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*"There is a river, the streams whereof
shall make glad the city of God . . ."*

Psalms 46:4

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man that walketh meditate day and night.
not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the
scornful.

And he shall be like a tree plant-
ed by the rivers of water, that
bringeth forth his fruit in his
season; his leaf also shall not
wither; and whatsoever he doeth
shall prosper.

But his delight is in the law of
the Lord; and in his law doth he

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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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THE FRONT COVER PICTURE

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One among the best churches we have in the state is located at Myrtle. They are very active in every part of the work and definitely loyal to all departments of the denominational program.

PALESTINE, RUSSIA, AND EZEKIEL 36

By Louis T. Talbot, D.D.

(Printed by permission from THE KING'S BUSINESS, October, 1947)

Four chapters of Ezekiel, 36-39, Jew, present a great moving picture of Israel—past, present, and future: Israel past, idolatrous and disobedient to God; Israel present, scattered among the nations in chastisement for her sin; Israel future, restored and blessed in the millennial reign of Christ, her Messiah and King. (See also Rom. 9-11 for another clear outline of Israel past, present, and future.)

Israel's Dispersion—

God's Chastisement for Her Apostasy

The enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are our's in possession . . . they have made you desolate . . . an infamy of the people . . . a prey and derision . . . ye have borne the shame of the heathen ["heathen" in all of these verses means "nations"] . . . when the house of Israel dwell in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings . . . Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name (Ezek. 36:2-20).

What an indictment! At least three times in this passage God states that Israel "profaned" His "holy name." Furthermore, God reminds His apostate people that for His "holy name's sake" He will restore Israel, that the nations may know that He is the Lord.

Now when God told Ezekiel that He had "scattered" His people, He meant exactly what He said. It has been stated, on good authority, that there is not a nook or cranny on the face of the whole earth where the Jew is not found. If you go to the northern ice fields of Alaska, you will find the Jew. If you sail through the tropical isles of the southern seas, there you will find the Jew. In the heart of Africa, on the plateaus of Tibet, and on the streets of New York City, London, Jerusalem—everywhere you see the familiar and unmistakable face of the

For hundreds of years, Israel had tried the patience of her long-suffering God before He scattered that nation throughout the world. Read the books of Moses, from Genesis through Deuteronomy, to see the many failures and the incessant murmurings of the people, even while God was leading them from Egypt to Canaan with a mighty hand. Read the Book of Judges to see the repeated apostasies, with the consequent punishments sent by Jehovah, in order to turn His people from their backslidings. Remember the times almost without number when the kings of both Judah and Israel did "that which was evil in the sight of the Lord". I tell you, my friends, the mercy and long-suffering of Israel's God—and our God—cause us to marvel. But apostasy followed apostasy until finally God scattered Israel among all the nations under heaven. And for more than nineteen weary centuries, the Jew has trodden from pillar to post, finding no rest for the sole of his foot. Truly, he is "the wandering Jew". No country is his home, yet he is in every land. No race assimilates him, yet there is no people with whom he does not live a troubled existence. How aptly does Deuteronomy 28:64-67 describe this dispersed, persecuted, wandering people:

And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eye, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see,

Because it is so up-to-date, this paragraph might have been clipped from a modern newspaper, but it was written by the Holy Spirit, through Moses, more than fourteen hundred years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem! It is a picture of the centuries-old Jewish wanderer, with no country, no home, no rest, no assurance of life, with only a trembling heart and a fear of death. It is a picture of God's chastisement—*child-training*—for Israel because of her failure to love and serve Him. What a lesson is here for us, my friends, and for those who spurn the offer of God's mercy through Christ! How much sorer punishment will be meted out to those who consistently reject His full and free salvation! We tremble to think of God's wrath that must be poured out upon an anarchistic, Christ-rejecting world.

Israel's Future Restoration

1-Hath God Cast Away His People?

The words which we have just read from Ezekiel would leave a dark, dark picture in our minds, were we to stop there. But let us go on to Israel's promised deliverance foretold in the same chapter.

Centuries after Ezekiel lived, the Apostle Paul raised the question, "Hath God cast away his people?" (Rom. 11:1). And under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he answered, saying, "God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew" (Rom. 11:2). Even though they are scattered among all the nations of the world, Jehovah has not forgotten His chosen people, Israel. He has a future for them, which is glorious with all the light of His never-failing promises. And some of these promises are found in Ezekiel 36:22-28, from which we quote in part:

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God . . . I will take you from among the nations [R.V.], and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit

within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

These are wonderful words; and how they tend to soothe the hearts that are nigh to be broken over Israel's condition today! There is coming a time when God will act swiftly and with certainty on Israel's behalf. We know of a surety that these events will come to pass when God's Son returns unto His own who once rejected Him. He will come with power and great glory, "and his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives" (Zech. 14:4). This is His promise to Israel as a nation.

Repeatedly in these verses which we have just read God says, "I will." These are not the vain promises of men; they are the sure, infallible promises of God Himself. If you are inclined to doubt the literal fulfillment of these words, my friend, remember that the conditions of verse 19 were fulfilled to the very letter, for God assuredly did "scatter" Israel. Now if these words were literally and actually fulfilled, by what law of interpretation can we say that the verses which follow will not be actually fulfilled to the letter? When God promised that He had not "cast away his people," He meant exactly what He said.

2. *A New Heart Also Will I Give You.* Here is something that gives us comfort. That stony heart of Israel, which has withstood the gracious pleading of their God for so long is to be replaced, and in its room there is to be a God-given heart of flesh. What does this mean? Just this: that God is going to refashion the Jewish character. In the place of disagreeable traits; He will give them characteristics of which He Himself will approve. His Holy Spirit will rule them; and when this has come to pass, they will serve God from the heart. Then they will gladly walk in His statutes and keep His commandments. We all know that there are many traits in the Jewish personality which are hard to like, but this is also true of Gentiles, and let us not forget it! Besides, we should love Israel for Christ's sake, even though we may not like all they are and all they do. But in that day

foretold by Ezekiel all these objectionable traits of character will be changed; a new and truly lovable spirit will be given His people by the Lord Himself. They will recognize in Jesus their long-unseen Messiah. John tells us that "he came to his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). But when He comes again, Israel will spontaneously and joyfully acclaim Him as their long-awaited Messiah, and with new hearts they will serve Him.

3. *I Will Bring You into Your Own Land.* God gave the land of Palestine to the fathers of Israel, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. In that future day, of which the prophet wrote, God will lead Israel, not to Ethiopia, not to China, not to South Africa, not to any of the places to which the scheming politicians of the world have thought to send them. Nor is Ezekiel's record of God's grant of this land to Israel an isolated utterance in the Holy Scriptures. At least three times the promise was confirmed to Abraham, and later to Isaac, to Jacob, and to David; and hundreds of times God reassured His people of this part of His covenant with Israel. Palestine belongs to the Jew! It is not the prerogative of any man or nation or government to attempt to give this land to any other people. Nor is the narrow strip which the Jews once occupied all the land given to them by God. In Genesis 15:18 we read:

In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

Some have wondered not a little how the entire population of Jews the world over could ever find sub-

sistance in the small section of land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. But they do not know that the land which God originally gave to Abram and to his seed is about fifty times the size of that portion conquered by Joshua. Therefore, we need not fear about the man-made schemes to keep Israel from her homeland. No one in earth or hell can prevent the return of the Jew to his own land of promise. All the diabolical plots of Satan and his hosts cannot stay the execution of God's appointed plan. The Jew will return to Palestine even as He said.

4. *The Wastes Shall Be Built.* We quote only portions of these wonderful words of Ezekiel 36:29-38:

I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field . . . I will cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, this land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited . . . So shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

My friends, this is already coming to pass in a remarkable degree. Later, as we study the next chapter of Ezekiel, we shall see just a little of the marvels of scientific farming, and progress industrially, culturally, and educationally in this ancient land today, promoted and encouraged by the Zionist Movement. And surely even greater development lies in the not far distant future. The Word of Israel's God cannot be Broken!

"I SEEK NOT YOURS, BUT YOU"

Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Centerville, Mo.
President of W.N.A.C.

Christ said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." He felt the imperative call of duty; do you? "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to har-

vest." (John 4:35). Our National Convention in July proved to be a real blessing. I can still hear the theme ringing in my heart. Oh, that we might glorify the King in our service for Him that the generations to come might know the real love of God. Dear women, my heart's desire and prayer is that our Auxiliary will do greater

works for the Master. Let us strive to be A-1 organizations. In doing so we will glorify the King.

I seek not yours, but you to obey the Great Commission; to pray; to study; to give; to live for the Master. The pressure of duty binds the soul to its task. The message is imperative "for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Jeremiah was determined not to make mention of God, not even to speak any more His name. But His Word was in his heart; therefore, he gave forth the divine message. The duty to God burns like an inward fire in one's soul. Does it in your life? Oh, that our women would follow the leadership of God. Woe is unto us, if we fail in our capacity to serve in our church. I seek not yours, but you!

We believe in good works. Our good works will not save us but they will prove our faith (James 2:14-26). Let us bind our efforts together as a band of co-laborers and "make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His kingdom." We are in the beginning of a new year in our auxiliary work. The purpose of our service is to aid the church in its evangelistic and missionary work. Let us join hands throughout our entire denomination in our activity for the Master.

As your National President, I'm ready and want to be of service to you at anytime. Mark the change of my address to Centerville, Missouri. I'll be more free this year to attend State and District Conventions or serve in teaching capacities. I'm striving to make the purpose of my life to be of service to our Lord. I'm always glad to be of assistance to you in our beloved auxiliary work.

In the words of Paul, "Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you; for I seek not yours, but you."

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NOT MY WILL BUT THINE OR MEETING TEMPTATION IN TRIUMPH

II COR. 2:14

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge in every place by us."

By Emma Moore

Now this brings us to a difficult. The plain fact is that few of us are victorious over sin, temptation, over circumstances, situations, over annoyances, and vexations.

Romans 8:37 declares: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Why, in Christian experience and practice, do we make this to appear untrue?

The reason for failure in our church is the failure to appropriate what God has provided for us. There is provision made for God's children to be triumphant. Not after this life is over and the new life begun, but here and now. It is the intention of God, we believe, that His child shall not be a failure or half victorious.

But it means more than a resolution, that is something we do. It means more than a doctrinal conclusion. It is more than an emotion. For all these things are related to self, to life. Christian victory is in a person, the person of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He came to live in us by His own Spirit. Col. 1:27. Christ in you the hope of glory.

Christ is the head of the church, and He is the Saviour of the body. Eph. 5:23.

The head is to govern, control, or direct. If we could only have one word to describe the state of victory, it would be "Christ-mindedness. The mind controls the life, and must be the mind of Christ to be victorious over sin.

It's His power that causeth us to triumph. We have no power of our own. "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses" Acts 1:8. Victory is never com-

plete without witnessing, and the power to witness is from the Lord. But before witnessing the Holy Ghost must come upon you for power over sin. The power that brings His holiness into a life that is what the Holy Spirit does.

The bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking are of the natural man, not the spiritual man. As the holy man, Christ Jesus is allowed to have authority in our life, these things are dropped, and we become kind to one another, tender-hearted forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. Eph. 4:31,32.

You may say, "I believe some may enjoy this abundant life, but not me." Why not? God has provided for you and everyone of His children. How may you come in possession? Declare as Isaiah of old, I am unclean. I am undone, I am not satisfied. Declare your faith in God to cleanse from every sin. We talk and hear a lot of consecration, and maybe have been to the altar in many meetings, but really we have never entirely given over our wills to God. It's hard to give up our will and self glory, but if ever we are to have victory, it must come through our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.

This is not just a mood for the present time, but a forever after. you are not your own; you are bought with a price. You belong to another; you must give him possession a quit claim deed, or you are not His own really.

I know too well the self-life, the temptations and pitfall and perils. We are frail creatures of the dust. We have this treasure

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EDITORIAL

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH ENCAMPMENT A GRAND SUCCESS

The late session of our Youth Encampment at the Missouri Youth Camp near Niangua, Mo. resulted in a two weeks' time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. It was not the Editor's privilege to be present all the time. I was there only two afternoons and two nights, but the atmosphere was such that made one wish he could be present through it all.

There were nine of the young people unsaved at the opening of the session, but at the close of the session all these nine had been converted making the entire group Christian. We certainly praise the Lord for this. The D. V. B. S. held in connection was reported to be a real success, many good gospel messages were brought at the evening services, the study classes were highly inspirational, and even the periods of recreation went off smoothly; the sponsorship being of the highest type.

There are great possibilities for our Missouri Youth Camp Program. The work so far, of course, is very much in its infancy; this being only the second session. However, there was great improvement over that of last year even, and we are expecting a lot of improvement before the session of another year. Some of the material improvements this year were a nice cement floor in the main building, a new road into the grounds, the playground nicely cleared, some new cabins, etc. Some of the young people during this session had faith to start a \$10,000 campaign for this project and they have some money in the treasury. So come on folks, if the young folk can start it then let's be at least willing to fall in line and put something into it. We repeat the statement there are great possibilities for our Missouri Youth Camp Program.

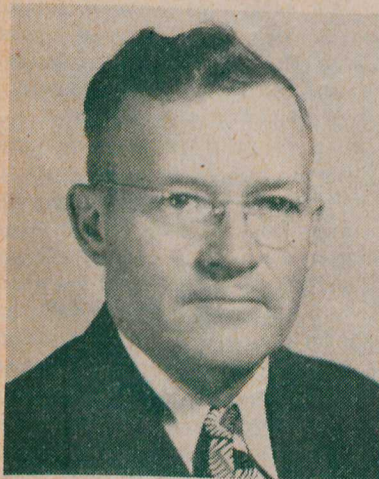
deal of evangelistic work. Rev. Mark Lewis is now full time pastor with our Church at Myrtle, Mo. and is also serving on our Youth Encampment Board. Mrs.



Assistant Moderator

Hyatt is now President of the National Womans Auxiliary Convention, and is a graduate from our Free Will Baptist Bible Col-

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION MEETS WITH SUBLETTE CHURCH SEPT. 14TH



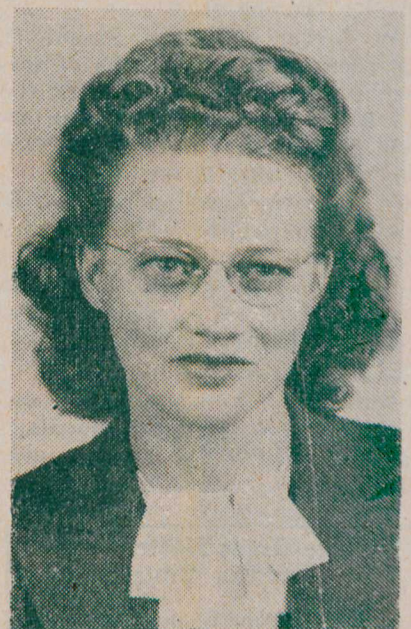
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lette Church September 14th through the 17th. The Sublette Church is located about half way between Kirksville and Greentop, Missouri on highway 63.

There is every good prospect for a great time in this year's state meeting. We are looking for a great time of fellowship.

Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. is the present Moderator, and Rev. Mark Lewis of Myrtle, Mo. is Assistant Moderator. Rev. Marie Hyatt of Centerview, Mo. is Secy.-Treas. These officers are all well know over the state, and even over the National Association. They have been serving in their positions very ably. Rev. Allred is now Promotional Secretary of our Mo. State Youth Program, pastors

The Missouri State Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists convenes in its 35th. annual session with the Sub-



Clerk

lege in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Laverne Miley, who is also a graduate from our Free Will Baptist Bible College, is pastor of the host church.

Missouri State Association is composed of ten (10) local or district Associations. They are: North West Missouri, North East Missouri, South East Missouri, Central Western Missouri, Indian Creek, Liberty, Cave Springs, Niangua, Laclede County, and Harmony. These various local associations all have their respective meetings during the Month of August and the first part of Sept., and then all come together in the State Association during the week before the third Sunday in Sept. Each local association is functioning, and have held or are planning to hold, their local meetings. Some splendid reports have been coming in concerning the spirituality and fellowship of these meetings. We praise the Lord for this report of the prevailing of brotherly love and the spiritual attendance upon these gatherings.

As you will notice, by the program printed in connection herewith, the State Association opens with the introductory message Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention opens with their introductory sermon at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday and continues through the afternoon, or until their business is finished. The State Sunday School and League Conventions having already held their sessions in connection with the Youth Encampment in August, therefore, the remainder of the sessions during the week will be entirely devoted to matters pertaining to the State Association proper.

All who have been elected during the various local meetings as delegates to this coming state meeting should make every effort to attend. Your Associational brotherhood thought enough of you to place this responsibility upon you, and you in turn should be happy to prove your appreciation of same by being faithful to the trust; or by being found in attendance at this meeting. Something will hinder you if YOU let it, but

unless there is substantial reason, you should by all means be present. There are great possibilities in this state. Let's say like the good people of Nehemiah's time, "let us rise and build". Matters of very vital importance will be under consideration which has to do with our entire denominational work. Some of these will be: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education (or our college work in Nashville), Church Extension, Youth Encampment, Free Will Baptist Gem, etc., etc. In fact, we are looking for some great progressive strides to be made during this session.

The people of North East Mo. Ass'n. have never failed to prove themselves real intertainers every time the state meeting has gone their way. We are sure they will prove true to this precedent they have set in the past. Your unworthy has not missed a session of our great State Association since the fall of 1926. If it is the good Lord's will I certainly do not want to miss this one. We will hope to see you there, and in the mean time let's be praying much for the definite presence of the Lord in every session during the week.

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PROGRAM

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists to be held with the Sublette Church, north of Kirksville, Mo. beginning Tuesday, September 14th, at 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday Night 7:45

Devotional and Special Singing

Welcome by host pastor

Response by Moderator

Introductory Sermon by Rev. John Rogers, Fredericktown, Mo.

Alternate, Rev. Archie Cooper

Wednesday Morning 9:00

Devotional

Receiving of letters and seating of delegates

Visiting brethren to seats of council

Election of officers

Appointment of committees

11:00 Auxiliary Message

Rev. Mary Welbaum

Rev. Melba White, Alternate
12:00 Dinner

1:30 Ladies Auxiliary Session

If time remains:

Receiving of committee reports

Wednesday Night 7:45

Devotional and Special Singing
Sermon

Thursday Morning 9:00

Devotional

Reading of minutes

Receiving of committee reports

Enrollment of ministers, ministers' wives, deacons, delegates, and visitors

Select place of next meeting

Elect delegates to National Ass'n.

11:00

Worship service

12:00 Dinner

1:30

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Unfinished business

New business

Thursday night 7:45

Devotional and Special Singing
Sermon

Friday Morning 9:00

Devotional

Reading of minutes

Miscellaneous business

11:00

Worship service

12:00 Dinner

1:30

Devotional

Final reports, etc.

Friday Night 7:45

Devotional and Special Singing
Sermon

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REPORT OF NIANGUA ASS'N.

Report of Niangua Association when convened with the New Prospect Church. We sure had a good meeting. Not so many there, but the Lord was with us all the way through. On Friday night it was almost 11:30 when we finally left the church. There were two souls saved, and there was old time shouting. So I say again, "Praise the Lord" for His goodness to us all.

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The last two days of the encampment was given to the S. S. and League Conventions. Both these conventions were very well attended and resulted in some splendid sessions. It proved very satisfactory for these two organizations to meet separate and apart from the State Ass'n. this year. Each convention had ample time for the discussion of their problems and plans, and to lay plans for the future. There was plenty of time for committee work, etc. We can see a new day

dawning in this state for both the Sunday School and League. These sessions recently held created a great deal of new interest and enthusiasm.

On the last day, which was League Convention day, in response to an appeal three of the young people went forward and dedicated their lives for foreign missionary work. We praise the Lord that He is dealing with our young people and calling them out into paths of service.

THESE AND MANY OTHERS HAVE HELPED

In getting the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Establishment on its feet and going in good shape, has been done by not only a few, but many have had a part therein. I am sure it could not have been done without you. I desire to make mention here of a few who have especially helped, and this is not to the intent of leaving out the name of any one who has helped. I almost fear to make personal mention lest I leave out someone who has helped equally as much, and yet there are some who have helped a great deal, and we do like to see honor go where honor is due.

For example we have men here in Monett, and some of them unsaved men, who have taken a great interest in helping us make the work go over. Mr. George Nickleoff, an expert welder, has done considerable welding for us and has always refused to have anything for it. He also built and installed a cooling fan for the window of the work department and would accept no pay except for parts purchased. His wife also has done a great deal of work here at the office, especially when all our folding was done by hand, and this, too, was gratis. Dick Harris who operates a general shop here in town has also done different jobs for us refusing any

pay whatsoever. Then there is Miss Thora Arbogast who stayed with the work from about the time we came in last fall until the last days of March, working for a small wage compared to wages she might have been getting all for the love of the work. She was a tremendous help all through the winter months. Too, her staying in the home and helping also with this work enabled my wife to go into the factory and work all winter while I was spending my time here with the Gem realizing a very little out of it in a financial way for personal use. Our children would have had a very meager Christmas; neither could they have been sufficiently clad for the winter months had not my wife been five days a week in the factory throughout the winter thereby enabling me to stay with the Gem so as to get the work built up. I could have used my wife in the office, but funds for living had to come from somewhere. Neither could we fail to mention Mr. Jim Alyea who came in during the winter days and worked many hours which was a wonderful help in those days when we were short on equipment. And in connection with him we should mention also his wife, Mrs. George LaShum, and Mrs. Roy Alyea who also helped us greatly, and all this for no pay whatever. Then there are groups who helped us. Especially groups from the Neola and Macedonia Churches.

These helped especially in the missions department when we would be putting out the Review. I don't know what we would have done without them. Neither could we fail to make mention of the two boys who have been in the production department throughout the year; they are: Roy Alyea and Donald Greenway. They started in with us when things were at a low ebb, and have been paid wages not at all too large. In fact, both of them could have been somewhere else drawing much more money; but they love this work and have stayed with it. They deserve a great deal of praise. Of course, as we write this, we are reminded of all who have been faithfully representing the Gem out on the field, all who have sent in donations, all who have placed their names on our subscription list, and all who have cooperated in every way. For all this cooperation we are very grateful. As a result the Free Will Baptist Gem is well on its way to where we can say it is on a sound and solid financial basis. Will you thank the Lord with us, and then will you help us continue to pray that the Lord may have His way in this good work? To have your financial cooperation isn't enough. we must also have your cooperation in spirit.

Yours to serve
Winford Davis, Editor
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Aug. 16, 1948

Dear Bro. Davis & all:

I would like to take this means to give a report of the Carterville Church. The church is coming along fine; the spirits are high with all. The Lord has truly been blessing and leading our people here at the church. The Lord has given us a new ministry opening up the way for a radio program from the Carthage radio station each Sunday Morning at 9:00 o'clock. This is a new field of work for both the church and yours truly but by the help of the Lord and through much prayer I am sure the Lord will get glory from the same.

Pray for us.

Rev. Paul Williams, Pastor
Lloyd Johnson, Clerk



THE NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo. was organized April 22, 1947 by Rev. Bert Hall in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hall. We organized with 10

11 who were converted in our church.

Sunday School was organized May 11, 1947 with 22 enrolled. Our average attendance this quarter is 72.

The building was started June 1947, and our first service was held Sept 7, 1947. Our building is not complete. There is to be a vestibule built on the front, we hope next year. Our total expenditures have been \$5,808.34. We owe \$2,850.00 on the building; our church building is valued at \$8,000.00. We have a full basement with oil furnace heat. Our income is mostly contributed by a number of faithful tithers; however, we have received some help from others. We will only list the churches and Associations:

Missouri State Association, for revival, \$100.00; Liberty Quarterly Meeting, \$41.50; Black Oak Church, \$15.00; Cuba Church, \$15.00; Little Vine Church, \$3.00 (all of Liberty Association); Merl's Chapel Church, \$10.00 (Indian Creek Association).

We thank all who have given to this worthy cause. May God reward them openly. But we owe our success to the true God, and

may all praise go to Him. "Praise Him from whom all blessings flow".

Rev. Bert Hall
2710 Nichols St.
Springfield, Mo.

P. S. We have had 1 revival conducted by Rev. Mark Lewis with 19 professions. We have had 5 conversions since the revival. We hope to have our next revival soon. We covet the prayers of all of God's people everywhere.

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in earthen vessels and this life of victory doesn't mean we are unable to sin, but does mean that He is able to keep us from falling if we allow Him to reign, allow Him control. Defeat may occur, yes; but it can be faced honestly and humbly—never passed over or denied. We can make confession believing He will be our advocate. He is our mercy seat, and His blood is there for us our only hope.

What difference in eternity what size our salary or how comfortably furnished our home? The only way to eternal happiness is to have the testimony here and now that we please God. It is available and the right of every Christian. I trust that this article can have this conclusion "lived happily ever after". Why? Because you lived to please Him, not in your might but by His Spirit. He is your Bridegroom, lover of your soul. We want to be purified and his, in white when he comes for us.

We believe He is coming soon, and it will take this for Him to cleanse us as His own. Our glorification depends entirely on our complete surrender. God help us all as His children to do this.



Rev. Bert Hall, Pastor

charter members; on this date, Aug. 21, 1948, we have 54 members which have come from the following sources: 21 came by letter from Free Will Baptist churches; 1 from a Methodist church; 6 from Missionary Baptist churches; 2 from Fundamental Baptist churches; 13 who were not members of any church; and

THE SECOND SESSION OF MO. STATE YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

The Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Encampment convened Monday morning, July 26, 1948 with 38 present. Later arrivals brought the total enrollment

Sunday Schools in Action, Miss Thora Arbogast and Miss Marie Wright, Teachers of Daily Vacation Bible School conducted at

Jones, Mrs. W. I. Gregory all of Monett; Rev. Paul Williams of Carterville; and Rev. Arthur Bailey of Lebanon.

Those donating food supplies, and money during the camp were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Powell, Messrs. Ken-



Group of nine who were converted during Youth Camp Session

to 56. The faculty were as follows: Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Supervisor; Rev. Robert Wilfong, teacher of Missions, Leagues in Action, Personal Evangelism, Choir Practice, and Director of playground activities; Rev. O. D. Matthews, Teacher of Bible Doctrine and

Niangua Free Will Baptist Church; Mrs. Freda Sell and daughter, Doris were cooks. Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Mark Lewis were evangelists for the Youth Revival. Mrs. Eunice Edwards was Registrar. Rev. O. T. Allred served as Entertainment Chairman, having charge of supplies for the camp and Promotional Secretary.

Board members present to assist in the activities at the camp were: Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Rev. Wm. Reeves, Rev. Mark Lewis, and Ira Walton.

Visitors who were present from a distance were: Rev. Winford Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed.

eth and Irvin Allred, Rev. W. K. Weston, Rev. Arthur Bailey, the people of Niangua and Amity Communities, and the Niangua Free Will Baptist Sunday School. Mrs. Oliver Flaherty donated her services to help with the cooking for the last two days of the encampment. Dr. Schlicht, Sr. of Niangua donated his services also.

The camp was an outstanding success in every respect. The classes were inspirational and the fellowship among those present was a joy to share and behold. For example, one of the small boys had an infected toe and the older boys carried him to meals and over the playground, until he was better.

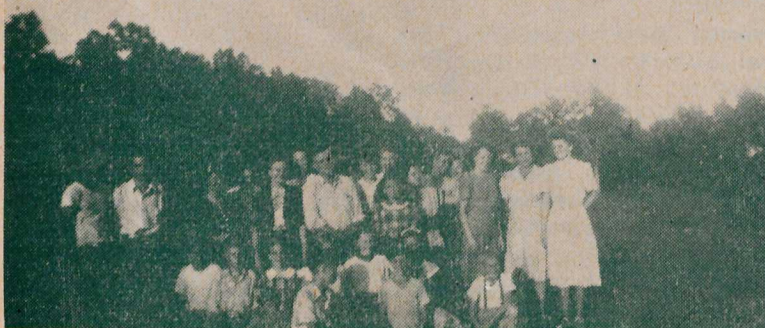
A round-robin letter was sent to Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our missionary to India, expressing our greetings and best wishes for her success there.

The evangelistic services, which were held each night, included singing by the Youth Choir under the able direction of Bob Wilfong. There were nine conversions during the encampment. Every child who came to the encampment a sinner, went away a Christian. We praise God for complete victory in the camp.

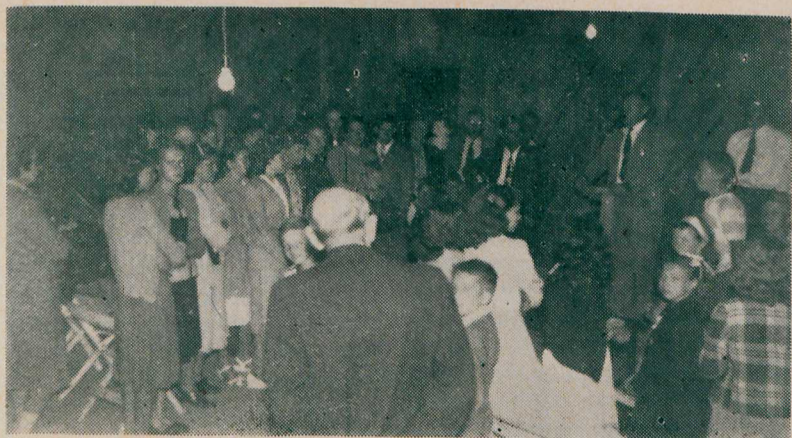
The children took an active part in leading prayer meetings, testi-



teaching staff and caretakers during two weeks, session



The happy Youth Camp family of 1948



Closing service in which the last one of the unsaved accepted Christ

fying, and praying. One student yielded her life for special service. The children pleaded to be allowed to stay at the camp another week, but when it was explained to them that our finances would not permit it this year, they began a campaign for money to supply the needs of the camp in the way of improvements, equipment, and general needs that would enable them to stay longer next year. The aim is \$10,000.00. If the children had had that amount, the money would have been raised that morning. One child, a new convert, gave every penny he had. Such, is a part of the history of this encampment. We challenge you with it.

The last two days were given to the State Sunday School and League Conventions.

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Dear Gem Readers & Youth for Christ Workers:

I want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to our people who help make it possible for our most wonderful youth camp session a victory for Christ. It was beyond our imagination or expectation—such a marvelous time in the Lord.

Our children are looking forward for a greater time next year. They have launched a \$10,000.00 program for this year. Already we have received advance cash and pledges since returning home. The Golden Rule Class at the Southside S. S., St. Louis have pledged \$5.00 per month through the banking system, one of our

boys who attended the camp promised \$1.00 per week (one half of his allowance), and the Desloge League pledged \$50.00. My, my, doesn't that look like we will be able to do things this year. God is so wonderfully blessing our work. Come on, children, young people, daddys and mothers let's keep the good work going.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE YOUTH CAMP**

Brought forward \$376.75

Received

Third St. Louis S. S. 15.00
Merl's Chapel 15.00
Myrtle 32.72
Liberty 16.53
Niangua 14.52
Mill Creek 154
Monett 161
South Side 5.00
Youth Camp Session 439.95

Disbursements

H. L. Alexander \$122.37
Work on camp grounds 116.00
Traveling Expense 65.60
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Groceries & supplies 26.71
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Special Fund for Tin Horn

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

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**MO. STATE TREASURER'S
REPORT**

For July, 1948

Foreign Mission Fund

Flat River C. \$ 8.64
Green Grove C. 10.10
Hickory Grove, C. 10.56
Hartville C. 7.50
New Harmony S. S. 52.16
Pleasant Ridge C. 3.60
Aulsbury Chapel C. 5.00
Carterville C. 14.40
Amity C. 12.09
Golde nOak League 1.21
Golden Oak S. S. 4.00
Union Light S. S. 10.73
Hazel Creek Union (for

Cronks) 20.00
Hartville C. 6.50
Hannon C. 5.00
Sublette C. 9.10
Flat River C. 12.20
St. Francis Co. Q. M. ... 26.13
Pleasant Grove S. S. 12.70
Rock Chapel C. 26.30
Union Third Fork S. S. 8.29
Morning Meditations, Rev.
Archie Cooper, Director 25.00
Miss Anna Reed 1.00
Jewel C. 20.20
Carterville C. 6.31
Total \$317.95

Superannuation Fund

Aulsbury Chapel C. \$ 5.00

Home Mission Fund

Aulsbury Chapel C. \$ 5.00

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Hazel Creek Union S. S. .. \$ 9.00
Aulsbury Chapel C. \$ 5.00
Total \$ 14.00

State Unified Fund

Flat River C. \$163.07
Fredericktown C. 34.43
Merl's Chapel S. S. 10.00
Fredericktown Ladies' H.
M. 4.00
Leadington S. S. 2.38
Verdella C. 4.40
Carterville C. 13.50
Mine LaMotte C. 4.57
Verdella C. 1.80
Merl's Chapel S. S. 10.00
Carterville C. 11.78
Total \$260.93

Marie Hyatt, Treas.

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\$10,000.00 IN COLLEGE EXPANSION FUND

By Henry Melvin, Treas.

Free Will Baptists have on deposit today \$10,000.00 as a fund for the expansion of the physical properties of the Bible College located in Nashville, Tennessee.

To those who have visited the present College campus and observed our congested conditions there is no argument that we need to acquire larger properties. With this in view the Board of Trustees in its annual meeting appointed a committee to make a survey of the immediate neighborhood as well as other localities in the City of Nashville for suitable property which might be secured for the purpose of expanding the physical properties of the College. After a thorough study of adjacent properties to the present campus it was found there were no suitable properties available especially with the fact in mind of expanding the Institution to a full four-year Bible College.

A highly desirable site of Sixty-two acres and several commodious buildings on the Lebanon Road five miles from downtown Nashville was located. The Board of Trustees voted to sell our present properties and buy this site, and the National Association in its 1948 session at Pocatontas, Arkansas voted unanimously to concur with the Board in this action. A contract to purchase the site on Lebanon Road was entered into. However, since this property was located in "Estates B" which is exclusively residential, an appeal to the Zoning Commission was necessary. The appeal was made; but because of strenuous objections registered by property owners in the neighborhood, the appeal was denied, thus leaving us without a definite location to purchase at the present time for the expansion of the College. However, we shall continue to look for such properties and when found we shall promptly notify our people at large and shall seek to secure same by proper action of the Board of Trustees.

In the meantime all funds that

have been paid in for this specific expansion of the College will be held in reserve together with all other funds that shall come in under this Expansion Campaign. I trust that all our people everywhere will continue their intensified efforts on the campaign for expansion funds with the full assurance that they will be used for that purpose. Keen interest from all sections of the country is being manifested in this proposed expansion of the College and the same is revealed in substantial gifts. Let this spirit continue.

The College will begin its sevenths year of operation on September 7 as it begins its 1948-49 session. Judging from applications already approved and commitments from returning students this year's registration will exceed that of any former year which will tax our facilities to the utmost. It is for such as these and the increasing numbers from year to year that the College was founded and is maintained, thus providing a trained leadership for the church, and makes imperative the expansion of the Institution.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE Nat'l. Ass'n.

August 17, 1948

The Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association met at the Bible College August 17, 1948 to transact business that had been assigned to us to do. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Rev. Ralph Lightsey as Executive Secretary, but were fortunate in securing Rev. Henry Melvin for this position temporarily. Bro. Melvin is to be Executive Secretary in conjunction with his office of Business Manager of the Bible College.

The Executive is to pay one-third of his salary and Bible College two-thirds. His traveling expenses are to be paid by the de-

partment that he represents on the field. Bro. Melvin has consented to fill the position one-third of his time without increase in pay.

We voted to accept the invitation of the Georgia State Association for the National Association in July, 1949 to go to Columbus, Georgia. We are indeed grateful for the progress of our denomination. Sometimes we encounter disappointments and set backs, but God always comes to our rescue and we move on for Him.

John H. West, Clerk

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CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Through prayer and faith many things are happening around Fellowship Church. How very greatly God has blessed in the progression of the building program. How greatly He also has blessed in the church program. How very greatly all the work is moving forward.

The building of the church has come about marvelously as only God could do it. The co-operation of the many efficient workers who are laboring faithfully and of the funds coming in from "outsiders" as well as church members along with some "refreshing from the presence of the Lord" has been pushing us along greatly. But His is the glory for every achievement.

As we are building, praying, and trusting, the Lord is blessing with a wonderful spirit of revival. Time after time, in our regular services and prayer meetings, as people have testified, and shouted the praises of God, we are reminded that it's only through Him that we are progressing as we are.

At this time our pastor is attending the National Sunday School Convention in Glennville, Georgia. No doubt, through this channel, the church will be greatly uplifted.

We sincerely covet your prayers that Fellowship Church may continue to be the center of soul saving zeal and spiritual atmosphere and that at all times it may be in the center of God's divine will.

Margaret Dodd

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August 16, 1948

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We rejoice in claiming one of the greatest promises for Christians set forth in God's Word. We read in Phillippians 4:19 these words, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ." God has supplied, and shall continue to supply our needs only through prayers and sincere devotions unto Him.

I am happy to report the activities and how God has blessed us at the 3rd Free Will Baptist Church, 1330 Geyer Avenue. We spent a year praying and looking for a pastor whom God would lead this way. During this time Rev. William Cravens served as supply pastor. He gave us Spiritual food from the Bible each Lord's Day, but we needed more than this—we needed a Shepherd. One who could render service for Spiritual needs, personal needs, and serve as leader in Church activities.

We felt the Holy Spirit leading when we called Rev. Harold Dunlap to serve as full-time pastor. There was a vacancy which is now filled, and we know God is blessing us. Mr. Dunlap took the responsibility as Church pastor, July 18, 1948, and he and Mrs. Dunlap are now living in the Church Parsonage at 4238-A Swan Avenue. God is leading us and blessing the church spiritually, financially and in attendance.

For Sunday morning services the average attendance is 90, and the offerings average \$110.00. We rejoice in the fact that we are growing; and as the Lord continues to supply our needs, these figures will rise.

We are expecting great things from the Lord in the revival beginning August 22, through September 4. Rev. Damon C. Dodd, former missionary to Cuba, will be our Evangelist. We desire your prayers, Christians, that God's love and power may abound in the lives of all who attend this revival.

We also covet your prayers for the Church and our pastor that God may have preeminence in all that we do.

Sincerely in His service

Opal Hughes

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August 15, 1948

Report of South Side Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

This is my first article I have

written to the Gem as I was just recently elected Gem Correspondent for the South Side Church. at 5418 Idaho in St. Louis, Mo.

I am happy to report the progress of our church since our last report.

Recently we had our church election, and re-elected our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill by one hundred per cent vote, and we thank God for giving us such a wonderful pastor.

We also re-elected our church clerk, Sis. Julia Hill, and church treasurer, Sis. Ola Carver.

We are thankful for the splendid work that these officers did last year, and we are looking forward to another great year in our church.

We recently re-organized our League and are looking forward to great things in the coming year under our new League Officers which are as follows:

President Bro. Marvin Beard
Vice P. Bro. Norman Tallent
Secretary Dorothy Beard
Treasurer Ola Carver

Also three Group Captains were elected: Bro. Elmer Snell, Sis. Emma Langely, and Sis. Norma Jane Kennedy.

Our prayer meeting on Wednesday night is doing wonderfully our attendance being around 50; also our Sunday School attendance is between 70 and 100. We are having conversions right along to which we are very thankful to God, and our membership is increasing right along.

Our Woman's Auxiliary is getting along fine with a very good president, Sis. Pearl Price. We also have a fine group of young people who are always ready to sing or do anything that they are called upon to do. In fact we feel that we have a wonderful little church to worship the Lord in, and we ask your prayers that our church may continue to grow and prosper.

Sis. Dorothy Beard
Correspondent

WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

First Mission Association of Okla.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the First Mission Association met July 29, 1948 at the Old Minister's Home and Camp Ground for the annual meeting.

The Theme of the Convention was "Friends of God". The meeting opened with singing directed by Mrs. Eula McLaughlin with Mrs. LaVerne Lee at the Piano.

Invocation by Kathleen Johns.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. Ethel Renegar using John 5:2-3.

The President's Message was delivered by Rev. Leona Mayfield using James 1:22.

Good reports were given by the local presidents of Bristow, Lewis Avenue, New Home, and Pretty Water Auxiliaries.

The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. H. E. Staires, using John 15:14.

The afternoon devotional was led by Rev. Hattie Newman, "Doing Versus Hearing". James 1:2-20; 14:26.

Reports of officers were given.

"Doing whatsoever He Commandeth us"—

Through Gifts—Myrl Wilson.

In Enlistment and Promotion—Mrs. Willard Day.

In Training Our Youth—Mrs. John H. West.

Through Study Courses—Mrs. Bessie Staires.

Through Programs and Publicity

—Rev. Cleo Pursell.

Through Benevolence—Mrs. Lula Kykendall.

A report on our new college property was given by Rev. Melvin Bingham. We are proud of our advancement in the Program for the training of our youth.

A report of the National Auxiliary Convention was given by our State President, Mrs. Verdun Bingham.

Officers elected for the coming year as follows:

President Rev. Cleo Pursell

1st Vice Rev. Leona Mayfield

2nd Vice Mrs. Helen Day

3rd Vice Mrs. Cleo Doss

4th Vice .. Mrs. Myrtle Richburg

5th Vice ... Mrs. Eula McLaughlin

Secy.-Treas. ... Mrs. Myrl Wilson

Mrs. Verdun Bingham had

charge of the Installation service.

Rev. and Mrs. Wade Jernigan

were visitors from the First Oklahoma Association.

Treasurer's Report

For May, June, July

To Bible College \$14.00

Orphanage 20.00

Foreign Missions 17.14

Superannuation 12.00

Co-Laborer Plan 7.00

Silverware 6.25

Tiths to State C. 6.90

Local Work 92.28

Mrs. Myrtle Richburg

Publicity Director

7- 3 Old Panther C.	5.00
7- 4 Dibble League	2.50
7- 5 First C., Tulsa	15.00
7- 8 New Bethlehem C. ..	2.50
7- 8 Ada C.	24.54
7-10 Central Ave. C.	15.00
7-10 Woman's M. Aux. ..	5.00
7-10 Hope Well No. 2 L. ..	2.00
7-10 Jackson C.	5.00
7-10 Paden C.	7.00
7-12 New Home C.	10.00
7-12 Sulphur C.	30.00
7-12 Rev. Bradford	31.50
7-13 Iron Chapel	5.00
7-14 Drumright C.	15.00
7-14 Sprink Creek S. S. ..	3.80
7-14 Central Ave Sr. L. ..	4.80
7-14 Healdton C.	9.00
7-14 Cushing M. Women ..	5.00
7-14 W. Fork Q. M. Tex. ..	17.85
7-14 W. Fork Q. M. Tex. ..	10.00
7-20 C. Kerman Calif	5.00
7-20 League 1st Okla A. ..	8.25
7-20 First C. Wewoka	21.00
7-21 Spring Hill C.	3.62
7-21 Stratford C.	6.36
7-21 First C. Shawnee	9.50
7-21 Clemscott C.	11.35
7-23 Bristow C.	12.00
7-23 Dibble C.	10.00
7-24 Rev. Bradford	55.00
7-26 Earlsboro C.	3.00
7-28 Sapulpa C.	8.00
7-28 Canadian Ass'n.	3.00
7-28 Cedar Grove C.	10.00
7-28 Tecumseh C.	10.75
7-28 Stratford C.	50.80
7-28 Ada C.	49.54
7-28 Tyler & Simpson	100.00
7-31 Canadian Ass'n.	12.00
Total	\$724.65
Balance	\$115.25

Jack Hopkins, Treas.

Blanchard, Okla.

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REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Ringling, Okla.

Expenses for July, 1948

7-15 Rev. Weatherman	\$ 75.00
7-15 Hamilton S.	63.40
7-15 Betty Bradford	13.32
7-24 Rev. Bradford	22.00
7-31 Delbert Gro.	138.67
7-31 C. Grad Sales	1.50
7-31 State Dept. Ag.	30.00
7-31 Schuler Fruit Co.	12.60
7-31 Tyler & Simpson	87.77
7-31 Rev. Weatherman	75.00

Expense—Rev. Weatherman

6-24 Sally Stow	\$ 10.00
6-29 Sally Stow	10.00
6-29 Laundry	2.00
6-29 Electric Bill	8.20
6-29 Telephone bill	9.20

7- 2 Fire Works	2.50
7- 5 Spent on Children	3.00
7- 5 Hair cuts	4.00
7- 5 Laundry	2.50
7- 6 Mrs. Barceum	8.00
7-6 Mrs. Woolworth	8.00
7- 9 Shoes	3.04
7-10 Wilson	40.00
7-10 Money for children ..	1.50
7-13 Mrs. Barceum	8.00
7-13 Laundry	2.00
7-17 Shoes	2.50
7-19 Laundry	1.50
Total	\$126.34
Milk sold	36.20
Paid Rev. Weatherman....	\$ 90.14
Total Expense	\$609.40

Money Received

7- 3 Gaar Corner C.	5.00
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Missionary Department



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

THE LORD IS SURELY GOING BEFORE OUR THREE WHO ARE ENROUTE TO INDIA

There was no other thought but what Rev. and Mrs. Cronk and Miss Lloyd would land at Bombay upon their arrival in India, but their first opportunity for sailing was on a boat (the USS Bali) whose destination was Colombo, Ceylon. Studying the world map it looked to be equally as close to Kotagiri from Colombo as from Bombay. They, as well as we, were very anxious for them to get out so it was decided they would take the ship to Colombo. Recently word came from Miss Barnard that it is far better for them to land at Colombo than at Bombay for more than one reason. One reason being the fighting which is going on between Bombay and Kotagiri. It will be much safer for them to go to Colombo. Then in Colombo is a special home for missionaries where they can find friendly lodging what time they may be held in Colombo for legal procedure. Also Miss Barnard says it may be quite possible for her to go down and meet them at their port of landing where, should they have landed at Bombay, it would have been impossible for her to be there. She says she very likely will meet them. So you see the Lord has surely gone before. We were just a little apprehensive of their landing at Colombo, not knowing if that would be best or not and so this word from Miss Barnard is uplifting, and I know it will be also to those who have sailed. They are to land in Colombo somewhere around September 15th.

You may get your map and notice that Ceylon is an island laying off to the south east of the lower point of India. It is connected with the mainland of India by bridge. However, Ceylon is

an entirely separate country from India and under its own government. Our missionaries will go by train from Colombo to Kotagiri. We thank the Lord for this careful guidance on His part over that we knew not. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6.

Winford Davis

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REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION TREAS. For July, 1948

Brought forward	\$ 7,691.60
Received by states as follows:	
North Carolina	592.71
Tennessee	471.42
Missouri	416.98
Texas	337.89
Oklahoma	207.31
Michigan	160.00
Illinois	154.22
Virginia	138.90
South Carolina	117.04
Mississippi	99.91
West Virginia	62.00
Alabama	45.08
Georgia	30.00
Florida	20.00
Kentucky	15.00
New Mexico	5.00
Arkansas	2.50
Sub. to Review	1.00
Nat'l Aux. Convention Sale, "His Name Among All Nations"	9.37
Offering at Nat'l. Ass'n.	20.00
Total	214.69
Grand total	\$ 3,121.02
Disbursements	\$10,812.62
Balance Aug. 1, 1948 ..	6,636.80
	\$ 4,175.82

Winford Davis, Treas.

REPORT OF TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY

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

On July 5, we began a meeting at Crowell, Texas. This church hasn't been organized long, but has an opportunity for a strong church. They have their building ready to stucco. We had a good meeting, with one convert, and three new members. We were sorry we had to leave as the interest was growing, and crowds were increasing, but we had to be at our church on the 3rd Sunday and on to Huntsville Monday to begin another meeting. Bro. Haston will continue the meeting on through Sunday night, and we pray many more will be saved.

We begin the meeting at Pine Prairie Church, Huntsville, Tex. Monday night, July 19. This church has been without a pastor for the last few months. We were glad to find the interest good, and the faithful ones still carrying on the good work. It's remarkable the number of young people here. You don't find it everywhere you go. Where there are children and young folk, you have something to build to. There is a possibility of full time work here, with hopes of a new building in the future. We had open air meetings, and large crowds attended. We had a wonderful meeting, with 22 conversions, 19 joining the church by baptism. It was a joy to me to baptize these converts Sunday afternoon. We had a sweet service Sunday night. It does your heart good to see these young converts doing personal work. One young man brought his friend to the altar for prayer, also two others came. I asked for someone to come kneel with them and all those young Christians came along with some older people. They were happily saved. The congregation was

moved and deeply stirred. We regret very much having to leave but as we have our work already scheduled, we had to get ready for our next revival. We appreciate Bro. and Sis. McAdams carrying the meeting on, and pray many souls will be saved.

On July 27, we met with the Home Mission Board at N. C. Cole Bryan, Texas. They were well pleased with the work thus far. Please pray for us, that we might be used of the Lord.

Offering for July

First Church, Crowell	\$ 23.31
Trinity C. Ft. Worth	27.50
Bonnie View C., Dallas	6.00
West Fork Q. M.	23.81
New Salem C. Decatur	6.50
North Zuleh C.	4.00
Pine Prairie C. Huntsville	60.39
First C. Huntsville	10.15
Gartsman V. C. Comanche	7.00
Pleas. Md. C. Buf. Spgs.	11.50
Total	\$180.16

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M. S. Bali

Enroute to Colombo, Ceylon

Dear Friends:

It is Sunday a.m., August 8. The sun is shining brightly over the tall massiveness of New York City and its beams reach down to us, your three newest missionaries to India, standing by the rail of the M. S. Bali, watching men take down the gangplank and cut away the ropes to separate us from our native land and start us on our journey.

As we watch the homeland fading to faint dimness in the distance, our hearts are rejoicing and merry. There isn't a sign of sadness anywhere because we are the King's chosen ones sent on a mission for Him with His own command, "... I send the to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith which is in me." Acts 26:17-18, and with His promise, "The Lord hath chosen thee ... Be strong and of good courage, and do it; fear not nor be dismayed: for the Lord God ... will be with thee; He will not fail thee nor forsake thee until thou hast finished all the work." I Chron. 28:10,20.

It is night, August 18th and the hour is ten here—at home it is four. The full moon looks down over the beautiful Mediterranean to paint one of the most beautiful pictures eye ever beheld. As we sit here on the deck, our hearts are stirred by the majesty and greatness of our God as

He reveals Himself in His creation of splendor. Our minds race back over the trip across the Atlantic and we see how the Lord hath cared for His own. He provided for the trip a new boat with every convenience for our comfort. He gave for our companions in worship and Bible study seven other missionaries who really love the Lord. He gave us a chance to be His witness right here on board ship.

It is August the 22nd and we are in port in Alexandria, Egypt, right in the seat of earliest civilization. Our ship is docked just back of and in full view of, King Farouk's palace and his royal ship is docked within sight of ours. This is his summer home. The boat is swarming with Egyptian workers unloading cargo, merchants trying to sell their wares, and craftsmen of all sorts looking for work to do. As we look out over the city, we get our first glimpse of an

ancient civilization which is now both Oriental and Western.

Alexandria is a little past the half way mark of our journey and so far it has been a wonderful trip. A few days of seasickness? Well, perhaps, but all in all one of the most pleasant and exciting experiences of our lives, the wonders of which we can only begin to recall: the beautiful sunsets over the Atlantic, the excitement of seeing land at Cape St. Vincent, Portugal after nine days of nothing but water, the lovely moonlit nights on the Mediterranean, the wonder of viewing land on two continents, Africa and Europe, as we sail this long famous sea upon which the Apostle Paul and other disciples sailed many times. There are many more things yet to see and tell about in our next letter.

In Him,

Dan and Trula Cronk
Zalene Lloyd

