TO SPEAK AT NAT'L. S. S. CONVENTION

Dr. Clarence H. Benson, General Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, will attend the National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists, at Glennville, Georgia, August 10 to 12, 1948. Dr. Benson is founder of the "All Bible Vacation School Series" and the "All Bible Graded Series" of Sunday School lessons and has taught in elementary and high schools. During his five pastorates he was highly successful in improving and enlarging Sunday Schools.

For seventeen years he was director of the Christian Education Course of the Moody Bible Institute. He is founder and educational secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. His widely-used textbooks in Christian Education are: "An Introduction to Child Study", "The Sunday School in Action", "Techniques of a Working Church", "A Popular History of Christian Ed-

ucation", and the "Preliminary Training Courses of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association". Two scientific scriptural contributions, "The Earth, the Theatre of the Universe", and, "Immensity", are also from his pen.

The National Sunday School Board of Free Will Baptists in joint session with the Executive Board of the National Sunday School Convention, approved the Evangelical Teacher Training Association for the training of Sunday School officers and teachers in our denomination when in session at Nashville, Tennessee last December.

You, as a Sunday School officer, teacher, or layman, are going to make this Convention. There is to be some very important business to be considered at this Convention, the first to be held for some time. This business will include the revision of the Consti-

tution and By-laws of the Convention, and the consideration of a manual of Sunday School Administration for Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools now being written.

Each local Sunday School is asked to represent with the Sunday School superintendent, the secretary, two laymen, and the pastor. State conventions are to represent with five delegates and district conventions with three. In reference to finances, the local Sunday School is asked to send \$3.60, district convention \$5.00, and the state convention \$10.00. Each delegate and visitor will be asked to pay \$2.00 when registering at the Convention to help with the expense of entertainment.

A program of inspiration and information has been prepared for this Convention. Sessions for the presentation of departmental work have been planned which will be helpful to all who attend.

THIS IS TO BE YOUR CONVENTION. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU.

MISSOURI'S YOUTH ENCAMPMENT HERE ARE THE ANSWERS To Some Of Your Questions

1. WHAT IS IT?

The Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment which is held annually at the Free Will Baptist camp grounds near Niangua, Mo.

2. WHO CAN ATTEND.

Any young person in the state who is anxious to become a better servant for his Lord. Also boys and girls who like to work and play as there will be both at our encampment.

3. WHAT WILL WE DO?

There will be a regular course in practical Christian work for the intermediates and seniors. This will include Sunday School and League work, Free Will Baptist Doctrines, Personal Soul Winning, etc. For juniors and primaries there will be a regular vacation Bible school course. Courses in choir and chorus singing will also be offered to all ages.

4. WILL IT BE ALL STUDY?

No. We believe the old adage that says all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. There will be 30 minutes of supervised play in morning and three hours in the afternoon. This will include hikes, swims, soft ball, volley ball, horse shoes, etc. All play will be under strict supervision at all times and sportsmanship will be emphasized.

5. HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost for intermediates and sen-

iors will be \$1.00 registration fee and \$1.00 per day board. For primaries and juniors the cost will be the same for board but the registration fee will not be charged.

In addition to the other good things there will be a Youth Revival conducted each night with a good sneaker for each service. We are expecting that a great revival will be the result of this effort. These services will be in charge of the young people themselves and a Youth Choir will furnish the music.

6. WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

You will want to bring all your toilet articles such as soap, tooth brush, towels, etc. Also bring a note book and Bible along with plenty of pencils. Bring a pillow and blankets for your bed also. Be sure to bring some old clothes and old shoes for play.

7. WHEN SHALL I GET THERE?

You may come on Sunday afternoon, July 25th if necessary and you will be there on time for Monday morning. However, if you cannot come until Monday, July 26th, that will be all right.

8. HOW DO I ENROLL?

Write to Rev. Damon C. Dodd, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Missouri, requesting an application blank.

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FELLOWSHIP LADIES AUX.
FLAT RIVER, MO

We take pleasure in reporting for

the auxiliary from our church of which we are very proud.

We are taking in new members all along with several members on our roll at this time. This auxiliary meets once a week and also has an all day service once a month.

Our ladies are doing some splendid work on our new building program of which we are very thankful. For the last quarter our ladies had for a goal \$250.00. We have gone beyond that with \$422.20 from Jan. until April, and now we're nearly to the \$500.00 mark. We truly thank God for this.

We feel that with the prayers that are being sent up and with God as our leader our work won't be in vain.

We really enjoy every moment spent in this work. We have mission study one week, Bible study the next, and so on. We also study the book, "His Name Among All Nations", by Laura Belle Barnard which is led by sister Sylvia Dodd.

Our prayer is that God may use us in such a way that many lost men and women may see their need of Christ and turn from that awful way of sin and find their peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ before it is too late.

We sincerely covet your prayers.

Yours for the betterment of God's Kingdom,

Aileen Moyers Cor. Sec.
Flat River, Mo.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF YOUTH CAMP

Brought forward	\$248.92
Received	
Hazel Creek C.	12.50
3rd S. S. St. Louis	26.61
Northeast Mo. churches	44.72
Fredericktown S. S.	19.11
Golden Oak S. S.	2.25
1st S. S. Flat River	19.61
South Side S. S. St. Louis ..	8.86
Fellowship S. S. Flat River ..	11.74
Desloge S. S.	20.84
Monett C.	43.00
Total	\$209.24
Expenditures	
F. W. Stigman Lumber Co. ...	17.75
Ira Walton (grass seed)	3.71
Traveling expense (H. Hill) ..	16.72
Gem office (pictures)	2.00
Bars (for banks)	2.60
Postages and supplies	2.25
Total	\$ 45.03
Balance	\$413.13

Notice!

My attention is called to an error in my last month's financial report. As I reported, the Hannon church offering to the youth camp was given by W. E. Bowman; but it was given by the Hannon Church and sent by Bro. Bowman, the clerk. I am indeed sorry for this mistake, and I do deeply appreciate the cooperation in calling my attention to it.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.
Irondale, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers and Youth for Christ Workers:

The time for our last report is here before our youth camp session which convenes July 26 to Aug. 6. The time is drawing near and there is yet much work to be done to be ready for the session to start.

We are looking forward for a real session, a time of rejoicing and fellowship, as they come from the north, south, east, and west. I am sure the table of the Lord will be spread and there will be a glorious soul saving time. You can not afford to miss it.

The plans and program for our session are completed and will be mailed soon as possible with the information you would like to know, also the daily program of the session. You will find an application blank on the back of the program to be filled out and mailed to Rev. D. C. Dodd, Flat River, Mo. It will help us to plan for the entertainment for you.

We are cordially inviting all who would like to come and visit the camp while it is in session. All are welcome. The meals will be served three (3) times daily at a reasonable price for visitors.

Our State Sunday School and League Conventions will convene on Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, the two last days of the session. The programs will be mailed to each church. We are looking for a good representation of leagues and Sunday Schools. This is the time we have been pray-

ing for so long. Come, let us praise God together.

I just received a letter saying a piano, a pump for the well, and a delco for our lights is ready to be delivered. I am sorry I can't give a report on who or how for the word just said they are from near Monett, Mo. We are hoping and planning to have the dinning hall floor in by the time you read this article. So everything can be delivered and put in place.

I am so glad for the good report Bro. Hill gave of his trip to northeast Mo. where he was called to attend a youth rally and of the interest shown in our youth programs. A very nice offering was given, also a nice army blanket and four (4) Bible story books for our vacation Bible school. I was asked to send 30 banks of our financial banking system.

We have plenty of banks and stickers on hand if any of your Sunday Schools or leagues would like to have them, we would be glad to send them to you. Our banking offerings are showing an increase each month.

If you or your young people would like to give something for the entertainment or playground equipment, please let us know as soon as possible. The Fellowship Church of Flat River will furnish a basket ball set complete.

Let us not forget the date of our camp session, July 26 to Aug. 4, and the State Sunday School Convention Aug. 5 at 9 a.m. and the State League Convention Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. Let us all plan to come if it is only for a visit.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.
Irondale, Mo.

MISSOURI STATE
TREASURER'S REPORT
STATE UNIFIED FUND

Leadington C.	\$ 3.05
Mine LaMotte C.	3.56
Carterville C.	11.08
Fredericktown C.	37.20
Mine LaMotte C.	4.29
Monett Woman's Aux.	5.00
Monett C.	14.00
Verdella C.	11.24
Dessoge C.	14.67
Total	\$104.09

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Mt. Olive C.	\$ 10.07
Union Third Fork S. S.	5.20
Hannon C.	5.00
Macedonia C.	14.09
Aulsbury Chapel C.	5.00
Carterville C.	19.95
Hickory Grove C.	4.69
New Harmony Mission	10.00
Mt. Olive C.	11.68
Flat River C.	8.83
Jewel C.	10.89
Pleasant Ridge C.	5.24
Amity C.	8.55
Blue Eye C.	5.35
Cross C., Lebanon	3.79
Monett C.	11.35
Hazel Creek Union C.	8.50
Happy Circle C. H. C. U. S. S.	10.00
Independence C.	73.87
Total	\$223.05

CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT

Hazel Creek Union C.	\$ 15.00
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HOME MISSION FUND

St. Louis 3rd C.	\$ 23.90
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JEICIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines C.	\$ 2.00
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CO-LABORER BAND FUND

New Harmony Mission	\$ 19.39
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Marie Hyatt, Treas.

STANDING OF STATES RELATIVE TO \$100,000 CAMPAIGN
FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	ARREARS
Alabama	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,894.10	\$3,105.90
Arkansas	2,212.55	149.03	2,063.52
Florida	2,500.00	1,124.33	1,375.67
Georgia	7,500.00	5,467.26	2,032.74
Illinois	5,000.00	995.78	4,004.22
Kentucky	3,750.00	1,212.69	2,537.31
Michigan	2,787.45	1,438.29	1,349.16
Mississippi	2,500.00	1,548.38	951.62
Missouri	7,500.00	3,146.07	4,353.93
North Carolina	20,000.00	17,310.32	2,689.68
Ohio	5,000.00	288.08	4,711.92
Oklahoma	7,500.00	2,035.38	5,464.62
South Carolina	5,000.00	4,262.06	737.94
Tennessee	12,500.00	5,625.32	6,874.68
Texas	5,000.00	3,990.07	1,009.93
Virginia	3,750.00	613.50	3,136.50
West Virginia	2,500.00	576.55	1,923.45
TOTALS	\$100,000.00	\$51,677.21	\$48,322.79

The four following states do not have quotas, but have contributed as follows:

California	\$ 6.00
Kansas	385.50
Nebraska	650.00
New Mexico	25.00
Total	\$1,066.50

OBITUARY

Emma Jane, daughter of David and Nancy Love, was born at Sedalia, Mo., April 28th, 1873; departed this life at the home of her son, Jess Bentsch, near Drynob, Mo. Monday night, April 5th, 1948 at 11 p.m. being 74 years, 11 months and 7 days old.

She was united in marriage to Charles Bentsch Nov. 2nd, 1890, spending almost 57½ years together.

To this union was born 10 children. Four sons preceded her in death. She is survived by her aged companion, 2 sons, Sherman Bentsch of Kansas City, Kansas and Jess Bentsch of Drynob, Mo., 4 daughters, Etta Poulson and Opal Stium of St. Louis, Mo., Stella Van Horn of Richmond, Calif., and Ella Homes of Lebanon, Mo.; also 26 grand children and 21 great grand children.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Bannister, Mo. transferring her membership to the Free Will Baptist Church at Sunny View 4 years ago, and was a faithful member and worker until ill health prevented. She had been unable to attend church for almost a year until last Saturday night and last Sunday night when she attended regular services at Sunny View.

She, seemingly, was on the road to recovery when she was taken suddenly ill Monday night and died of a heart attack before help could be summoned. Grandma Bentsch, as she was known to all her friends and neighbors, was loved and respected. She was a faithful companion, a loving mother, and a kind neighbor and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services in charge of Palmer were conducted by Rev. Arthur Bailey Thursday morning, April 8th, 1948 at 10 o'clock at Sunny View Church with burial in the Antioch Cemetery. Pall bearers were: David Starnes, Tom Guynn, Floyd Peterson, and Ted Lathrop. Singers: Lucy and Duane Pen-degraff, Feil and Floyd Peterson.

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OBITUARY

Rev. W. N. Sutton was born Oct. 10, 1861 in the state of Arkansas and came to Missouri in early childhood. Most of his life was spent in Dallas County where he passed away June 3, 1948 at the age of 86 years, 7 months, and 24 days.

He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Johnson Aug. 3, 1882. To this union was born 8 children. His parents, 2 sisters, 3 children, 7 grand children, and 5 great grand children preceded him in death. Mr. Sutton was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at new prospect in 1896. He at once took an active part in the work of the church first as an ordained deacon then July 24, 1904 he

was ordained to the ministry at his home church, and as the years have come and gone, he fulfilled his obligations faithfully. It can be said of him truthfully, he fought a good fight and kept the faith. He leaves to mourn his passing his faithful companion, 5 children, M. L. Sutton, Placenta, Calif. Georgia McDaniel, Long Lane, Mo., Bessie Beal, Buffalo, Mo., Myrtle Caloway, Long Lane, Mo., Doren Sutton, Dorena, Oreg., 13 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren, and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at New Prospect Church Monday at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Clarence Ussey officiating. Burial was at Walland Cemetery under direction of L. B. Jones and son of Buffalo.

Pall bearers were: Rev. John Mace, Rev. Charley Stidham, Rev. W. F. Millard, Rev. Manual Chie, Rev. Arthur Bailey, and Rev. Curtis Wilson.

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REPORT
OF ORPHAN'S HOME
Rangling, Okla.

May, 1948

Received

5- 1 Blue Bell C.	\$ 5.00
5- 5 Rev. R. E. Conner	5.00
5- 6 Rev. Virgil Bradford	52.00
5- 6 Goar Corner C.	5.00
5- 7 Spring Hill C.	6.00
5- 6 James A. Holliday	5.00
5- 8 Hope Well League Rally	2.00
5-10 McCurtain C.	5.00
5-10 First C. Okla City	30.00
5-10 Sulphur C.	18.50
5-10 E. H. (Eldon) Davis	5.00
5-11 Hawkins S. S.	4.27
5-11 Hawkins League	1.43
5-11 Bible League	2.51
5-11 First C. Tulsa	15.00
5-12 Healdton C.	13.00
5-13 Goar Corner S. S.	1.31
5-13 First C. Shawnee	16.50
5-14 Central Ave. C. Okla. City ..	15.00
5-15 First C., Kerman, Calif. ..	22.00
5-15 Mission Ladies Drumright ..	5.00
5-15 Wewoka C.	32.00
5-16 Fred Barker	20.00
5-16 Dennison C.	7.00
5-18 A. F. Pierce & Son	10.00
5-18 Wewoka Aux.	5.00
5-18 New Hope C.	10.00
5-18 Stradford S. S.	6.20
5-20 J. A. Holliday	3.00
5-20 Mrs. Helms	5.00
5-20 Bro. Hood	40.00
5-20 Sulphur C.	20.75
5-20 Iron Chapel C.	5.00
5-20 Dibble S. S.	10.00
5-22 Clemenscott C.	11.45
5-24 New Bethlehem C.	2.25
5-26 Bristow C.	10.40
5-26 Bristow Liberty C.	25.50
5-26 New Hope C. Texas	15.00
5-26 Friendship C., Texas	3.30
5-28 Mis. Ladies, Cushing	5.00
5-20 Wolf C.	5.00
5-31 Bro. O'Donnell	3.77
5-31 Pretty Water C.	5.00
5-31 Louis Ave. C. Aux.	5.00
Total	\$509.51

Expenses

5- 1 Aunt Betty Bread	\$ 14.47
5- 6 Rev. Bradford	20.80
5-15 Rev. Rex Weatherman ..	75.00
5-31 Delbert Gro. & Mar.	160.15
5-31 Schuler Fruit	7.02
5-31 Drug & School Supplies ..	20.87
5-31 Collier Bros.	23.85
5-31 Tyler & Simpson	16.85
5-31 W. D. Badenhomer	11.00
5-31 Ringling Locker	13.85
5-31 Rev. Rex Weatherman ..	75.00
Total	\$438.83

Expenses—Rex Weatherman

Hair cuts for boys	\$ 5.00
Allowance	2.55
Laundry	2.00
Sallie Stow	10.00
Laundry	2.00
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Laundry	2.00
Total	\$120.55
Produce sold	27.24
Balance	\$ 93.31
Money paid out	\$538.17
Money received	\$519.51
Indebtedness	\$ 22.66

We have 19 children in the home.

Jack Hopkins, Treasurer.

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DADDY HAS GONE

In remembrance of my father, Spence Head who passed away June 23rd, 1945.

*There is a city supernal
God has prepared for His own.
We read in God's Word it's eternal
That's where our loved one has gone.*

*Daddy you're gone to that city
Where there there's no sorrow or care.
Surely you know we miss you.
Someday we'll meet you up there....*

*Since you have left us, dear daddy,
Days are so dreary and long.
I get home sick and I'm ready
When God says "children come home".*

*Father has gone on to Heaven
Family circles are broken down here,
But soon our prayers will be answered,
And we will be re-united up there. ..*

Sadly missed by his wife and seven children; 16 grandchildren and one Great grandchild. He was a member and deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church of Blue Eye, Mo.

Written by a daughter, Elva Tharp.

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FOREIGN MISSION PROGRAM REACHES NEW HIGH DURING PAST ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

The past national associational year has been a record year for the F. W. B. Foreign missions Department. More money has been handled by several thousand dollars than in any other year. As a result of your increased liberality toward this "gospel spreading" program, we have a great deal in concrete evidence. We have made a splendid advance in our building campaign on the school farm in Cuba. The dormitory is being finished, a new dining hall erected, and some other construction work being done there of which I am not just yet prepared to give a report until I can get further information from the field. Too, it is to be remembered these buildings are being erected of a permanent type of material. Furthermore, we have three of our young people in the final preparation stage for India. Rev. and Mrs. Cronk and Miss Zalene Lloyd. In fact they already have their passports and visas. The only thing awaiting now is boat passage, and, of course final, small details in the purchase of supplies, etc. These will soon

be going, and it is gratifying to note that our people have supplied funds necessary for their getting out, which amount runs into a few thousand dollars (exact report will be given later).

It is very pleasant to note the increased interest manifested here at home concerning our missionary program. After all we can never lengthen our cords unless, and until, we strengthen our stakes. Thank the Lord the stakes are being strengthened. Well, we must say thanks to the work of our faithful state directors during this past year. They have been faithful in the planning of itinerant work, creating and arousing interest, sending out advertising matter, etc. It has been a great help indeed.

Our National Association will be held in this month at which time the annual Foreign Mission report will be made. We are glad to say it is going to be one of the best ones yet from several angles. Let us together give praise to Him to whom all praise is due.

—Winford Davis

TWO MISSIONARIES TO BE PRESENT AT NAT'L. ASS'N.

Sister Willey and Sister Yeley, both of Cuba, will be present at the coming National Association in Pocatontas, Ark. We are happy indeed that these two representatives from the field can be with us at this annual session. Sister Willey came over as one of the speakers during the Nationwide League Conference, will make several contacts over the home field while here and plans to stay until the national meeting. Miss Yeley, on account of her health condition, came home for the summer months for a vacation rest. She plans to return to the field in time for the opening of the Cuban School of Missions this fall. She too, will attend the national meeting while here. Wednesday evening service of the National Association week will be missionary service. You will miss something if you fail to hear these two speak during that service.

REPORT OF TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY

(For May, 1948)

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

This has been a very busy month. We have driven about 1500 miles, but the Lord has wonderfully blessed.

On May 3 we drove to Comanche to be with Bro. Hughs in a meeting at the South Side Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Hughs organized this church about a year ago. It is growing and doing good. We had a good meeting with 2 reclaimed and one new member. The church was spiritually revived. We had good crowds, the last night the house was full. We appreciate the members of the other churches coming and helping us out. They have a nice group of young people, and some wonderful singing. We enjoyed the special songs very much.

In February the weather defeated us when we went to the Texas Association; so we drove to Henderson to visit some of the churches. Wed. night May 19, we were with the Mount Olive Church. Rev. J. M. Goode is pastor, and

the church is growing under his leadership. They now have full time work there.

Thursday and Friday night we were with Rev. B. A. Grant in his new church in Henderson and the Harper Church. These are both good churches, and we enjoyed the services very much. They have a nice new building in Henderson we are proud of.

Saturday night and Sunday morning we were with New Hope Church. They are without a pastor but feel sure they will secure one soon. We had a large crowd with several ministers present Saturday night. Sunday night we drove over to Clayton to be with Friendship Church. They are also without a pastor. We had a nice crowd and a good service.

On Monday, May 24, we drove to Kirbyville to be in the South East Texas Association. Rev. A. A. Young is the only Free Will Baptist preacher there. He has four churches and is doing a good work. On Monday night we started a meeting at the China Grove Church. The rain interfered with our crowds in the first part of the meeting, but on the last the house was full. We had a good meeting with one conversion. Sunday night, May 30, we drove out to Cario Springs Church for a service. A great interest was manifested with 8 giving their hands for prayer. They had ceased having service there for sometime. Bro. Young went over and started the work again. Now they have a Sunday School, and the church is doing good. Monday night we were over at the Friendship Church. Bro. Young also revived this work. The people are more interested and are doing some repair work on the building. We started a revival, and Bro. Young was to continue on with it. He is young in the ministry and needs our prayers and support.

Money received for May

New Salem C., Decatur	\$ 7.00
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Gartsman View C., Comanche ..	3.00
First C., Dallas	3.50
W. W. Winters, Now Port50
Pleasant Mound C., Buffalo Sps.	23.00
South Side C., Comanche	12.00
Mt. Olive C., Compton	13.00
First C., Henderson	18.80
Harper C., Henderson	10.05
New Hope C., Henderson	8.83
Friendship C., Clayton	15.40
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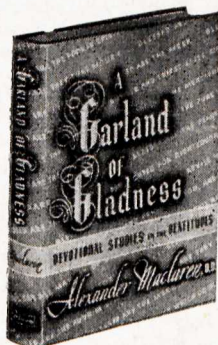
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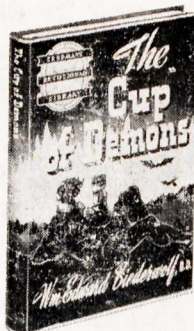


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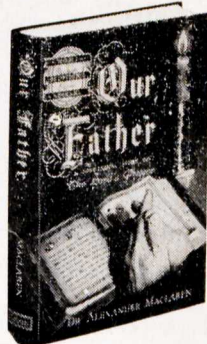
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