

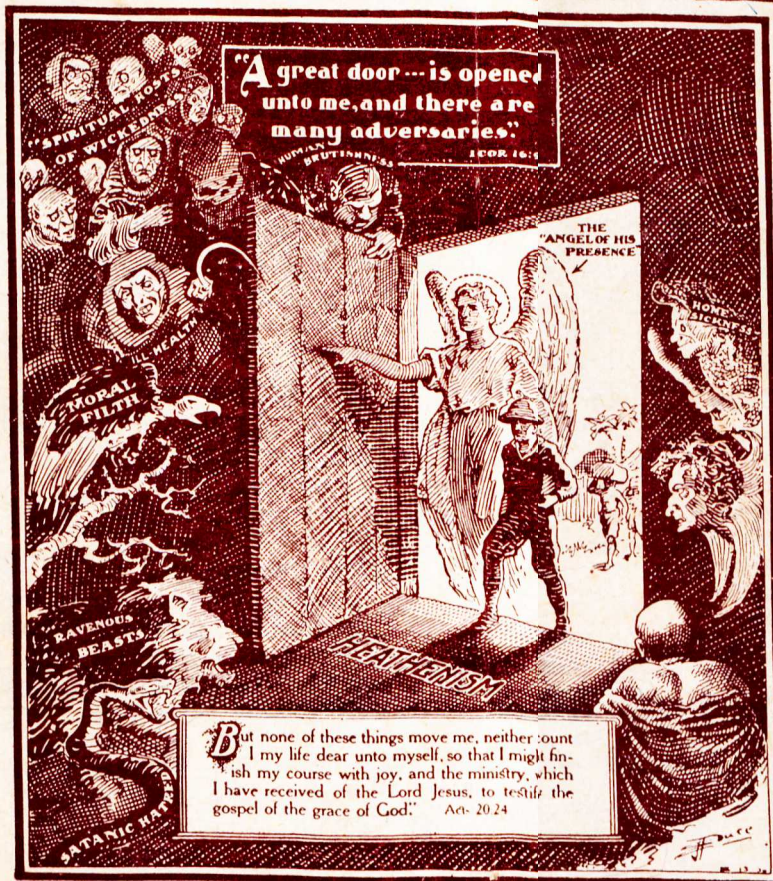
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THE MESSAGE BEARER

THE PURPOSE God has in the church and in the life of every individual Christian is to make known the truth of His son. When we lose the vision of a lost world, and cease to carry a burden for souls, we have lost our usefulness in the church of Jesus Christ. The time is too short for us to waste it in dealing with secondary matters. We need to be constantly busy in the work of evangelism. Every denominational enterprise, whether in the field of Christian education, missions, benevolence, publication, or otherwise, should be dedicated to the one end that men may know Christ. It is not enough that we pride ourselves in that we are classified among the evangelicals; but we must possess the true evangelistic fervor. Dr. Evans very fittingly made the following statement: "Evangelical may mean truth on ice; but evangelistic is truth on fire". To bear the message to a lost world means sacrifice and suffering as is vividly represented in the above picture; but He said, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world".

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The new honor roll began with May 1st and will close with Oct. 31st. Five subscriptions, new or renewal, puts your name on the roll. Our Goal is three thousand (3,000) subscribers. We are indeed grateful for all who are soliciting subscriptions. Just keep up the good work. The subscription list is climbing steadily. Your cooperation is doing it, so let's keep pulling together.

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We have received a nice lot of subs during the month; but only these sent in as many as five or more thereby getting their names on the roll. **THANK YOU.**

—The Editor

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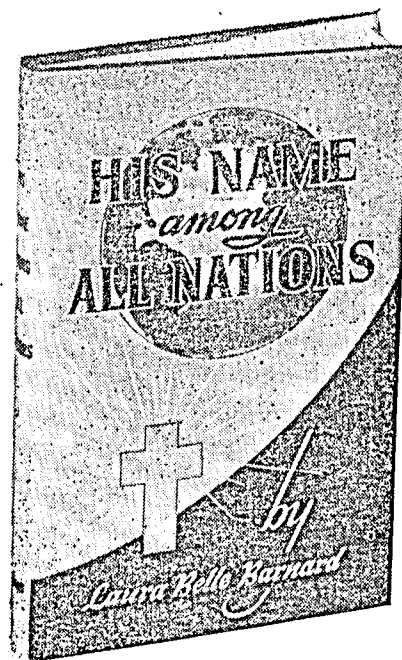
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"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Mo.

Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God". Friends, let us give this a little thought. When He said, "Ye must be born again", He was evidently speaking of some change in our lives. Let us behold ourselves in the mirror and we a natural man. God also sees us just as we see ourselves outwardly. God also looks on the heart of man. When God looks into our hearts, He sees the inward man. Jesus said, "As the heart is, so is the man; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. And nothing unclean can enter into the kingdom of God".

We then, being born of the flesh, must be born again of the Spirit of God and of water; for that which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit, and he that hath not the spirit of Christ is none of His. All having sinned, it would seem foolish for us to even think of being received into the kingdom at the day of resurrection, which is sure to come except there would be a wash the dirt and grease off our sins. We take water and soap to wash the dirt and grease off our bodies which are the temples of the living God. But this cannot now and never could wash away our sins.

God set before us two paths to choose which one we would walk in. One is very straight and

narrow, but it is wide enough for two to walk in—Christ and you. It leads to life everlasting and few there be who find it. The other path is very broad and many walk therein, but this one leads to destruction which is death.

Friends, we cannot inherit life if we don't come clean with God. How are we going to do this? "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved". John 3:17. "He that committeth sin is of the Devil for the Devil sinneth from the beginning". "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested: that He might destroy the works of the Devil". I John 3:8. There is but one way left us whereby we may or can be saved, that is by faith in Jesus, believing His words, and doing them. Dear sinner friends, do you ever consider how God loves you? His word (the Bible) tells us, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". John 3:16.

For you the crown of thorns pierced His brow, for you He meekly bore the rugged crotch, for you He drank the bitter cup and died; but He rose triumphant from the grave, and now is at the right hand of the Father interceding for you. Today Christ's message

to you is "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt.

11:28. Yes, "And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely". Rev. 22:17.

You may not be a vile sinner, yet Jesus says to all alike, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish". Luke 13:3. You may be a very bad sinner but God declares, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow". Isa. 1:18. If you are homeless, you may become heir to a mansion in the skies. If you are friendless, Jesus is a loving friend and will never leave nor forsake you. If you are poor, salvation is free, for he that hath no money is invited to come. Isa. 55:1.

Jesus paid the price with His own precious blood which He shed on Calvary.

Will you accept Him today? Behold, now is the day of salvation. II Cor. 6:2. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3.

You must repent for God says, "Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well". Isa. 1:16,17.

Believe God, who also says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". I John 1:9.

Then obey Him, for Jesus says in all tenderness, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven". Matt. 7:21. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh". Matt. 24:44.

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THE PUNISHMENT AWAITING THE WICKED

Rev. Chas. Moyers, Flat River, Mo.

How often in this day of sin and distress, Satan leading so many in the road of ungodliness, we are made to remember the hymn, "He (God) Will Set Your Fields on Fire". Yes, how true it is in God's holy Word that He will burn out the dross or waste. So, if God's Word says He will destroy by fire, then who am I or you to question the statement? Surely it is going wooing of the Holy Spirit; but to be. What else can we expect they know not from whence it

comes or how to receive it. Then it is up to you and I as Christians to make it possible for them to recognize what they see, understand what they hear, teach them, and lead them by the power of the Holy Ghost to receive this experience with God. We must help them to see Christ who hung on calvary's cross.

Why will God destroy by fire? Look back through God's word, especially the Old Bible, how God dealt with His chosen people, the children of Israel. Yes, they had

their opportunity to serve this God we try to tell the world about. People, the world at large has even a better opportunity to worship God to the dictates of their own hearts, more privileged than people of old; yet they stray from God. The world today is straying farther and farther away from the Lord.

Did not God pour out His wrath on Israel because of their disobedience? What more can we expect today than for God's wrath to be poured out on us, a world of unholy, unthankful, unregenerated, and ungodly people?

Look at II Thessalonians 1:8, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ". Isn't this a warning? Isn't it a caution sign that Paul left for us? Surely the unsaved can realize how horrible fire can be. Christian friends, we should let them know how much more horrible God's fire in wrath is going to be, for He has said it is prepared; a fire where souls are ever burning, yet never consumed. If there ever was a time when we need to fast and pray it is now.

May we as Christian workers get the vast and horrible vision of the unsaved, their miserable ruin, their blinded eyes. See them lost, lost downward they travel. Oh! how soon; yea, even now let us call a halt. Yes, before God in wrath pours out on us flaming fire. Oh, how we pity the poor unsaved.

Why, oh why, can't we make the lost believe, heed, and take warning at what will happen from the words of John in Rev. 20:9-10. The devil and all his followers, yes, even hell itself cast into a lake of fire.

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Our Bible is a grand book. It is a book of books and was written by different writers. It was handed down to those old prophets in a way that pleased the Lord whose wisdom and knowledge is as far above our own as the heavens are above the earth. Some of it cannot be understood without the discerning of the Spirit through Christ our Lord.

We can read a passage and just through our own knowledge not understand it but the Lord promises us that the Spirit will tell us all things. So, listen!

I believe that half the preachers believe what Christ told about the rich man and Lazereth to be a parable. I have once believed it to be that but now I don't. He said died and in hell he lifted up his eyes. I don't think it was because there was one and the rich man he had riches but the corrupt deeds he had done. Now listen again. When our bodies die they return back to the dust but our spirits return to God who gave it. When this body dies it doesn't go to hell or heaven. It has not been changed from a mortal to an immortal, but the spirit lives on. Now to prove those good spirits go to a place of paradise. Notice what He said to the thief on the cross: this day thou shall be with me in paradise. That was not where the Father was as He said after He had risen, for them not to touch Him for He had not yet ascended to the Father, and to farther prove other good spirits were there He preached to the spirits while His body lay in the earth. My belief is He was comforting them and might have told them they would soon go up higher. The Bible don't say what He told them but I cannot believe that He was down in hell preaching to the evil spirits trying to convert them. That is not reasonable and there is no proof that these good spirits missed heaven and went until the judgement; for He says they will rise and meet God in the air to-

gather with the living that are righteous. See, their bodies will be changed from mortal to immortal. Paul said in the twinkling of an eye. Christ did not say to them I commend my spirit but in thy care I commend my spirit. See, He first went to paradise not to heaven. Now to prove that evil spirits go to hell, not the hell that will be after the judgement but a place of darkness. Jude said "chains of darkness." Peter called it hell. Chains of darkness must be a place of torture, of flaming torture as the rich man said "in this flame." Christ said "cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness" who buried his talent; so it is all the evil spirits go to that place and good spirits go to paradise as we notice when judgement is called He says "the sea, hell and the grave will give up the dead." Rev. 20:14. He tells us in Rev. 1:7 that every eye will see Him. I believe the rich man will come forth and meet at the judgement. Then it will show all his works good and bad. Then they that are guilty will be cast into the lake of fire which is the second death spoken of in Rev. 20:14. So this is plain enough to prove there is a place of rest for the good spirits and a place of unrest for the wicked spirits.

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EDITORIAL

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE NAT'L. ASS'N.

The National Association of Free Will Baptists recently held in Pocahontas, Ark. was a grand success from every viewpoint. Something like eighteen or nineteen states were represented, and one new state was received at this time, namely, the state of California. It was indeed a busy week from early morning till late at night, having closed out on Thursday night.

The Pocahontas Church and pastor did a most wonderful job of entertaining. Every one was amply provided for, and it seemed every one had a wonderful good time.

A number of new officers were elected this time in most every department of the work. The Moderator and Clerk, Rev. L. C. Johnson and Rev. E. C. Morris, declined to serve longer and therefore necessitated the election of some new officers to these positions. Rev. Floyd B. Cherry was elected Moderator, and Rev. Clarence Bowen, Clerk.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary enjoyed a splendid session Monday night through Tuesday. Mrs. Willey from Cuba spoke to them on Tuesday morning and an offering for foreign missions was received to the amount of \$171.00. The Auxiliary made few changes in its officials for the coming year.

Treatise Revision Committee

The Committee on revision of the Free Will Baptist Treatise which committee was appointed last year made their report and after discussion was adopted by an overwhelming majority. Very little change was made in the treatise. About the only change made concerning our doctrinal statement was relative to the matter of judgement. Where the Treatise has been reading "future judgement" it will now read "final judgement". Personally, we are very happy for this change. It

is more in keeping with the teachings of the Bible than as before. No changes of importance were made concerning our church and associational government. Just grammatical correction, sentence construction, etc. The brethren constituting this committee did a faithful job.

Missionary night

Wednesday night was missionary night. The annual report of the Foreign Mission Board was read and adopted, Rev. Kenneth Turner showed pictures from both Cuba and India, Rev. Raymond Riggs gave a brief report of the graduation exercise held at the Cuban School in April, which service was attended by Rev. Riggs, Rev. Rogers and Rev. Kennedy, Miss Barbara Willey gave a brief testimony, Miss Bessie Yeley brought a short message, and Mrs. Willey brought the principle message of the evening. All who spoke were very interesting and the pictures were enjoyed. After Mrs. Willey's heart reaching message, an appeal was made which was responded to by a large number of our young people manifesting their definite interest in the missionary program. This was followed by the hand of fellowship being given Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk

and Miss Zalene Lloyd who are soon to depart for India. As the hand of fellowship was extended, an offering was laid on the table amounting to \$214.69 making a total of almost \$400.00 during the National setting. This service rates among the best of our missionary services through the years. I sat in the service and wished that it might be possible for every Free Will Baptist in the denomination to be present. Could you have been present, you would have decided that Free Will Baptists are on the march as concerning the great work of missions.

Bible College

Thursday night was Bible College night. The report of the Business Manager was read and adopted. The choir loft was filled with college students and graduates. They presented a wonderful musical program, the College President gave an interesting message setting forth the aims and purposes of the institution, Rev. J. L. Welch brought a brief and pointed message and following this some new plans pertaining to the expansion of our Bible College were placed before the body of which plans we here give a brief outline as follows: Where our College is located at present there is positively no room for expansion. An adjoining vacant lot we



Lined up for the noon meal during recent National Association

had hoped to own sometime is now being occupied by Jewish people on which lot is being erected a Jewish Synagogue. Jews are settling in that community rapidly and as a result property is sky high. Our present college property can be sold for far more than we gave for it. At the same time there is a 62 acre tract of land out on 70 highway just five miles from the heart of Nashville on which tract of land stands a number of large, commodious, and desirable buildings. This tract can be purchased reasonably. It was proposed to sell the present property and buy this 62 acre tract which will give all the room we will need for years and years to come. The National Association then and there voted to concur with the College Board of Trustees in this move and following this vote there was raised immediately in cash and pledges an amount exceeding \$4,600.00. This was the largest offering ever raised at any one time among Free Will Baptists. Pictures of the proposed property were circulated among the audience giving the people some idea of the appearance of the property. If space would allow I would give you here a further description; but space will not permit. I will say in closing it appears to be a very good move indeed. The College Board of Trustees went from the National Association to Nashville, Tenn. to look further into the matter and to close the transaction if possible.

Summary

From an over all viewpoint it was a great time. I could write at length concerning this wonderful National meeting; but space in the paper will not permit. But from a general viewpoint it was one of our best associations. People were there from far and near, and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Where it will be held next year is not yet determined; but will be decided later.

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STATE ASS'N. TIME NOT FAR DISTANT

Are you aware of the fact that the Missouri State Association date is not far off? The State meeting convenes on Sept 14th and that is considerably less than two months away. It convenes this time with the Sublette Church only a few miles north of Kirksville, Mo. The expense of entertaining this meeting is going to be great this year, therefore every church in the state should send in, and right away, a liberal offering for entertainment. I am predicting we are going to have one of the best state associations this time that we have ever had. I would not say we will have the best, but I am expecting one of the best. However, somebody must bear the expense. Let's not leave it all to Sublette Church; or even to the North East Missouri Association in which this church is located, but let's rise up from all over the state, yes, from every nook and corner, and help bear this burden. Now please do

not neglect this; but take it up in your church immediately. Make an offering to this need and make it a liberal one.

Don't get the Entertainment Fund confused with the Budget Fund. The budget money does not go for the purpose of feeding the delegation, but is used for associational expenses such as printing minutes, clerk hire, any other necessary printing, etc. Your budget of only ten cents per resident member should by all means be paid, but remember it is separate and apart from the entertainment fund which is used purely for the purpose of taking care of the great gatherings we always have at our state meetings. Both these needs should be amply taken care of. We have multitudes of Free Will Baptists in the state of Missouri who are making plenty of money. If every one will do their part, it will make the burden light.

NAT'L. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO CONVENE AT GLENNVILLE, GA. AUG. 10TH TO 12TH

Last year at the National Association it was voted that both the National League and Sunday School Conventions would meet this year at a separate time and place. As you have previously noted the League Convention met during the month of June in Nashville, Tennessee, and now the Sunday School Convention is scheduled to meet in Glennville, Ga. on the above stated date.

This meeting promises to be a great event. Our leaders in the department of Sunday Schools will have ample time to deliberate on all important matters, and will, beyond doubt, set in motion some wonderful things toward the furtherance of our Sunday School work all over the denomination. The Sunday School is the church's school. It is the place where true Free Will Baptist doctrine should be instilled in the hearts of those of ours who will be the church of tomorrow. Great care should be taken as to who teaches and what is taught in our

Sunday Schools. That which is established in the heart and mind of the child in Sunday School is very difficult to eradicate, let it be either the true or the false.

Some of our greatest leaders say the best way to begin a church is to begin a Sunday School. That truth is recognized among Sunday School leaders of all denominations. I heard Rev. L. R. Ennis, who is without doubt one of our greatest and most efficient Sunday School men, make the statement to the effect that if he was going to erect a new church building, the first department he would build would be the educational or Sunday School department, proceed to make use of it, and then build from their on out.

We are very hopeful for this coming meeting at Glennville in August. We expect to receive a great report following the same. May God prosper this meeting greatly and shall be the wish of the Editor of the Gem.

THE LORD IS CONTINUING TO BLESS OUR EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN

Money continues to come in for the purpose of adding equipment to the Free Will Baptist Gem printing establishment. Indeed, we are grateful for it. Both our folding machines are working splendidly and are indeed lifesavers for us here. Some other smaller equipment is being added which was a sore need in this work. We are on the track of some good as new addressing equipment. This place has long needed a different addressing system. I think I can see in the immediate future where we are going to have it. Just putting it all in a concise statement we will say **WE ARE REALLY GETTING FIXED UP NOW TO DO THINGS.** Do you rejoice with us? If so say amen. While you say amen then back it up with a nice donation that will enable us to continue adding this needed machinery. We want to continue to buy and pay as we go. We do not want to incur a big debt. We have not had to do it yet, and I feel overly confident we will not have to in the future. You are going to continue to lend your support, and as that is done it will solve every problem. Come on, open your hearts and pocket books and let's have a publishing house really worth while.

—The Editor

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ANNOUNCING SOME BOOKS JUST OFF THE PRESS

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ASSOCIATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Indian Creek Association will convene with the Carterville Church, Carterville, Mo. on Tuesday night before the 1st Sunday in September, 1948. —Rev. Paul Williams, Clerk, Carterville, Mo.

The Liberty Association will convene with Union Grove Church near Norwood, Mo. on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Aug., 1948. Rev. Vinita Broyles, Clerk, Grovesprings, Mo.

The Mo. State Association will convene with the Sublette Church north of Kirksville, Mo. on Monday night following the 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1948. —Rev. Marie Hyatt, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

The Central Western Mo. Association will convene with the Mt. Olive (Neola) Church of Greenfield, Mo. on Tuesday night before the 4th Sunday in Aug., 1948. —Thora Arbogast, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.

The Laclede County Association will convene at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1948 with the Green Ridge Church eight miles south of Climax Springs, Mo. —Rev. Curtis Wilson, Clerk, Lebanon, Mo.

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DON'TS FOR PREACHERS

Don't try to put yourself on to a church. If they want you, they will call you.

Don't soar too high in your preaching. A little airplaning will do now and then; but don't stay up too long, you might run out of "gas".

Don't try to be a dictator. You are only called as pastor.

Don't shear your sheep too much. There is a time for it, but shearing must be done in its season, else serious damage will be the result.

Don't get all peeved up when you are not called back as pastor. If you do, you are showing a serious weakness. To walk away gracefully bidding all, together with the incoming pastor, God's speed manifests great grace.

Don't try to give your people too many "Jawbreakers". You can't hold the attention of an audience that is suffering with the lock jaw.

Don't get the mistaken idea that if you boost and take offerings for our denominational enterprises it will detract from your salary. If you have that thought, then that is one the devil has slipped over on you. The devil knows that to the contrary your own pay would increase; but he will take care to not let you know it.

Don't take charge of a church in the first place if you can't give it up in good grace.

Don't neglect to search diligently for proper interpretation in preference to lengthy and correct quotation. Usually the preacher who can correctly quote scripture at length breaks down when it comes to proper interpretation. Proper interpretation is more to be desired than manifested ability in verbal quotation. Both are to be desired; but the former is of major importance.

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The state of North Carolina has made up over three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) with which to equip and send Miss Zalene Lloyd as a Free Will Baptist Missionary to India.

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Between two and three thousand dollars have already come in from over the several states with which to equip and send Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk as Free Will Baptists Missionaries to India.

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Don't fail to take special notice to the advertisements in this issue of some new books just off the press here at the Gem Office. Better avail yourself of a copy of each of these books. You will notice the price is very reasonable, and, too, they were written by Free Will Baptists.

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Just because a Free Will Baptist did it does not necessarily make it any better; but at least it does not make it any worse—We hope.

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We recently ran across the most acceptable definition of the term "pessimist" which we have heard yet. Here 'tis, "the man who blows out the light just to see the dark".

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Every little while we hear the Free Will Baptist denomination being accused of doing too much changing. Let us bring this to your mind. Don't forget the fact during the last twenty odd of change during the last twenty years, we have made forward progressive strides such as had not been true of our people for the last century.

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Should you have been in the audience on Bible College night during the recent National Association you would have been convinced that Free Will Baptists are firm believers in Christian Education.

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One church in the state of Missouri makes up all its subs to the Gem within the church and then sends them in along with a check from the church treasury. Brethren, this is the ideal plan.

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According to the statistical report given at the recent National Association we have 273,366 Free Will Baptists in the United States. What a mighty power we could be if all would rally and pull together.

WHY DON'T THEY GET READY?

When Ben's master died, they told him he had gone to heaven. Ben shook his head. "I 'fraid massa no go there." "But why, Ben?" "Cause when massa go North, or go on a journey to the Springs, he talk about it a long time, and get ready. I never heard him talk about going to heaven; never see him get ready to go there."

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DON'T FORGET

— Indian Creek Leagues —

August is another month with a fifth Sunday. Let's all be at Blue Eye where the rally will be held.

This is the last rally before the Ass'n. so don't miss it.

Donald Greenway

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NOTICE

The Northwest Mo. and Northeastern Kansas Association will convene with Hickory Grove Church near Haddam, Kansas on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August.

Rev. Vernie Wellbaum to bring the Introductory Sermon; Rev. John D. McKown alternate.

Melba White, Clerk

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We are announcing a new JOLOR BOOK FOR BEGINNERS just off the press. These books contain fifty-two (52) pictures of animals and birds all ready to color, one for each Sunday in the year. Buy one for each child in your beginners class and you have a supply on hand for one full year. Each page has printed on it the name of the object for coloring, directions how to color and a nice selected scripture verse in one corner of the page. We are making these books here at the Gem office and selling them for the small price of fifty cents (50c) each. Start the little tots in Sunday School at the very earliest age; even before they are able to read or write. They will become quickly interested with these nice animal and bird color books. We will appreciate your order.

The Editor

GOD IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By Ella Allen Edmiaston

Democracy was rooted in religious faith. Our ideals of freedom spring from faith in God. The 16th century brought the Bible to the people in our own tongue. "England", says Green in his 'Short History of the English People', "became the people of a book, and that book was the Bible. The whole temper of the Nation felt the change. In the 17th century this new conception of life was rapidly spreading. In the 18th century the principles set forth in the bill of rights of 1689 were through and lived out on American soil, and eventually were included in our Declaration of Independence.

Faith in God is distinctly avowed in our Declaration of Independence. The principle of separation of the Church from the State, as we have in America, is often misunderstood and misapplied. It means just what the phrase implies—Church and State are mutually free. Neither Church nor State will attempt to control the other. But it does not mean that the State does not acknowledge God, or that the State is exempt from the moral law, where-with God sets the bounds of justice for all nations as well as for individuals. There is nothing in the principles of religious freedom, or in the separation of the Church and State to hinder the school's acknowledgement of the power and goodness of God.

We must keep sectarianism out of our public schools, of course, but that does not necessitate stripping our schools of religion. To exclude God from our public schools is to surrender the great institution to atheism or irreligion. Hence our children will get the idea that God is not so very important, or they would learn of Him in school. Do not the schools make the nation? Is not this what they are for? If not this, what are they for? If not, why a permanent capital investment of six billion dollars? Why an operating expense of 2½ billion dollars annually? Why a school house and a State paid teacher within the reach of every child under the flag? Why must every child of school age in the land be in school six hours a day, five days a week, for approximately nine months a year? Why do we seek for a million well trained men and women and pay them to educate our children? Why does the State force its hand into your hand and mine, and take the money for the schools? Why else, if I am a pauper and you are a millionaire, does the State compel you to educate my child? Why all this, and much more, if the schools do not make the nation?

Our forefathers were wise. They knew that if democracy is to survive and prosper, every citizen must have a trained mind and a clean life. They

knew that the churches (even though they were the beginning of education) could not educate all children for no power in a democratic State can compel a parent to bring or send their child to church or church controlled institutions. Benjamin Kidd, a prominent writer in World War 1 and considered expert authority, says: "What you put into the schools will, in from 20 to 30 years, be a controlling force in the lives of the people". We in America have proved this dictum beyond doubt. About 1890 every state passed compulsory scientific temperance instruction laws for all our schools. Soon every school house rang with the evil effects of intoxicants. Results? In 29 years we wrote the 18th amendment into the constitution, held a great celebration over the grave of John Barleycorn, and then quietly dropped temperance instructions from our schools—and also largely from our Sunday Schools. In less than 15 years the 21st amendment killed the 18th.

Archbishop Ireland, one of the prominent leaders of the Catholic Church, in an address before the National Educational Association, in St. Paul Minnesota, among other things, said: "The State School is non-religious. It teaches of land and sea, but not of God or Christ. It tells how to attain success in this world, but nothing of the world beyond the grave. The pupil sees and listens, and forms the conclusion that God is of minor importance".

You see we deny the child the most important statement, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". The first American schools were religious through and through, founded on the great teachings of the Bible. Calvin Coolidge, while vice president in 1923, gave a public address in which he said in part: "The secular theory of the State cannot stand. Unless destroyed, it will shake the nation to its foundations; no nation has ever stood without religion. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without the notice of God, a nation can not stand without His aid, and He can not aid a nation that ignores Him. The forms and power of religion must permeate the state and be recognized by it. The public school is the one place to put religion to make it affective in national life".

Edgar (later Bishop) Blake in lamenting the dropping of religion from public education said in public address: The United States has been guilty of the greatest folly in two centuries. We have lost our respect for religion, our reverence of the Sabbath, our regard for the law, and our enthusiasm for higher morals".

Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of Christian Century, said in addressing ten thousand teachers of Missouri, in Kansas City, November 9, 1940: "The public school is confessedly and deliberately secular. I am bound, therefore, to lay on the doorstep of our educational system the prime responsibility for the decline of religion and the steady advance of secularism, another term for atheism, in American society. All believers in God hold that when religion flourishes, crime decreases".

We have quoted from only a few of many people of world prominence. Experience has long since proven that that which is taken from the schools is taken from the nation.

Who took God out of the schools? Not the teachers. They are as religious as any other group in the nation. The Bible did not leave the schools by the will of the people. Nor was it legislated out of the schools. It was quietly crowded out by alien influence on the one hand, and indifference on the other hand. People generally did not realize what was going on. But the Bible left the school houses as leaves fall in the autumn, and school doors were shut in the face of God.

In 1897 the National Congress of Mothers and Parent Teacher Association was organized. Among other fine objectives adopted, one was:

"The Congress believes that with the aid of Divine Power these objectives will be accomplished".

For years Parent-Teacher Associations have been organized in practically all schools. In their 1932 report there were 1,393,454 members reported. Ten important objectives (all physical) were reported attained. The intellectual and spiritual objectives were not mentioned. Think what influence this number (not to mention the vast membership we now have) could have had in retaining God in the public schools. If parents alone would become as enthusiastic over the spiritual objectives as over the physical, the Bible could occupy its rightful place in the life of our nation. These thousands of groups meeting in schools all over our great country can, if they will, make a most compelling appeal. Here parents can speak out for their children. They can also plead for the children of thoughtless and incompetent parents, and for under privileged children in every community.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has for many years advocated the return of God in the public schools of our nation.

On May 21, 1941, in Atlantic City, Mrs. John T. Whitehurst, incoming president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, gave an address ("The Return of Religion") in which she said that "truly this country is built

upon a religious foundation", and urged the return of religion in the public schools. Now the Home Department of this organization announces that one of its four aims is to urge the school authorities to teach the fundamentals of the religious life.

The Gideon Society has as one of their goals the placing of the Bible on every teacher's desk in America. "It appears that some states have already refused the Gideons this privilege).

Some forty years ago in a book by C. F. Paulus, forming a unit of the study course of Methodist ministers, these prophetic words were written: "When religion is ignored in the public schools, the Christian disposition must vanish and make way for sin and vice".

W. S. Fleming, D. D., author of the book, "God in our Public Schools", on the subject of religion and morals says: "I examined nine sets of readers put out by different publishing houses for today's use in the fifth to eighth grades of our schools. There were 30 different books. They were filled with fables, folk lore, fairy tales, pagan mythology, jingles and jangles, but not with the religious and moral messages of the book that made our civilization. Two-thirds had no Bible passage, and morals were a minus quantity. About one-half of one percent was from the Bible, and some of that was not accredited. There was more about one of the pagan gods of Greece in one volume than of the God who made the

universe in all thirty volumes. I got to looking over the old McGuffey's Fifth Reader, used very widely in American schools 50 to 100 years ago. One-fourth of its lessons are distinctly religious. Nothing sectarian, but many lessons of moral value.

We note the fact that McGuffey Electric Readers in the 1879 edition have been republished by The American Book Company, New York, and are now available for use in schools.

Take note, all P. T. A's. We might like these books for a change. They were effective in the education of many great men and women.

Speaking of books used in schools, Noah Webster said:

"When I was young, the books used were chiefly or wholly Dilworth's Spelling Books, the Psalter, the New Testament, and the Bible".

As further proof that the schools make the nation, we refer you to Germany. Germany was transformed in a single generation from a fairly peace-loving nation to the most war like nation of modern times. When the Kaiser came to the throne, he called all teachers together and made a speech deifying himself and glorifying war. All teachers, from kindergarten to universities, were ordered to teach his principles in the schools through out Germany. Soon the schools of that nation rang with deification of the Kaiser and glorification of war. In 26 years the World War burst upon us.

We know what happened when Hit-

ler took over. He became Germany's God, and his book became their Bible. We well know that youth trained in mind but not in morals and religion is mighty good soil for Nazism, Facism, Communism, and totalitarianism of every form. From the same soil spring labor racketeers and their victimized followers, bogging down industry, delaying production, endangering the nation until the army has to be called out to protect men who want to work. The same soil produces crooked politicians, corrupt business men, and all other dangerous elements in the nation.

If God had been in the schools, racketeers would not have controlled Chicago schools for nearly fourteen years, ending with their schools 48th down the line—not even accredited. It seems to have taken a long time for the school leaders to awaken to the necessity for a house-cleaning.

If God had been in the Dallas (Texas) schools, perhaps gangster organizations among the students would not have bombed four of the city's school buildings.

The logical remedy, it seems, it to return to the teachings of the Man of Galilee, permeating our public education with high moral ideals and building consciences in harmony with Divine Truth.

(This article was taken from "GOSPEL MUSIC NEWS" published by the Stamps-Baxter Music Co.)

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CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

Dear Editor:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, Mo. send this report of our Sunday School. Our Ladies' Adult Class report for second quarter.

Enrollment	30
Ave. Attendance	22
Visitors	48
Ave. Daily Bible Reading	12
Ave. Collection	3.79
Total Coll. for quarter.	49.34

We resolved in May to take a small offering the 1st Sunday in each month to be used as a flower fund and Sis. Oma Scott was elected treasurer of the fund. We have \$5.40 in the Treasury now. Total collection for the ladies' class for the first six months of this year is \$91.77. Sis. Viola Upshaw, teacher, Marie Kelley, Secretary and Treasurer of class. The average attendance for the entire Sunday School for the second quarter was 117. We are sending this report hoping that some other Sunday School might be benefited by it and I pray God that

July 9, 1948 all Sunday Schools will get good out of this.

Marie Kelley Reporter
Rev. G. W. Scott, Pastor

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Flat River, Mo.

Dear Bro. Davis and Gem Family:

Psalms 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in time of trouble".

Psalms 41:1: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble".

I am reporting our Daily Vacation Bible School which was held June 21st to July 2nd. It was sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and in charge of Sis. Hazel Scott, Second Vice President. We had 10 teachers and 4 assistant teachers. Awards were given for attendance, Bible memory work, and hand work. We were very proud of the neat work and the interest taken in the work. Our hearts were blessed together every morning in the good de-

votion hour. Our good pastor, Bro. F. C. Zinn like the good shepherd was there to watch over the church with a willing heart and mind to make the Lord's work a blessing first in every step of the way. A picnic was planned for the last Friday and parents were invited to attend. A good day was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Corr. Sec.

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Dear Gem Readers:

We wish to report about our Daily Vacation Bible School held with our Mt. Zion Church, north of Plattsburg, Mo.

We had twenty attending every day. We had a fine group of children to work with and feel like much good was accomplished. Had a fine group of teachers and helpers. Our women responded wonderfully in putting over our program. Many brought forth talents we never before knew they possessed for the glory of the Lord. We believe in our youth and have a fund

started to have a Daily Vacation Bible School each year. We want to invest in our children in the church and community so they will learn to know and love the Lord and carry His work forward for His glory.

Our lessons were so interesting and soul stirring. How we hope and pray that more of our churches will have Daily Vacation Bible Schools for our youth. I never can praise this phase of the work for the Lord enough. Its the children wherein our future of the church lies. May we train them in the way they should go; and when they are old they will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

I am so glad that our church people are awakening to the fact that children need to be taught the precepts of the Bible while young and are setting up training schools for this worthy cause.

This makes the second year that we have conducted a V. B. S. at our home church and wish it were possible to conduct more over our association.

We desire an interest in your prayers that we may do more for the Lord and to exalt Him above everything else.

Yours for the Master,
Rev. Melba White

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

August 10, 11, 12, 1948 at Glennville,
Free Will Baptist Church, Glennville,
Georgia.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, August 10

- Evening—Main Church Auditorium
7:00 Prayer Session
7:15 Song and Devotional—Rev. Luther Gibson
Greetings—Pastor of the local church—Rev. Floyd Cherry
Response and address—Rev. Paul Jack Ketteman, President, Nat'l. S. S. Convention
"The Miracle Book for Our Mechanical Age"
Special Music—Announcements
Address—"Go, Get, Teach"—Rev. Damon C. Dodd

Wednesday, August 11

- Morning—Church Auditorium
10:00 Devotional—Rev. John H. West
10:15 Business Session—Rev. Paul Ketteman
11:15 Special Music
11:20 Evangelical Teacher Training Association—Dr. C. H. Benson.
12:15 Noon
Afternoon—Church Auditorium
1:45 Prayer Session—Rev. LaVerne Miley
2:00 Visual demonstrations—Mrs. D. C. Dodd
2:45 Vacation Bible Schools—Mrs. L. E. Ballard

- 3:15 Departmental Sessions—conducted simultaneously
Nursery and Beginners—Mary Elizabeth Griffith
Primaries—Mrs. J. E. Frazier
Juniors—
Intermediates—LaVerne Miley
Seniors—John H. West
Adults—Rashie Kennedy
Administration—Supts. and Pastors—Luther Gibson

4:45 Recess

Evening

- 7:00 Prayer Session
7:15 Song and Devotional—E. C. Morris
7:30 Address—Dr. C. H. Benson
Special Music
8:35 Address—Rev. L. C. Johnson
Thursday, August 12

Morning

- 9:30 Devotional—Rev. Rashie Kennedy
9:50 Business Session—Rev. Paul J. Ketteman
10:50 Special Music
11:00 Departmental Work Sessions
12:15 Noon

Afternoon

- 1:45 Prayer Session and devotional—Rev. D. C. Dodd
2:05 Address—"The Pastor and the Sunday School"—Rev. E. C. Morris
2:40 Final Business Session—Rev. Paul J. Ketteman
3:10 "The What, The Where for the Convention"—Rev. M. L. Sutton
4:40 Adjournment

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Fredericktown, Mo.
July 22, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis and Gem Readers:

As a reporter for our Free Will Baptist Mission, I am truly glad to say we all love the Lord and we are so glad that He has been so good to us and meets with us every time we meet to work for the glory of God. We are only a small band of Mission Workers, 19 in number at present; but with God's help and the prayers of our good Free Will Baptist people everywhere, we know we are going to grow in number and continue to keep the good work going on. So please don't forget to pray for us. We meet every Thursday in the basement of our church and quilt. We bring lunch and set it all together. After dinner, we have services, singing, praying, and reading God's Holy Word. We all witness for the glory of God which we enjoy very much. Then we are dismissed by prayer and go back to our work. We are so thankful to God for our good pastor, Bro. Beatty and Sis. Beatty and children. We love them very dearly and they are a wonderful help to all of us. We try to be the same to them. They meet with us in the mission work, and after services, they visit the sick and God is blessing and an-

swering prayer. Several fruit offerings are distributed among the sick which pleases them very much. Some cash offerings are given where we think it is needed most, and they can use it where it will do the most good. We find many who need financial help right around our doors. We can do mission work at home as well as abroad. We send some to our Foreign Missionaries also and pray God will bless them all and that many souls will be saved and learn to serve the true and living God. So again I say please pray for us. May God bless all of you is my prayer.

Yours for Christ,

Mrs. Emma Bebout,
Fredericktown, Mo.

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OKLAHOMA STATE LEAGUE Rally

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad".
Psalms 126:3.

The Oklahoma State League Rally convened at the First Okla. Association Camp Ground, Shawnee, Okla. Although we had several showers of rain, we also had several showers of blessings spiritually. The enrollment was not as large as we had been anticipating. Rev. Charlie Sapp of Okla. City delivered the introductory message on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. using "Prayer" as the subject. Rev. Irvin Florence of Poteau and John Priest of Non delivered the message on Wednesday evening. Rev. Reford Wilson of Healdton taught a study course on the League Manual.

We consider it an honor and a blessing from the Lord to have been privileged to have Mrs. T. H. Willey, one of our missionaries to Cuba, with us for the morning and evening services on Thursday. A consecration service was conducted by Mrs. Willey in the 11:00 o'clock service with several young people dedicating their lives to their Master and His Cause.

Among the items of business one of the more important was the adoption of a budget allocating 50% to maintenance, 10% to National Headquarters fund, 10% to Free Will Baptist Bible College, 10% to Foreign Missions, 10% tithes to the National League Board, and 10% to the Oklahoma Children's Home.

Officers for the following year are: Sponsor, Rev. Paul Purcell, Bristow, President, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Healdton, Vice President, Rev. Wade Jernigan, Lexington, Recording Secy., Mrs. George Milton, Atoka, Corresponding Secy., Mrs. Reford Wilson, and Treas., Milford Bowlan, Shawnee.

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June 15 to July 15, 1948

Brought forward\$413.13

Received

Burkley City S. S. 8.00

Merl's Chapel S. S. 15.00

First Flat River S. S. 16.55

Fredericktown S. S. 12.00

Mill Creek S. S. 2.00

Leadington 9.84

Total\$ 63.50

Grand total\$476.63

Disbursements

League and S. S. Program\$ 16.60

Harvey Hill (travel exp.) 15.63

Work on camp ground 62.05

Postage and supplies 5.60

Total\$ 99.88

Balance in Treas.\$376.75

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

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REPORT
OF CHILDREN'S HOME
RINGLING, OKLA.

For June, 1948

6-18 Rev. Bradford \$ 82.00

6-15 Rev. Weatherman 75.00

6-21 Rev. Bradford 59.00

6-29 Rev. Bradford 75.60

6-30 Liability & Car Ins. 45.00

6-30 Rev. Weatherman 75.00

6-30 Rev. Bradford 43.25

6-30 Delbert Gro. & Mar. 107.20

6-30 G. & G. Service 18.25

6-30 Rolands Clothing Clothing 7.59

6-30 Schuler Fruit Co. 12.99

6-30 Tyler & Simpson 75.54

6-30 Reed Kyker 20.75

6-30 J. O. Dillinger Hdw. Co. 4.39

Total\$701.56

Rev. Weatherman's Expense Account

5-23 Hair cuts \$ 5.00

5-25 Sallie Stow 5.00

5-29 Money for Children 2.50

6-1 Sallie Stow 10.00

6-1 Laundry 2.00

6-2 Trip to Sulph. 3.50

6-5 Shoes for 2 boys 8.00

6-7 Laundry 2.50

6-7 Sallie Stow 10.00

6-10 Lewis Wilson 40.00

6-10 Ice Bill 4.00

6-15 Sallie Stow 10.00

6-15 Laundry 2.00

Total\$104.50

Produce sold 21.00

Grand total\$ 83.50

Total paid out\$785.06

Contributions to Home

6-3 Rev. & Mrs. John Elliston \$.. 5.00

6-3 Tecumseh C. 6.60

6-3 Blue Bell C. 5.00

6-3 First C. Tulsa 15.00

6-4 5th Sun. Meeting 37.76

6-6 Dibble League 2.50

6-7 Hawkins C. 6.00

6-7 Hawkins S. S. 2.82

6-7 Iron Chapel C.	5.00
6-8 Goar Corner C.	5.00
6-8 Old Panther C.	10.00
6-8 Ward & Merrick	200.00
6-8 Dr. Pepper Co., Ardmore	5.00
6-8 Sulphur C.	20.30
6-10 Cedar Grove S. S.	10.00
6-10 1st C. Shawnee	10.50
6-11 Spring Hill C.	5.69
6-11 Bro. Woods	4.00
6-14 New Bethlehem C.	5.00
6-14 Healdton C.	12.00
6-14 Spring Hill C.	4.30
6-14 Wirt C.	7.00
6-15 Jackson C.	5.00
6-15 Bible S. Hickory Grove	18.22
6-19 Central Ave. C. Okla. C.	15.00
6-19 Hawkins League	4.70
6-19 Rev. Bradford	147.50
6-6 Drumright C.	15.00
6-6 1st C. Wewoka	22.00
6-24 Dibble S. S.	10.00
6-25 ClemScott C.	12.14
6-25 Stratford C.	3.45
6-26 Duck Creek C.	10.00
6-26 Bristow C.	13.00
6-26 Rev. Bradford	189.00
6-30 Konowa C.	5.00
6-30 Aux. Poteaw C.	4.38
6-30 Goar Corner League	6.85
6-30 Spring Hill C.	3.00
6-30 Blue Bell C.	5.00
6-30 Hawkins S. S.	3.16
6-30 Bridge Creek C.	5.00
6-30 Rev. Bradford	108.12
6-30 Friendship C.	3.30
6-3 Earlsboro C.	10.00
Total\$1,003.05	
Balance in bank\$ 99.99	

Jack Hopkins, Treas.
Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

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MO. STATE TREAS. REPORT

June, 1948

State Unified Fund

Copper Mines C.	\$ 1.00
Carterville C.	17.10
Leadington S. S.	435
Fredericktown C.	43.00
Leak Grove C.	8.00
Mine LaMotte C.	6.44
St. Louis Southside C.	17.50
Merl's Chapel S. S.	10.76
Monett C.	21.65
Total\$129.80	

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Hazel Creek U. C.\$8.92

Expansion Program Fund

Hazel Creek U. C.\$ 26.76

Cuban Girl's Dormitory Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hartfield ..\$ 25.00

Foreign Mission Fund

Carterville C.\$ 16.76

Oak Grove League 1.54

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hartfield .. 75.00

Oak Grove S. S. 5.15

Rock Chapel C. 24.00

Macedonia C. 5.26

Union Third Fork S. S. 9.25

Verdella League 5.00

Mine LaMotte D.V.B.S.	15.00
Sublette Church	9.00
Buffalo C.	7.50
Amity C.	18.50
Jewel C.	8.77
Hannon C.	5.00
Sublette C.	12.10
Monett C.	13.75
Hazel Creek Union C.	35.68
Mt. Olive C.	7.81
Richwoods C.	5.00
St. Louis Southside C.	17.50
Mountain Grove League	10.00
Georgia McDaniel	2.05
Rock Chapel C.	34.48
Union Light S. S.	11.69
Providence C.	10.00
St. Louis 3rd C. D.V.B.S.	26.24

Designated for Dan Cronk

St. Louis 3rd C. 12.79
Total\$404.82

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

*When I was just a little tot
Around my mother's knee,
She'd take the Family Bible down,
And she would read to me.*

*She hadn't had much schoolin,
But those words so sweet and low
Are framed in a golden memory
Of the days of long ago.*

*Now she is up in heaven
And I hope to join her soon,
With my dear father by her side.
I'm sure there will be room.*

*Sometimes I get to thinking
Of the loved ones gone before.
I realize they're most all gone;
There's not so many more.*

*But there will be a glad reunion
Over on the other shore.
My Savior, too, will greet me
With a smile and out-stretched
hand.
Come, Friends, let's all go yonder,
And join that happy band.*

Mrs. Artie McClanahan
Niangua, Mo., Rt. 1

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This is to ask each District 4th Vice President of the state of Mo. to please without fail send me your yearly report by September 1st. If you cannot send a complete report, then please send in what you have. Promptness in sending in your reports is an important part of your work as officers in the Woman's Auxiliary. We will be expecting to hear from you. Following is the blank form you are to follow in making out your report:

**Report of Fourth Vice President
July 1, 1947 to July, 1 1948**

Program-Publicity Department
I. Publicity work done:

1. No. subscribers to Aux. Manual;
F. W. B. Papers;
Aux. Year Book;
2. Number articles sent to church bulletin;
F. W. B. Papers;
No. state papers;
3. No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries;
No. "B" Std. Aux.;
No. "C" Std. Aux.;
- II Program work done:
 1. No. programs for Aux., Executive Com., or Convention in advance;
 2. No. special missionary programs held;
Amount offerings from programs;
 3. Stewardship night programs held;

4. No. special stewardship programs given;
 5. No. special prayer programs conducted;
 6. Week of prayer programs held.....;
 7. Ave. No. attending;
 8. Amount self denial offerings from week of prayer programs;
 9. Other special programs given to promote Aux. plan of Work as Co-Laborer Band Fund, Ministerial Relief, Orphanage, Evangelism, etc.
- Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Winford Davis,
Fourth Vice Pres.
202 Euclid Ave.
Monett, Mo.

Missionary Department

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

EXPANSION CAMPAIGN OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Table Showing Standing of Each State Relative
Their Respective Quotas

		as of July 1, 1948			
1947-48	Name of State	Amt. Given	Ahead	Behind	
\$8,000.00	N. C.	\$9,840.58	\$1,840.58	\$	
6,000.00	Mo.	5819.07		180.93	
3,000.00	Mich.	3,243.60	243.60		
1,800.00	S. C.	3,009.86	1,209.86		
6,000.00	Tenn.	2,534.70		3,465.30	
1,800.00	Ill.	1,900.96	100.96		
2,000.00	W. Va.	1,378.06		621.94	
850.00	Ga.	1,300.06	450.06		
2,500.00	Ohio	1,185.45		1,314.55	
1,200.00	Ala.	1,180.94		19.06	
1,800.00	Okla.	1,101.73		698.27	
1,200.00	Texas	616.03		583.97	
8,500.00	Ky.	575.11		274.89	
200.00	Va.	523.56	323.56		
600.00	Miss.	521.31		78.69	
200.00	Calif.	440.55	240.55		
700.00	Fla.	334.79		365.21	
200.00	Ark.	207.85	7.85		
100.00	Kans.	28.00		72.00	

This table shows the standing of each state relative to the Foreign Mission expansion program which was launched in Detroit in 1947. Concerning your quota you may take the amount in arrears or ahead as the case may be with your state and add to or take from your quota for 1948-1949 and thereby determine your exact standing at the present time as we enter upon another National year.

COMBINED
TWELVE MONTHS' REPORT
NAT'L FOREIGN MISSION TREAS.

July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948

1948-49	Brought forward	\$ 2,133.29
	Received by states as follows:	
\$9,250.00	North Carolina	9,840.58
7,250.00	Missouri	5,819.07
3,500.00	Michigan	3,243.60
2,250.00	South Carolina	3,009.86
7,000.00	Tennessee	2,534.70
2,250.00	Illinois	1,900.96
2,250.00	West Virginia	1,378.06
2,250.00	Georgia	1,300.06
1,150.00	Ohio	1,185.45
3,250.00	Alabama	1,180.94
1,550.00	Oklahoma	1,101.73
2,250.00	Texas	616.03
1,550.00	Kentucky	575.11
1,150.00	Virginia	523.56
275.00	Mississippi	521.31
850.00	California	440.55
275.00	Florida	334.79
1,000.00	Arkansas	207.85
275.00	New Mexico	70.00
175.00	Kansas	28.00
	New York	10.00
	Nat'l. Woman's Aux. C.	755.78
	Sale "His Name Among All Nations	532.00
	Refunds	395.12
	Taken up by Rev. Willey ...	374.73
	Offering last Nat'l. Ass'n. ..	291.80
	Person gifts to Rev. & Mrs. Dan Cronk	180.00
	Offerings to Missionary Review	11.00
	From India natives for work	

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in Cuba	10.00
Sale Picture Poster Sets	8.00
Sale of linoleum	5.00
Total	\$38,385.64
Grand total	\$40,518.93
Total disbursements	\$32,827.33
Balance in treasure July 1	\$7,691.60

Winford Davis, Treas.

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"Shamrock"
Kotagiri, South India
June 24, 1948

Dear Friends:

I am writing this in the hope that all who have sent any gift of any kind to Kotagiri within the last six months or more will see this note and read it as personal. I always kept hoping I could write you direct to thank you properly and give you details of how your gift was used, or is being used, to meet a need and to bring gladness. But when I realize that 1948 is half gone and many of you have not yet heard from the Christmas gifts you sent, I am urged to resort to this means of reaching you.

Please be assured that your gift, regardless of its nature or its size, has been blessed here and has helped in many ways. Whenever the gift has come from friends I know personally, or through previous correspondence, it has always been a glad renewal of fellowship, and when it has come from new friends, it has been a happy beginning of a fellowship in the things of the Lord. And whether the gift was for the dear children, for the workers, for the work in general, or for myself, it has come with blessings, and I wish to thank each one with my whole heart. I can think of individuals who have sent their gifts (large or small) secretly, and of Leagues, Auxiliaries, Sunday School Classes, and Church Congregations who have sent their offerings. To each person and each group sharing in this sweet ministry of giving I do write my very deep appreciation.

I have been sending from time to time articles for our denominational papers, which you will read ere this. From these you have gathered news and prayer needs. We do count on you to give us this needed help through your prayers.

May each of you know a new depth and a new joy in His love and in His service henceforth.

Yours in His glad service,
Laura B. Barnard

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REPORT OF TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY

For June, 1948

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

Our report for June will be brief. The offering for this month has not come in as we hoped for. We do appreciate all who have been supporting our Home Mission work and pray the Lord will lay it on the hearts of others to help us carry on this work.

June 15, we started a revival at New Salem Church, Decatur, Texas where I am pastoring half time. Rev. Tiff Covington was the evangelist. We had a wonderful meeting with two men saved, a man and a lady reclaimed. We had our different prayer groups who met each night before the service. We are glad to know God is still on His throne and prayer changes things.

June 21, we drove to Henderson to begin a meeting in New Hope Church. We enjoyed the meeting very much. The church was spiritually uplifted, and one lady was saved. They have been without a pastor for some time, but recently called Rev. Troy Lee McDonald.

Monday night, June 28, we were with Rev. T. W. Smith in the Fellowship Church. Even though it was raining, some came, and we had a good service. We are glad they have a full time church now, and I feel the church is going to grow.

Offerings for June

Bonnie View C., Dallas	\$ 6.00
New Salem C., Decatur	7.50
Cartsman View C., Comanche ..	6.00
Weatherford C., Weatherford ..	5.00
New Hope C., Henderson	16.34
Fellowship C., Henderson	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Estes	5.00
Friendship C., Clayton	4.40
First C. Vernon	5.00
North Zulch, C.	10.00
Pleasant Mound C., Buf. Sps.	17.51
R. E. Conner	25.00
Total	\$111.00

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And many a hill is speckled
By my spires pointing upward to the
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I have come to you through many
generations,
Over many a weary mile.*

*Along the way men have stumbled,
And I held a candle aloft.
I have seen men thirsty, and offered
drink.
To those who hungered, I gave food.
I am your church—*

*I have been behind prison bars of steel.
In olden days I was thrown to the
lions.*

*Swords have clattered and cannons
roared
In eagerness for my destruction—
But I have lived. . . .*

*My head has hung low in sorrow,
But swords and bullets did not kill
me.*

*Lions gnashed and clawed,
But I still breathed.
Prison doors slammed and torture
broiled,
But I came forth again*

*All these things could not kill me,
Because I was your church
And you need me.
The hardships of a pioneer wilderness
Could not bury me.
I have lived on and on*

*Offering comfort to the weary,
Hope to the fainting,
Light to the stumbling feet.
I lived because men loved me,
And were concerned.*

*Women gave me a warm heart,
And little children pattered
Through my doors. . . .
I am your church,
And I fear only one thing.
For only one thing can tear me down
And destroy me.
I am your servant, and the only thing
I fear
Is YOU!*

YOU can destroy me with your indifference.

*YOU can smother me with empty seats.
YOU can kill me with disregard.
Those things are more deadly than
lions,*

*Or bullets, or swords, or prisons!
I am your church, and you need me,
And YOU can torture me to death!*

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Sailing For India Aug. 6th



Miss Zalene Lloyd

THE CRONKS AND MISS LLOYD TO SAIL THE 6TH

As the Gem goes to press, word comes that Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Miss Zalene Lloyd will sail for India from New York on the S S Bali August 6th. Their port of destination will be Colombo, India. From there they will go by train to Kotagiri. They already have their tickets in hand and we have paid for same from the treasury. The Evangel Travel Bureau in New York City told me on the telephone they would sail the 6th without fail. The Foreign Missions Board extends deep appreciation to all who have contributed in a financial way thereby making it possible for these dear ones to sail at this the first opening for passage. Please remember them in your prayers as they take to the high seas for the long voyage.

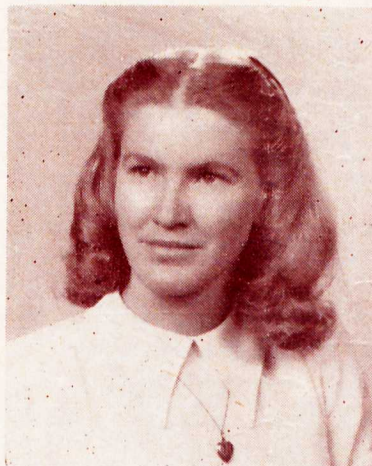
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THE CALL OF THE MULTITUDE

John R. Mott said: "200 million people lie down every night hungry in body. 1,000 million lie down without God, without Jesus Christ". Do you know that three out of every four people in the

world have not heard that God loves them? Do you know that over the more than 300 million lost souls of India to pass before us, one every second, day and night, they would take nine years to pass?

God cares about these souls . . . but do we care? When Jesus was here, He looked with compassion on the multitudes and He fed them. To His disciples He said: "I have compassion on the multitudes, GIVE YE THEM TO EAT". So great was Christ's compassion



Mrs. Dan Cronk

for the multitudes that His last message to His own, as found in the Gospels, was: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature".

Dr. A. J. Gordon said: "He who is not a missionary Christian will be a missing Christian when the great days comes of bestowing the rewards of service. Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. Therefore, ask yourself daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of sal-

vation to the perishing millions."

"Search carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is on your property in the interest of foreign missions, how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe Christ for redeeming you with His precious Blood. I warn you it will go hard with you when our Lord comes, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the gospel to the lost".

What will it be to look in your Saviour's face . . . that face that was so moved with compassion for the heart hungry multitude . . . and to see that He indeed meant what He said. What will it be to remember that down on earth we had paper that men call money . . . money that we tossed lightly away or held fast, or worse still, spent upon ourselves, until our every chance for giving the gospel to a lost world was gone forever, and it was too late.

God grant that everyone of us may ask right now: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

(From a Christian folder by Good News Publishers, Chicago 7, Ill.)



Rev. Dan Cronk



THIS STORY WILL ECHO FROM "INDIA'S CORAL STRAND!"

From an Humble Man of the Mountains Comes the Greatest Gift to the Zalene Lloyd Fund.

By L. Everett Ballard

From the mountains of Western N. C. comes the "Story of the Year" in sacrificial giving to the cause of Foreign Missions.

The hero of the story is an humble mountain preacher of our church, who seeks no glory and does not desire his name given. This humble man of God heard Miss Zalene Lloyd give her testimony, in her quiet, beautiful way, last fall concerning the workings of God's spirit in her life, and her call to go to India. As he listened, there was born in his heart a deep concern for the lost ones of the dark land of India, and he began to reason within his mind and heart. "What can I do?" he asked himself. He could not go to carry the Gospel to them. He was not prepared and he felt no call to go. He was only a poor man, working at a job through the week and preaching around among the little mountain churches on Sundays, often making long and difficult trips to reach appointments.

And then this humble man thought to himself, "I can manage to get along on what I make during the week, and I will give all the donations received on Sunday to help send Miss Lloyd to India." Carrying out this resolution, he began to keep the offerings received separate from his other funds. But they were small, pitifully small! He preached at no large churches; there was no guaranteed amount to be paid. And through the winter months it snowed and the roads were covered with ice and only a few people braved the weather to come to the services. Dollars were precious things in the offering plate; quarters were not too plentiful, and dimes, nickels and pennies counted up slowly. "This is not enough," thought the mountain preacher. "I must give more". Then he looked at his weekday salary. Out of it he was already giving to his church, his Sunday School, and ever so often to the needy ones about him. And, of course, his family must be cared for, and he must have expense money for his preaching trips.

But his heart had been set on fire for India. The cry of the millions of sad ones rang in his ears. Zalene Lloyd must go; the Gospel of the Lord Jesus must be carried to these lives. He must do his very best. "I can spare yet

more," he reasoned. "I can make a few more sacrifices". And so the tithe of his small week-day salary began to take its place week after week beside the meager donations from his little mountain churches, and the fund grew slowly larger and larger.

Then came the conviction that time was short. He had made his resolution for a whole year. But he read of the pressing need for Miss Lloyd to go to India to help Miss Barnard. So, a few days ago, he wrote a letter to Mrs. Ballard, who had been one of the boosters of the Zalene Lloyd fund. "I have \$225.00 now," he wrote. "If it is needed, I will send it on in, and then go on saving through the rest of the year". Humbly, and giving the glory to God he told the story of why he was able to give this amount to Foreign Missions.

I was permitted to read the letter, and as I read it, tears came into my eyes. My heart was made humble and contrite. The little that I had done seemed so unworthy. I found myself fading out of the picture, in the company of many of my brethren who pastor big churches on good salaries, but give little, and say little for missions; seemingly little concerned that the millions are dying without the

Gospel in the faraway places of earth.

As the company to which I belonged became almost lost in the mist of shame, the figure of this humble mountain preacher, without degree from any college, almost unknown outside the little circle in which he moved and labored, and without name in this story, stood forth in a great blaze of glory, his big heart marked with the cross of Christ. And I said to myself, "If we had a medal to award to the Free Will Baptist preacher who has done the biggest thing among us these months, I would like to be one of a committee to carry it up into the mountains and pin it on this great one among us, and say to him, 'My brother, you have preached more and louder for Missions than all the rest of us put together!'"

And I know that many of my brethren would say "Amen!"—and I think that some would add, in good old mountain style, and unashamed, "Hallelujah! Glory to God!"

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