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## QUIET CONFIDENCE

I wish thee now, 'midst all the  
world's dark sorrow,  
The quiet sense of being truly  
Blest;  
We cannot tell what waits us on  
the morrow,  
But we can have in Him deep,  
quiet rest.

His hand, unseen, still ruleth o'er  
the nations;  
His will is sovereign,—even  
as His power:  
Today o'er earth deep groans and  
lamentations,  
But He is ruling e'en in this  
dark hour.

Not sin, nor wrong, nor base, un-  
holy passion  
Shall win the day, since He is  
on the Throne;  
Not so shall He His holy purpose  
fashion,  
Though oft it seem that evil  
reigns alone.

In Him we rest; our fortress,  
strong, abiding;  
In Him in peace, and freedom  
from alarm;  
And quiet strength, and inward  
deep confiding,  
For He can keep from every  
kind of harm.

—J. Danson Smith in the O. M.  
S. Standard.



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## THE HONOR ROLL

This present honor roll will close with Oct. 31st. It began with May 1st. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes given to the three highest on the list. Do your best during this next month and receive a prize. Five subs (one may be your own) gets your name on the honor roll. Our goal is 3,000 subscribers. We are now well over half way. Your cooperation is doing it.

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We have of course received many more subs than this; but only these sent as many as five or more thereby getting their names on the roll. THANK YOU.

—The Editor

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## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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## OBITUARY

John Harvey, Jr., the son of Harvey and Elizabeth Ann Poe, was born at Granby, December 2, 1945 and passed away at Pine-

ville, Mo. September 6, 1948 at the age of 2 years, 9 months, and 4 days.

He leaves besides his mother and father a baby brother, Allen Lee, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bureess of Granby and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poe of Washburn, Mo., great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burreess and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Connely of Granby, and a great great grandmother, Mrs. Anna Judd of Granby.

He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Poe, Bill Burreess, and Barbara Jean Burreess, all of Granby, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Poe of Pineville, Mo.

Johnny's little life so brief has been a ray of sunshine to those who loved him, but his earthly mission has been finished, and having helped to lift heavenward those around him, Johnny has gone from this troublesome world leading a sweet and lingering fragrance, and the rose that budded so sweet on earth will be an ever unfolding flower in the blessed garden of God.

## OUR EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN

Don't forget we are still striving hard for funds with which to install additional equipment. One thing we need badly at the Gem Office is an automatic job press. To make this place go and keep going we must be able to produce and that rapidly. Our folding machines are a great help in this respect. We are unable to see now how we ever got along without them. They are real time savers. Now, if we can soon install an automatic job press, we will really be getting somewhere. We have quite a bit of money to apply on it, but not enough. However, we have all confidence you are going to send that in. We set out to put the Gem on a solid and sound basis. By the help of God and your cooperation it is being accomplished. So come on, let's keep climbing.

—The Editor

## MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS ARE ROBBING GOD

By Rev. Ova Stalcup

Some centuries ago when our Lord Jesus was here on earth, He was, by the best Ecclesiastical Scholarship of that day, said to teach "the way of God truly." (Luke 20:21).

On one occasion, when tempted by the scribes, He remarked, "Render unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's." (Lk. 20:25).

The language used of God in the writing of the New Testament was Greek. The word "Render" in Greek means "To give up or back".

Reading our text out of the Greek it reads as follows:

"Render (give back) therefore the things of Caesar to Caesar, and (Render [give back]) the things of God to God".

Who can deny that in this particular case our Lord was speaking of money (The tribute or tax money due Caesar or the Roman Government)? Jesus said in our language pay to those who govern human affairs that which is your due, and even so, or in like manner, pay to those who govern the divine affairs that which is your due.

According to the teaching of our text, Luke 20:25, we Christians are to give up and give back to God the things that are His.

### Give Up

the things of God which we have appropriated unto ourselves  
the things which belong to God that we have in our possession

There are many things in our possession that we should render or give back as an offering unto God. Among these many things which we have in our possession that belongs to God is our tithe. What could have been implied in this statement, "The things which are God's", unless the tithe was included, for it is clearly stated "The tithe is the Lord's".

I suppose that all Christians are aware that the Old Testament embodies many adumbrations. We would mention one at this time.

God gives us a graphic word picture of Abraham returning victorious and with the spoils of war in his possession. God also pictures him meeting "The King of Salem (peace)", a priest of the Most High God. This King's name was Melchisedec. In Heb. 7:3 it states that this King of Righteousness had no "beginning of days, nor end of life". Then in verse 4 the Holy Spirit states that Melchisedec was a man. This man was not of the Levitical priesthood. He was not of the tribe of Levi. But, saith the apostle, even though he was not of the Levitical priesthood, yet he was greater than Abraham. (Verse 7). The type is perfect in portrayal of Him who had lain in the bosom of the Father for Eternity, Jesus Christ our Lord. See for proof text Heb. 7:14-22.

The Scriptures say that Melchisedec at his meeting with Abraham, "Brought forth bread and wine" (Gen. 14:18). Here we see the "Father of the Faithful" in a communion service. We accept this part of the type but reject the other, i.e., the paying of tithes. We have Communion Service at intervals, but to pay tithes. No! No! It is not in the New Testament Doctrine. The type says it is, however. Let us see if we can find in the New Testament the principle of which the Old Testament type was but a shadow. Let us first establish the fact that all Christians at this date have a High Priest Heb. 8:1, "We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens". for positive identification of this priest see Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; and Heb. 9:11. Our High Priest is Jesus Christ. He is a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

But even though Christ is our High Priest, are we obligated to pay the tithe (one tenth of all our increase) to Him? I hesitate not to answer, yes. God has given us the victory in Christ Jesus just

as He gave Abraham the victory in the King's day. Faith gives unto Him one-tenth or the tithe. He has brought forth bread and wine. His table is spread in the church. We should also bring the tithe into His house (the church) on the first day of the week (Sunday).

In Gal. 3:16 we read, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made." and in the 17th verse we read, "And this I say, that the Covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect."

Abraham lived in a dispensation of promise. The Law (Mosaic Economy) came in between these two dispensations. We may liken it unto a giant mirror let down by God from heaven; the purpose being to show mankind that they were and would ever be sinners before God. But the mirror also revealed to man the way of God more perfectly and was used of God as a "schoolmaster to bring us to Christ". Now the Law having served its purpose, it is taken out of the way and as Abraham looked, even so do we look toward the New Jerusalem and see no one save "Jesus only". The Law, having served its purpose, to wit, bringing us to Christ, God took it out of the way and the dispensation of promise continues. If you doubt it, read again Gal. 3:16. "Unto Abraham and his seed were the promises made". It may be objected that in this verse it states, clearly so, that Abraham's seed was Christ. Now read, Rom. 4:13,16,23,24, 25.

"Therefore it (the promise) is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is father of us all (All saved by grace through faith have Abraham to their father).

There is no contradiction in God's word. The teaching is clear that, when one is born again of the Holy Spirit from above, the Spirit of God baptizes them (not

water baptism) into the body of Christ. (I Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27.)

There are millions of Born Again Christians in the Body of Christ. (I Cor. 12:14), The body of Christ is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth. (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23; 5:30-32). God always sees the head, not the tail. The Scriptures make this evident in many places. For example, see Rom. 5:12, "By one man sin entered"; "Death passed upon all men" Why? For all have sinned (in Adam, see marginal rendering) we were all in Adam when he sinned. God saw us there, but when we repent of our sins and have faith in Christ, we are born again by the power of God the Holy Spirit we are put into the body of Christ, and God sees us not in the first Adam, but in the last Adam, the Lord from heaven, sinless and holy sons of God having been washed in the Blood of the Lamb of God. "We are made to sit together in heavenly places in (not out of) Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:6). He is the one "perfect, holy sinless and undefiled man" and the only one that God's eye can rest upon with complacency. God sees every true believer in Christ Jesus. The new man is the mystical body of Christ, the church, over which He Himself is the head. This is the wisdom and power of God in its Creativeness. Hidden from the foundation of the world, but now revealed unto us by the Spirit of Christ. Dear reader, if you desire further proof, read Gal. 3:29. It is stated here that all Christians are Abraham's seed or children. We are the children of promise. The promises were given to our Father, Abraham and to us his seed. We are living in the dispensation of promise. Abraham our father paid his tithes and the Lord Jesus Christ taught that his children should also pay tithes. Jesus said to those who claimed to be Abraham's children but in reality were children of the Devil, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." (John 8:39-44).

The "works of Abraham" do not mean opening up the store,

plowing, or any one of the various vocations of man, but rather, the works of faith. Abraham rendered unto God the things that were God's. My dear reader, it takes faith to pay tithes in a biblical sense.

Let us in closing again look to the New Testament's plain teaching of the subject of tithing. In writing to the church at Corinth (which is the people and by no stretch of the imagination can be made to be a wood, brick, or stone building. See Rom. 16:5, "Greet the church which is in their house". We don't extend greetings to buildings or furniture) the Apostle Paul in chap. 9:6-14 is teaching in similitude. He is teaching by contrast. In this particular instance he is contrasting the support of the ministry under the Law and the support of the ministry of the dispensation of Grace or Promise. He says in verse 13 that under the Law they which "minister about holy things live of the things of the temple", and (under the Law) they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar. He is teaching that under the Law God supported His ministers through the people. Then he continues his teaching in verse 14, "Even so (in like manner, just as under the Law) hath the Lord (the Lord ordained what?) that they (God's ministers) which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

God has always supported His church and His ministers with the tithes and offerings of His people. We are not made stewards over 100% but rather over 90% for 10%, the tithe, is the Lord's.

It may be objected that Paul said in I Cor. 9:15, "But I have used none of these things", and that means that Paul taught that tithing was not in practice then. Please read II Cor. 12:13 where we find that even the Apostle Paul made mistakes and did wrong. Writing to the same people he says, "For what is it wherein you were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? FORGIVE ME THIS WRONG."

God says, "If I be a Father,

where is mine honour?" Israel was offering (rendering) to God that which was not His, the lame, the blind, the diseased, and He rejected it and told them to go and offer it to their governor. The teaching is to the effect that their governor wouldn't accept it. He was a sinful man and infinitely less than a Holy and Almighty God. God wants us to give up and give back to Him what is His own. He wants the best from His people.

"Will a man rob God?" "How have we robbed Thee?" "In tithes and offerings."

"Surely if ye will not believe ye shall not be established."

"Beware lest thou forget the Lord thy God." "For it is God that giveth thee power to get wealth."

"Render (Give up and give back) to God the things which be God's."

Allow me to repeat the words of our subject title, "Millions of Christians are robbing God".

Dear Christian brother or sister, are YOU robbing God? If you are withholding His tithe, you are robbing Him. You are, in effect, doing what the Israelites did when they offered the lame and the blind on the altar of sacrifice. Your worship of God is not complete, you are not giving your best, i.e. that which is God's, back to Him. Try giving Him back His tithe and see if He does not grant thee an increase of his blessing. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat (Gospel preached) in mine house, (the church) and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." It is impossible for God to lie.

We, Abraham's children, are living in the same dispensation of promise that our father lived in. The Law came in alongside, in parenthesis, but having served its purpose, has passed away and the same dispensation of promise continues. Our father Abraham was a child of God by faith in

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## REVELATION 6:1,2

By Rev. G. D. Holt

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This article was written the first part of March, 1948

*"AND I saw when the Lamb had opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow: and a crown was given unto him; and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."*

This is a very dangerous text. And realizing this, I will endeavor to walk softly. It is just as dangerous to say this rider is Christ if it is not Him, as to say it is the anti-Christ if it is not him. So, knowing this, we will endeavor to use more scripture than logic, and more common sense than hear-say. As for saying positively that he is the anti-Christ, we dare not do so. And as for the saying that he is Christ, we challenge the idea on the grounds that it is unscriptural. All the people who will be saved during the great tribulation will be saved on a different order than those who are saved through, or during, the church age. They that are saved before the coming of Christ will be saved through the preaching of the gospel by the power of the Holy Ghost. Those that are saved during the tribulation by martyrdom. In other words God had given most of these people plenty of grace before the translation to be caught away in the rapture but they had not made use of it, and now they will have to exercise their faith so as to lay hold of this grace in sufficient quantity to stand for God unto death. There may be others that never knew God who will be saved as Peter said, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21. But it is out of harmony with all scriptures to think there will be a revival during the tribulation as we know revivals now. I don't believe there will be a preacher who misses the rapture that will be saved. For if he will not live close enough to God and have grace enough to stand in the presence of the spirit of the anti-Christ while the Holy

Ghost is still here, how will he be able to stand before the real anti-Christ after the Holy Ghost has been taken away? We need not look for another sermon after the translation only the ones preached by the two witnesses and that preached by the angel with the everlasting gospel of the 14th chapter of Revelation.

We come back to the text. Some people can't seem to see that this is a judgment scene and think because this horse is white, that he stands for mercy, grace, or righteousness and that he is carrying this rider, whom they believe is Christ, through the earth to save the people who had missed the rapture for different reasons. The color of the horse actually stands for righteous judgment, but as far as I can see has no relation to the rider. He just simply carries this rider as his part in this great drama of God's judgments. The other three horses do the same thing. They bring their respective riders out to start their work of setting the stage for God's judgments. Christ was in heaven opening the seals, these three horses and riders were on earth. Christ didn't seem to send them out, the living creatures called them out. When Christ would break a seal, a living creature would say COME! Not telling John to come and see, but telling the horse to come with his rider. It was a command, or at least an invitation. These horses seem to be identical with the eight horses of the 6th chapter of Zechariah, or at least on the same order. The Bible doesn't say there were eight horses, but as each color was in the plural, and two horses were generally used to the chariot, it seems to imply there

were two to the chariot. But the angel that was talking to Zechariah counted them as four, and said in the 5th verse, "And the angel said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth." These are judgment angels and wherever they appear the JEHOVAH angel is there or near by. It was he that talked with Zechariah, it was he that talked with John on Patmos and so on through all the book of Revelation. Jesus will never appear in person on earth until he comes in glory to put an end to the tribulation. So these four horses of the 6th chapter of Revelation seem to be a reappearing of the ones Zechariah saw and they will play a great part in the awful judgments of the great tribulation. We next find them in the seventh chapter standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth that it should not blow on the earth, nor the sea, nor on any tree. Then he saw another angel ascending from the east having the seal of the living God, and with a loud voice he commanded the four angels not to start the destruction until he had sealed the servants of the living God on their foreheads. It doesn't look reasonable that these four angels would stand poised throughout all eternity. But on the surface it looks as though we never hear from them again. But let's take a look at the 9th chapter. "And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men." 6:13,15. So it appears to have been the voice of the JEHOVAH angel that bound them, or detained them in the seventh chapter, and the same one that ordered them loosed in the ninth chapter. This is one of the greatest acts of mercy recorded in the whole Bible.

Just think of all that will take place during that one year one month, one day, and one hour while these four angels of destruction have been poised, waiting to be loosed. If the angel ascending from the east had not stopped them, the hundred and forty four thousand out of Israel would not have been sealed. And the great multitude of white robed Gentiles with palms in their hands might never be redeemed but for the delay of these judgment angels.

We have conclusive evidence, or almost that, that the anti-Christ will not be here until the first seal is opened. The war in heaven between Michael and his angels and the dragon and his angels most certainly take place between the third and fourth chapters of Revelation, or at the first resurrection and translation. If the anti-Christ was here at that time, he would certainly be in that battle. But as he must be in power for the duration of seven years, he must come on the scene soon after the acts of the fifth chapter, and at about the same time the two witnesses of the eleventh chapter will begin their prophecy which will last for three and a half years, and the first mention we have of the anti-Christ is at the end of this three and a half years. Why? how could it be possible that such a character could bear rule over all the earth for that long and not be mentioned? The ninth chapter of Daniel tells us that he will confirm the covenant with many for one week; and that in the midst of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease. This with many other scriptures leads us to believe that this beast will make the false claim that he is Christ, and by many signs and wonders will actually cause many people to believe that he is Christ. Even the Jews will believe on him, and will be a great factor in establishing his kingdom. He will come into his power by deceiving people. He will not be anybody's fool, he will know just exactly how Christ will come, and will imitate Him just as nearly as possible. About the only

opposition he will have will be the two witnesses. They will be pleading with dispersed and regathered Israel. No doubt the witnesses will be trying to persuade them to break the covenant and turn to Christ. But this will not be accomplished until 'he sitteth down in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God.' That will be when he is revealed as what he is. His persecution of the Jews will begin at this time. However, his persecution and killings of the Christians will begin almost as soon as he comes into power and there will not be many left at the midst of his reign. The first glimpse that John got of him to recognize his identity was at the time he murdered the two witnesses, and yet he couldn't realize his awfulness until he saw him in the 13th chapter. In the 13th chapter and 5th verse it said, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." So this is definite proof that he had already reigned forty and two months, but under another guise. We know that he will come out of the bottomless pit, but when? or at what time of this seven year period? Let's take a look at the contrast between the rider of this horse and the rider of the one of the 19th chapter, which we emphatically know to be the Christ.

When the first rider comes a crown will be given him possibly by the ten confederated kings of the earth. He will not be warlike but he will be making a conquest seemingly by diplomacy.

So the first rider came when the first seal was opened but where from? The second one come from heaven. The first one went out to conquer with nothing but a bow which seems to be a peaceful conquest. The second one came to judge and make war. The first one had a crown given him, the second one already had many crowns on his head. You didn't see the first one's eyes, but the second one's eyes are as a flame of fire. There was nothing said about the first one's clothes, the second one hath a vesture dipped in blood. The first one had no

name, the second one's name is called the Word of God. There were no armies following the first one only judgments and misery as each succeeding seal was opened, the armies of heaven followed the second one on white horses wearing white robes. The only impliments of war the first one had was a bow. No arrows, no spear, no sword, the second one had a sharp sword proceeding out of his mouth to smite the nations with. The first had no wine press, the second one treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. The first one had no name written, the second one's name is KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Christ will come looking back through six thousand years of Satan's rule over the earth, seeing all the righteous blood that has been shed from Able to the last martyr by the anti-Christ. In His ears still ring the groans of Israel in Egypt bondage, and His fire flaming eyes can see every act of mal-treatment that have been recorded since the beginning. He sees the sun-clad woman that gave birth to the man child, sees her suffering through all these awful years, and sees the blood of her seed that was shed by the beast. He hears the souls under the altar crying out for revenge. And not least, He sees the cross and all the cruelties thereof. He saw the great whore astride the scarlet colored beast intoxicated with the blood of the saints. He also saw all the smoke that ascended from the papal stakes, and heard the victory cry of John Huss as the flames enveloped his tortured body. No wonder the little mount of olives will cleave asunder when his feet touch it!

I am unable to find one verse of scripture to substantiate the thought that the rider of the white horse of the 6th chapter of Revelation is Christ. And if he should be Christ, with no more evidence than we have to prove that he is, I believe the Lord would expect us to be very careful about jumping at conclusions. For he cautioned us in regard to this.

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## “ FOR THEY WERE COUNTED FAITHFUL.”

### NEH. 13:13

By Mrs. John Ferguson, Nolan, W. Va.

A few weeks ago my husband, a Free Will Baptist minister, and I were invited to attend a memorial service in Floyd County Kentucky. We were met in Prestonsburg and drove out into the country eighteen miles to a small place called Endicott, on the head of Buffalo Creek.

On Sunday morning we climbed the mountain to a cemetery where the services were to be held. A large crowd soon gathered, among them a number of very old people. One woman 85 years old had walked five miles from across a mountain in order to be there.

Several ministers were present and all were given a chance to bring their message to the people. It was an inspiring service and two souls were added to the church.

We were especially thrilled as we listened to the Rev. Isaac Stratton pleading with his people "to let Jesus go their bond." As we listened to this slender, quiet spoken man, we understood why his congregation loved and respected him so much, and why they were so eager to tell us of the work he had done there.

Twenty-five years ago Bro. Stratton walked over the mountain into that community on Buf-

falo Creek. There were few Bibles in the neighborhood and fewer Christians. The country was rough with no roads, just paths up the mountain side. Undaunted, this brother made regular trips each month over these paths bringing God's message of love to this isolated community. In time a church was organized. That church grew and branched out. There are now three active churches as a monument to God's love and the faithfulness of this mountain preacher.

The people are a friendly, God-fearing people. They will tell you that the weather was never too hot, the rain too hard, or the snow drifts too deep to keep their pastor from keeping his appointments. In all these years the times he has failed to be there are so few they can be counted over on the fingers of one hand, and give you a reason for each failure.

Thank God for these mountain preachers who are not afraid to follow Jesus by taking the mountain trails in order to carry His message of love and redemption to the isolated parts of our land.

"Till He comes  
Mrs. John Ferguson  
Nolan, W. Va.

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## GOOD MORNING

By Malcolm W. Bingay

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Submitted by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Mich.

A while ago there was held (or, maybe it is still running) a world conference for mental health at London in which the crackpots of the mind-healing business espoused their vagaries. The several Billion human beings who blight the face of the earth, we are told, would all become angelic by being psycho-analyzed.

As nobody had any idea how you could psycho-analyze two billion people by mass production, it was set down as just bunk for

headlines. At that, it was no sillier than the proposition made at the same meeting by this fellow Julian Huxley who for some reason beyond my limited understanding, was made "The Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization".

Or, perhaps it is not so strange at that. Perhaps such a perposterous organization as "The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization" has

to have a chap like Julian Huxley at the head of it. You ought to see him thrill the ladies at Town Hall lectures with his paraphrastic erudition.

He continued that we should all study the East Indian system of Yoga. By this process of umbilical hypnosis, he thinks we can bring about an economic and spiritual millennium.

IF YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY, QUIT LAUGHING. YOU ARE PAYING YOUR TAX MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE "UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION."

Then there was held at Wroclaw, Poland, a convention by an international group possessed of such colossal gall as to call themselves "The World's Congress of Intellectuals". Huxley was at that one, too.

There was also Pablo Picasso the guy who paints backfence daubs on canvass in insane colors and is called a genius by the decadent intellectuals of the world. At one of the dinners he became so intellectual that he took off his coat and shirt and went around exhibiting his belly button.

And so it goes. The world is being furnished with international gatherings of every kind, form, and shape, and all are talking about how to save mankind. I do not know why it is necessary to hold world talks in order to figure out HOW to save mankind.

Jesus answered all that when He said that the kingdom of God is within YOU. He did not mean the other fellow or any convention of delegates.

### There Is No Way to Mass Salvation

I remember when the late Bishop Charles D. Williams of the Episcopal Church was asked if he would approve a campaign of billboards to induce people to go to church—telling the world of the comforts and pleasures and companionships that were to be found in such a fellowship.

"I will approve", the bishop told the committee, "if you will put on it this one sentence from the Lord Himself: 'If any man

will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me'."

The billboards were never erected. The noble Christian gentlemen who were willing to finance them did not think such a message would get any gregarious gents into the joys of knife-and-fork Christianity.

Which brings me to another international gathering, this time, The World Conference of Churches at Amsterdam. There the gathered clergy filed a long and passionate report on the sins of mankind, headed by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr who must be a very bright man, indeed, because I can never understand a thing he says.

## NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COVENTION APPROVES TEACHER TRAINING

*By Miss Gertrude Bowe, Secretary-Treasurer*

The National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention in session at Glennville, Georgia, August 10-12, 1948, was highlighted by its emphasis on teacher training. The Convention was off to a good start on Tuesday night with some timely remarks by Rev. Kettelman, retiring President, on the subject "The Miracle Book for Our Mechanical Age". This was the President's message to the Convention.

The message for the evening was given by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, pastor of the Fellowship Church, Flat River, Mo. Rev. Dodd's subject was "Go, Get, Teach." His message was based on Matt. 28:18-20. With the statement, "As a missionary, advancing organization, our denomination will be impeded or progressed by the Sunday School Convention," Rev. Dodd proceeded to challenge those present with the divine order as given in Romans 10:13-15, and to show "Our Task—Go", "The Requisite—Find (get or search out)", and "Our Obligation—Teach". He told the Convention that "The church who cannot produce her kind has no right to exist" and showed where we are as a denomination with statistics that only 85,000 Free Will Baptists out of 300,000 are

The gist of the report is that the church objects to the ideologies of both Communism and Capitalism, because both deny the philosophy of Christ. Both are based on materialistic concepts and both, in their ultimate analysis, reject the spiritual values of life?

That's right! Bill, why doesn't the church preach that basic doctrine? Why are not the ordained of God out on the street corners working among the publicans and the sinners? The church is just as materialistic in attitude as is the Communist or Capitalist. So, why hold world meetings?

If the church believes in Christianity, why not start practicing it?

in Sunday School. This, he said, was a conservative estimate. He stated the main reason for these figures is we just haven't gone, and the remedy is an enlarged faith, an enlarged field, and an enlarged FORCE.

With this challenging message, the Convention was well prepared for Dr. Clarence H. Benson, who was guest speaker. On Wednesday morning, Dr. Benson gave the history and purpose of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, and explained the courses for training Sunday School teachers offered by the Association. At the evening service, Dr. Benson read from the Old Testament directions for religious instruction in the home and in the church (Deut. 6:4-9; 31:12). From these verses he challenged the young people to become teachers—Christian teachers. "It is the Christian Teacher who will determine whether religion or rowdism will rule America," he said, and continued, "How few parents today are teachers, and yet, young people, you will be a teacher whether you want it or not if you marry and establish a home . . . The Christian teacher is the hope of the world." "Between the day of natural birth and the day of

the spiritual birth there is not a moment to be lost." Thus, Dr. Benson challenged us to train for the teaching ministry—"a sad and neglected ministry," he said.

In the business session on Thursday morning, the Convention approved the Preliminary Training Course of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association for training Sunday School teachers and officers and Christian parents for the teaching ministry in the Free Will Baptist Denomination. The Convention also approved the outline of a manual of Sunday School administration, A STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOL, being written by Rev. L. R. Ennis, which, when ready, will replace Dr. Benson's manual in the Preliminary Training Course for training teachers in our denomination.

Eleven states were represented at the Convention—ten with delegates and one by letter. Two state conventions, North Carolina and West Virginia, three district conventions, Cumberland of Tenn., South Carolina District, and Progressive of Ala., and 17 local Sunday Schools represented.

The officers for the coming year are:

President—Rev. LaVérne Miley.  
V. P.—Rev. T. G. Hamilton.  
Sec.-Treas.—Miss Gertrude Bowe  
Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis.  
Director of Denominational Enterprises, Rev. M. L. Sutton.  
Director of Records and Reports—Rev. Luther Gibson.  
Director of Publicity—Mrs. L. E. Ballard.  
Director of Organization—Rev. Robert B. Crawford.

The place for the next annual Convention is in the hands of the Executive Committee. If your church is prepared to care for the Convention and would like to have the next session in August, 1949, write Miss Gertrude Bowe, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, before the first of the year. The Executive Committee expects to meet soon after January 1, 1949, and announcement as to the exact time and place will be made later.

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## EDITORIAL

### IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST

The recent setting of of the Missouri State Association held near Kirksville, Mo. was surely one of the best ones. This was the 22nd State Meeting I have attended in succession having attended the first one in 1926. There has been very few sessions since that time that haven't been wonderful indeed. This recent session can certainly be classified as one of the best. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout and everyone seemed to be in a progressive mood.

#### Mission Campaign Launched

A \$10,000.00 campaign was launched for missions, which fund is to be divided on a 70-30 percentage basis, 70% to be used for foreign missions and 30% for home missions. From now on every one in this state of Missouri is urged to send in your missionary offerings under the heading of "MISSIONS". However, you are still privileged, if you so desire, to send offerings in for either foreign or home missions as you may care to designate it; but the State Association is asking you to please drop the words home and foreign if you will and send in just for missions. This is the ideal way. If we support this plan, we will be adequately supporting both home and foreign missions, and it is true that both are equally important. So come on, let's send our offerings for "missions", thereby strengthening our work at home and at the same time

taking care of our work in other lands. Read carefully the article in this issue by Rev. Damon Dodd, who is Foreign Missions Director of this state. Send all offerings for missions to Marie Hyatt, Treas., Centerview, Missouri.

#### Entertainment Wonderful

We certainly did not lack for good eats and good places to stay during the week. The Free Will Baptists of Northeast Missouri Association were on the job with swell entertainment. They had an extremely large tent erected on the grounds at Sublette Church which was practically filled each night and with no small crowd under the canvas in the day time also. It was indeed good to be there.

#### Wonderful Preaching

The following ministers filled the stand at the various preaching hours during the week: Archie Cooper, Mary Wellbaum, Damon Dodd, Benjamin Scott, Harvey Hill, and J. F. Miller. Each of these brought wonderful messages which were greatly attended with the Spirit. Rev. Dodd brought the message on Missionary night and Rev. Hill brought the message on Youth Rally night. Splendid offerings were given for both missions and the Youth Encampment.

See the report of the Clerk-Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, elsewhere in this issue, which covers the activity of the week.

### REPORT OF THE F. W. B. GEM FOR LAST YEAR

September 19, 1947 to August 31, 1948

The work of the Free Will Baptist Gem has gone forward during the past year with great blessing. Surely the Lord has been very near this work constantly since last State Association. We have received wonderful cooperation from far and near for which we are indeed grateful; not only from this state alone, but from all states

which comprise the National.

At the time we entered the office last fall the subscription list stood at just a little over 400. It now stands at about 1700, and these are all paid up to date.

During the year we have been enabled, by the cooperation of friends to the work, to pay a little over half of the old debt of

\$400.00 which the institution has been owing to the State Extension Fund for so many years. Also from the donations given at the State Association last fall we paid off a note of \$83.27 and interest to the amount of \$7.85. There is a balance due the State Extension Fund to the amount of \$196.00, and we owe \$60.00 for some pieces of equipment recently purchased; other than these and just a very few small current bills, the enterprise is free of indebtedness.

All the machinery has been efficiently and nicely repaired and additional equipment has been added as follows: one large folding machine, one small folding machine, a large proofing press, a perforator, a paper punch, an addressing machine, and many smaller articles. All this is paid for except the \$60.00 mentioned above. Of course, all who read the Gem are acquainted with the fact that we traded the old linotype in an even trade for the two folding machines.

We have taken in from all sources during the past year the amount of \$6,213.81. Of this amount we have paid out a total of \$6,077.33. Of this amount paid out the Editor received for his own personal use during the year \$432.42. After one year on Aug. 31, 1948 there was a balance in the treasury of \$136.48, and of this \$136.48, \$120.01 belongs in the special Equipment Fund.

Of the \$6,213.81 received during the past year the following amounts came from the following sources:

Subscriptions .....	\$1,426.00
Donations .....	1,114.20
Printing of minutes and booklets .....	1,278.83
Sale of S. S. Supplies ....	119.50
Sale of books .....	289.00
Advertising .....	38.50
Special Equipment F. ....	306.30

The balance we received was from general job work, etc.

Of the \$6,077.33 paid out during the past year the following



amounts were paid out for the the following purposes:

Salaries .....	\$2,805.50
S. S. and with-holding tax which was paid in addition to salaries .....	173.02
Paper stock .....	649.27
Repair on machinery ....	277.48
Repair on building .....	17.25
Cost of books (for re-sale) .....	136.40
Paid on debt (State Extension Fund) .....	204.00
Equipment (other than from Equipment F.) .....	46.51
Picture cuts .....	36.55
Ink .....	43.52
Note (83.27 & Int.) .....	91.12
Editor's personal use ....	432.42

The balance we paid out was for various and miscellaneous things necessary to the carrying on of the work.

We have called upon the state treasury during the past year for the following:

New roof .....	\$115.00
Rollers for large press ....	66.00
Awnings for windows ....	32.00
Linotype mold wheel .....	46.68
Of the \$306.30 received on the Special Equipment Fund the following has been paid out:	
Trip to K. C. looking for machinery .....	\$ 16.25
Hauling expense to K. C. ....	27.75
Installing machinery .....	36.37
Commission to salesman ..	7.50
Miller job press feeder ....	25.00
Motor for job press .....	30.00
Grippers for job press ....	1.25
Linotype repairs .....	14.67
Addressing machine .....	27.50
Total .....	\$186.29
Balance .....	\$120.01
Unpaid bills (Approx.) ....	\$125.00

We covet your prayers for the continued success of this work. There are yet many needs at the Gem office. Much more equipment we could use to a great advantage. The Gem enterprise needs to be stocked with a large quantity of religious books for retail, etc., but we are thankful for the strides made thus far, and are hoping and praying for greater.

I remain,

Yours to serve,  
Winford Davis, Editor-Mgr.

## THE IDEAL PLAN

Following are Resolutions No. One and No. Three taken from the report of the Publication Committee which was recently given at the Missouri State Association. Recommendation No. 1.

Realizing there is not enough subscriptions to the Free Will Baptist Gem in the state of Missouri, in comparison to the membership of the state, and in view of the fact the Gem is a Missouri owned enterprise; in the face of this situation we, therefore, recommend the following: That each local church, from out of the church treasury, place the Gem in every home connected with the local body. If the regular church offerings are not sufficient to take care of this, then let a special offering be taken every quarter for this purpose so that at the end of each year there will be sufficient funds to pay for one year's

subscription to each family. We further recommend that pastors of the churches see that this is done.

Recommendation No. 3.

That we continue to donate as liberally as possible to the "Gem Office Equipment Fund" thereby continuing to bring the Gem enterprise to a place where it can be of more and better service in the field of printing and publication.

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### PLEASE GIVE THESE YOUR CONSIDERATION

We call your attention to the above recommendations Nos. 1 and 3 of the Publication Committee which were adopted at the recent State Association. If you want the Gem to go over the top then cooperate with us on these adopted recommendations:

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## WHAT ABOUT THE STATE UNIFIED FUND

### What Is The Money Used For?

Every church in the state should be supporting our State Unified Fund. It is the one fund that is divided between every phase of our work, both state and national. As regulated by Missouri State Ass'n. when you send in money to the State Treasurer earmarked Unified Fund, she divides it as follows: 75% to National Unified Fund, which fund is prorated to foreign missions, home missions, Christian education and superannuation. The other 25% is kept in our state treasury and is divided as follows:

General state expense .....	75%
State superannuation .....	10%
For Nat'l. Headquarters ....	5%

To explain we might say that the 75% marked General state expense goes for the expense of the Clerk's office, printing of minutes, maintenance of the Gem office building and machinery, and dues to the National Association, etc.

Again we say when you give to this fund, you are helping everything in the Free Will Baptist Connection. We repeat every church should be supporting the

State Unified Fund.

—The Editor

NOTE: This explanation is given on the basis of distribution which was the ruling last year. The State Executive Board is given the authority to establish the order of distribution of the Unified Fund at the beginning of each state associational year. If there has been any change made for the ensuing year, we have not heard of it. I am supposing the order will be the same as last year.

—W. D.

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### NOTICE

This is to announce that Rev. Bob Woolley has resigned his pastoral work to go into full time evangelistic work. He is now open for meetings any time after January 1, 1949. Anyone wishing to contact him concerning meetings may write Rev. Bob Woolley, P. O. Box 85, Raleigh, N. C.





MRS. EMMA MOORE

### INFINITE LOVE

Mrs. Emma Moore of Springfield, Illinois, one of our fine Free Will Baptist ladies, has contributed this splendid piece of work which we have printed in booklet form and are now offering for sale. It is rich in spiritual truth, and surely Mrs. Moore was inspired of the Lord as she penned its pages. To read it is to be greatly elevated in soul and spirit. It is a 27 page booklet and sells at the reasonable price of 30c per copy, \$3.25 per doz., \$12.50 for fifty copies, and 100 copies for \$20.00. You are invited to order in large quantities and retail at a profit.

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*NOTE: All who make a donation to our Gem Office Equipment Fund will be sent a copy of the above book free of charge.*

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Desloge, Mo.  
Aug. 11, 1948

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord. It has been a long time since I have written to you but I recently had a request to let you know how I am getting along. It occurs to me that perhaps I should have written sooner but I did not realize I had been missed to that extent.

I have had an extremely long siege of illnesses, in fact, I have been sick for three years. During that time I have been hospitalized five times and have suffered two major operations. It seemed to me that there was no end to the troubles and sorrows I was called

to endure, but, thanks be to God who ever giveth the victory, I am improving steadily. I weigh more now than I have at any time in the past years. May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have prayed for me or who has contributed to my betterment in any way. Your cards and letters have been such a joy to me, I have kept everyone and I go back through the stack (some, I have pasted in a scrap book) and think of you and long to see you. Truly, the Lord has been very good to me. He has given me friends, He has provided for me, He has given me strength to carry on. Oh I could not begin to tell you of the many, many things the Lord has done for me and mine.

Not long ago, Bro. Dan Cronk preached at our church and my daughter was saved and yielded her life to the cause of missions. I just returned from our Missouri Youth Camp where my three sons made decisions for Christ. I think I could write volumes of the goodness and mercy of God.

The Youth Camp was indeed a wonderful thing. I was never in a more powerful revival than we witnessed there. Every child who came to the camp a sinner, went away a Christian. It seemed as though we were shut away from the world for those two weeks. It was a fore-taste of heaven. We are eagerly looking forward to next year's encampment.

While there, was privileged to see Sis. Marie Hyatt, who told me of the progress of the women's work. Praise God for such glowing reports.

Since I began this letter, my second son, Jimmy, was injured while playing ball at school. He had such severe nose bleeds that got worse and worse until finally they became hemorrhages which necessitated our taking him to the hospital. While he was hemorrhaging so badly and it seemed as if nothing would stop the flow of blood, you can only guess at all that was in my heart. I remembered his testimonies, his prayers, and the last day of the Youth Encampment when he had stood with two

others at the consecration altar and said, "Mom, He wants me to be a missionary." Jimmy is better and back home now, thanks again unto God. I thank Him again, too, for loyal, true friends who stood by with me and prayed for my boy.

Thus go my days. Each day brings its share of work, troubles, heartaches, but withal the blessings of God. His Grace is sufficient. Please continue to pray for me and mine. We need your prayers. Wanda is entering our College at Nashville this year to prepare herself for more efficient service for the Master. I shall miss her companionship I know, but I can see her go happy in the will of the Lord. May I hear from you when you have time.

Yours to serve,  
Eunice Edwards



MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS

### PERSONAL SOUL WINNING

A book of 45 pages written by Mrs. Eunice Edwards of Desloge, Mo. Mrs. Edwards is a very capable writer, which fact this book clearly evidences. It is indeed a very interesting piece of work, and should be read and studied by everyone who is endeavoring to live a Christian life. If you desire to be a greater soul winner, this book will surely help you. Why not order 50 or 100 copies and retail in your community at a profit. Price as follows:

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## REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

By Marie Hyatt, Clerk, Centerview, Mo.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:12.

The previous session of our Missouri State Association formulated plans which will lead our State in the fulfillment of the above passage of scripture. The Introductory message, "God's X-Ray", was soul-searching and admonished Christians to have their hearts wholly cleansed from sin; thus enabling them to live consecrated lives for the Master. Truly, this is the basic need of our church.

The missionary message on Wednesday night challenged folk to missionary activity. Three requisites for missionary service: 1. Surrender of self and family; 2. Surrender of our own comforts, pleasures, and luxuries of life; 3. Getting the message to those who really need it formulated the essence of the message.

The following item taken from the Missions Committee was adopted by the body:

"Whereas this Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists has by definite expressions manifested in various ways, a desire to launch forth in a program of missions which would embrace both home and foreign missions, and

Whereas it seems to be to the best interest of the cause in general that we henceforth turn our support into one channel to be designated to one or the other of the phases of missions by a proportionate share to be decided upon.

Item No. 1. We recommend that we set our goal for Missions for the year 1948-49 the sum of \$10,000.00 to be allocated on a 70-30 basis; that is 70% to be used for the support of our foreign mission program and 30% for the support of our home mission program."

Churches—Please remember to send in your offerings for missions. It will be allocated on the 70-30 percentages.

Steps were taken by our state to assist in the down payment on a church building in Kansas City, Mo., provided satisfactory arrangements can be made to organize a F. W. B. Church and buy the property, the Board of Home Missions to assist in the purchase of the property and organization of the church.

An offering of \$250.03 was given to missions during the setting of the Association.

Rev. Henry Melvin, Executive Secretary of National Free Will Baptists and Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, was a welcome visitor to our conference. He brought us information concerning our College and work as a whole. In cooperation with our National program, our State adopted the following item:

"That the Missouri State Association be responsible for the minimum amount \$100.00 for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Expansion Program, this amount to be paid by the local churches sent through the State Treasury ear-marked for the \$100.00 check and to be paid by January 1, 1949."

Plans were also made that a State Director of Education would be appointed by our Moderator. This appointment is to be announced through the Gem.

The Thursday night service was Youth Rally Night. An inspirational program presented by young people touched hearts. The challenging testimonies from the young people who attended the previous session of our Youth Camp moved the church to accept the call from the youth to support our Youth Encampment work. Read II Cor. 12:14. The message of the evening challenged folk to open their eyes and accept the responsibilities and blessings from God; also, rally to the support of the Youth Encampment program. An offering of \$167.88 was given to the Youth Encampment Fund.

The State Auxiliary Convention proved to be a real blessing.

The Theme and Watchword, "Glorifying the King that the generations to come might know" left an imprint on the hearts of people especially the women of our church.

The report of our Gem office and its work made our hearts rejoice as we thanked God for the blessings of this year as the Gem entered homes and led people into activity for the Lord. We express our appreciation to Bro. Davis and his co-laborers in the Gem office for accomplished achievements of the past year.

The Superannuation Board requests that our churches give the minimum of \$1.00 per member the coming year for this work.

Rev. Kenneth Turner showed pictures of our mission work in Cuba and the Missouri State Youth Encampment. These pictures proved to be a blessing to hundreds of people seated in the large tabernacle.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1. The fellowship of the week was a blessing to everyone. The times of fellowship handshakes will be long remembered of the 1948 session of Missouri State Association. This was a time of reunion in our midst. The folk of Northeast Mo. provided real entertainment for the material needs of our Association. Their kind hospitality was a blessing to all.

A message, "The Power of the Voice of God", delivered during the Ass'n. admonished and stirred hearts to be obedient to God. Oh, that our churches would respond to His voice. United we stand; divided we fall. Let us go forward and work plans as launched. Thus we will be a blessing to the world and see the salvation of souls.

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May we use this means to again express our appreciation to Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor of the Glennville and Ebenezer Churches of Glennville, Georgia, for the splendid way they cared for the Convention this year. It was a grand Convention.



# CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

## THE SOUTHWEST AUX. CONVENTION & OTHER ITEMS

The Southwest District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met August 28, 1948 at the Glamorgan Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wise, Virginia. The Theme of the convention was "Conquerors with Christ," Rom. 3:37.

Only two district officers and four delegates represented the conference. The convention was largely attended by the host Auxiliary group and others. There were several visitors from other state associations, who honored the meeting with their presence.

The following visitors were present and recognized: Mrs. Fannie E. Polston, Ex Treasurer of the W. N. A. C., of Nashville, Tenn.; I. L. Stanley, Superintendent of the Home for Children at Greeneville, Tenn., with six of the children, namely, Emma Johnson, Bonnie Hall, Ralph Johnson, Larry Compton, Bobbie Jean Derriek, Joyce Richards; also present were Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach, Durham, N. C.

The singing for the morning session was directed by Mr. Stanley which was enjoyed very much by all.

Rev. Mrs. Osgood gave two very beautiful piano selections during the afternoon session.

The program was as follows:

Opening devotion by the President, Rev. Della Salyer.

Prayer by E. J. Kilgore. The Scripture reading was from the 6th chapter of St. Matthew.

Remarks by the President, Rev. Della Salyer; followed by the reading of the minutes and Treasurer's report given by the Secretary.

The following ministers were present and recognized: Revs. Maurice W. Roach, Della Salyer, Mrs. Osgood, Mack Fisher.

An introduction of the children by Supt. Stanley, was followed by a very soul-stirring program given by the children.

Address by Mr. Stanley relat-

ing to the homelife and responsibilities as shared by each child as a member of the home.

An outstanding feature was the announcement of the proposed building project which program is now under way for the erection of the Virginia Cottage. The plans were related in detail as to location, materials, accommodation, and architecture. One of the highlights of the address was expressed in the biography of the great souls who blazed spiritual paths before us in fostering the first plans for an orphan's home in Tennessee. It was the Woman's Auxiliary Organization in Tenn. with which Fannie E. Polston was affiliated when the vision for an orphan's home was conceived.

A bountiful lunch was served picnic style at the church which was enjoyed by all present.

Devotions were brief followed by a short business period. The Recording Secretary gave the various reports as there were no Vice Presidents or committees present. There were only three departmental reports received.

Mrs. Polston conducted a very inspirational and informative review from the Manual of Methods touching upon the few subjects of greater importance, namely: Why Organize a Woman's Auxiliary? What Is It? What It Is Not. Plan of Organization, Constitution, Duties of Presidents. She stressed the importance of the support of all phases of the work, recommending that the title and offering methods be used in meeting the responsibilities. She explained briefly the officers record-report forms and their use in the various departments. Much stress was given to the importance of the support of the Co-Laborer Band Fund stating that the contributions should be paid through the Church Treasurer. She instructed the district body in adopting the Methods which is to harmonize

all plans with the only line of instruction that Free Will Baptist Women have the New Manual in order to be a part of the National Organization. For by any other name we could not be recognized by the national organization. Furthermore, she suggested a vote of approval of the Methods be made by the body in session.

There were two resolutions adopted for the advancement of the work, namely:

1. That each local auxiliary adopt the Manual of Methods as the plan of work of the auxiliary in order to be a part of the National Organization.

2. That each auxiliary resolve to put forth a special effort to help their church in the matter of furnishing the Virginia Cottage at the Greeneville Home for Children with furniture, curtains, and the different line of linens as shall be specified by the home.

By motion the meeting adjourned to meet October 30, 1948 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Dryden, Virginia.

Dismissed with prayer by Mr. Stanley after which special prayer was offered for the success of the revival in progress at the local church led by Bro. E. J. Kilgore.

May we seek diligently to promote every phase of the kingdom work of our Master, and "Study to show ourselves approved unto him," at all times knowing that it is through and in Him we live and move and have our being and that only as we have the Spirit of Christ living within us, we shall be "More than Conquerors through Him that loved us."

Reported by  
Miss Edna M. Davis,  
Acting Corres. Secy.

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Highland Park 3, Mich.  
August 25, 1948

Thirteen members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church met on Monday evening, August



9, at 7:30 p.m. for our monthly time of devotions and fellowship together. It being the beginning of a new Auxiliary year, our most important item of business was the election of new officers for the coming twelve months. Several of our officers were unanimously re-elected for the year.

Complete list as follows:

President—Sis. Slocum.

First V. P.—Sis. Winona Riggs.

Second V. P.—Sis. Sloan.

Third V. P.—Sis. Mildred Daniels.

Fourth V. P.—Sis. Collins.

Fifth V. P.—Sis. Apple.

Social Chairman—Sis. Averett.

Recording Secy.—Sis. Henshaw.

Treasurer—Sis. Shaw.

We earnestly covet the prayers of every Gem Reader that we will always be in the center of the Lord's will.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mary Mielke

Ass't. Corres. Secy.

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### CENTER ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Held August 12, 1948

Officers:

President—June Crumb.

Secretary—Emma Palmer.

Vice Presidents:

First—Mrs. Sparks.

Second—Bertha Barker.

Third—Anna Hunt.

Fourth—Edna Buckelew.

Fifth—Oleta Pate

Field Worker—Effie Wood.

No. of Auxiliaries, 3.

No. of members, 43.

Money was received by donations, dues, special offerings, food sales, etc.

Paid out:

Camp Ground ..... \$382.45

Convention dues ..... 12.90

Auxiliary Speaker ..... 17.90

Flowers ..... 25.49

To orphanage (cash, etc.) 530.44

Miscellaneous ..... 211.70

Total paid out ..... \$1180.88

No. Study Classes ..... 20

No. subscribing church papers 10

Manual Study Classes ..... 5

Observing week of prayer ..... 1

Trays to sick ..... 152

Cottage prayer meetings ..... 16

Baskets for needy ..... 28

We urge the cooperation of every church member in the auxiliary work, and hope to see more auxiliaries organized in another year.

The Center Association Auxiliary rallies for this year will be on Friday before the 5th Sunday at the places of the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Edna Buckelew, Reporter

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Couch, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

I am reporting our Daily Vacation Bible School we had at the Gariold Church, east of Couch, Mo.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . .

May we as Christian workers help our young people to see their need in the church and that there is a work for them.

We enjoyed a good school and had an average attendance of 27 pupils each day with 8 regular teachers and 4 helpers. We ask God's blessing on the women who were so faithful and also Rev. Joe Sisks and Rev. Mark Lewis who helped part of the time

This is our first Bible school, and we feel God really blessed us in it. It was a great help to each and everyone and it thrills our souls to see the little faces so eager to learn about the Bible.

We need your prayers that we may all work together more for the glory of the Lord.

Mrs. Davie N. Combs

Rev. Davie N. Combs, Pastor

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### A GOOD REVIVAL IN MICH.

We have recently closed a very successful three week's revival meeting with Rev. F. C. Zinn of Flat River, Mo. as Evangelist. Bro. Zinn was assisted by Bro. J. C. Montgomery as Director of Music and Bro. Kenneth Apple, pianist. Rev. Everett Hellard of Okla. was with us for part of the meeting. Rev. Edgil Howard and Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastors of this con-

ference, were present most every service and contributed much to the meeting.

The church was greatly blessed, backsliders were reclaimed, and several saved. Five united with the church and will be baptized. Rev. Zinn made many friends while with us, and we are looking forward to having him again soon.

H. E. Willis, Pastor

Hazel Park, Mich.

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### A GOD-SENT REVIVAL

On the fourth Sunday night in August we started a meeting at a little Free Will Baptist Church near Haleut, Miss., and from the very first service great crowds came out to hear the Word of God preached. I have never seen the power of God more greatly manifested as I tried in my humble way to preach Jesus and Him crucified to those hungry souls. On Wednesday night on the altar were full grown people asking for prayer and seeking Christ as their Saviour. Several were saved that night and many shouted the praises of God for saving their loved ones. In every service from this time on souls were saved and we closed the meeting on the following Sunday afternoon with 93 additions to the church and 81 of that number for baptism. It was a beautiful scene out in a big open field with a lovely lake in the center where the two or three thousand people gathered around to witness the burial of these believers in Baptism. After I had just finished baptizing this great number and we were fellowshiping them, people just kept coming confessing Christ as their Saviour and Lord and requesting Baptism and I went back into the water three different times that afternoon and baptized those who came asking for baptism. Just as I was about to dismiss the crowd an old lady 71 years old came and said "I want to follow my Lord in baptism. I have been a Methodist all my life but I am thoroughly convinced that I should follow my Lord in the beautiful ordinance of baptism." She did not come with any thought of being bap-



tized, for she didn't bring any extra clothes with her, but was baptized and went home rejoicing in her wet clothing. This was truly an old time, Holy Ghost sent revival. The great crowds that attended confessed that they had never witnessed anything like it. I have received reports from this church that others are still being saved and there will be several more for Baptism when I go back for a service. Please, everybody who reads this, the fourth Sunday in this month, pray for me and the work that many more precious souls will be saved. This has been the greatest year of all my ministry in soul winning.

Yours in His service

M. L. Hollis

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### NOTICE

**Dear Gem Readers and Youth for Christ Workers:**

Just a line to say the Youth Encampment Board is seeking the cooperation of our people to help us meet the \$500.00 note due Nov. 1, 1948 by sending your special offering and pledges that we may be ready to pay it on time.

Thanking you in good faith to all.

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

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### FIRST CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMP MEETING

Report of the First Youth Camp Meeting of Free Will Baptists of the state of California held with the Turlock Free Will Baptist Church August 2 through 6, 1948.

We are happy to report this, our first Youth Camp Meeting, was a grand success and greatly enjoyed by all who were in attendance all or even part of the time.

We met on Monday, Aug. 2nd, and organized.

Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to teach the seniors and Sis. F. A. McCage, assisted by Sis. Carl Jenson, was elected to teach the juniors. Rev. Earl Jenson was elected as sponsor of the boys and Sis. Earl Jenson, sponsor of the girls.

Our day began each morning at



*A Baptising Scene Near Halcut, Miss.*

9:30 a.m. in assembly meeting singing our Theme Song, Heavenly Sunlight.

Devotional and prayer.

Class period then until 10:30.

Recess until 11:00.

Morning worship from 11:00 to 12:00 noon with our young ministers doing the preaching, namely: Rev. Billy Joe Adkins, Rev. Bryant Montgomery, and Rev. Gregory, who did some very fine preaching supported by some of the older ministers.

From 12:00 noon to 1:30 lunch was served in the dining room of the church prepared by the good mothers of the church under the direction of the good pastor's wife.

We wish to say here the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Downs with the cooperation of their people, certainly did a splendid job in feeding and taking care of the Youth Camp Meeting.

#### Afternoon Schedule

Assembly at 1:30. Theme Song, and prayer.

Class period until 2:30 and recreational period from 2:30 until 4:30. We played volley ball, soft ball, and pitched horse shoes and certainly had some grand times.

During the hours 4:30 to 7:30 we had the evening meal and preparation for the night service. Our older ministers did some very good preaching at these services; they

were: Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. Earl Jenson, and Rev. J. L. Waltman.

Seven precious souls were saved during this Youth camp meeting.

We had 34 Leagues in attendance. We hope to have that number doubled next year.

We wish to thank Rev. and Mrs. F. A. McCage and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Jenson for their good work and faithful service in making this Youth Camp a success.

In closing may we ask you to pray for our youth in Calif. that we may be used of the Master to constrain the youth around us to see and feel the need of more abundant life in Christ Jesus.

Margie Payne  
Reporter

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said there would be many come in His name and deceive many. He said they would deceive the very elect if it were possible.

On the other hand, if this rider should be the anti-Christ, there will probably be plenty of our preachers there when he rides up to testify in his favor. Let me here repeat a statement I made in the beginning of this article. I did not, nor do not, make a positive statement as to who this rider is. I have only tried to let the scripture speak its own language.



### TRI-STATE 5TH SUNDAY MEETING

The Tri-state Free Will Baptist Fifth Sunday Meeting was held at North West Picher, or better known, the Blue Frount Church August 29, 1948.

Bro. Norman Green preached the Introductory Sermon; Scripture, II Cor. 8:9.

Congregational singing.

Message by Bro. Whitiker; Acts 9:10-20.

Song, Bro. Bailey, Some Glad Day When Jesus Comes.

Message by Bro. Walgamotte, Daniel 3:16.

Song by Sis. Ott Green, Upper Window.

Message by Sis. Elda Crain, II Peter 2:9.

Song by Bro. and Sis. Mayfield, Bro. Baily, and Sis. Mayfield, Hide Thou Me Rock of Ages; also I Will Meet You in the Morning.

Message by Sis. Clara Taylor; John 10:9.

Song by Bro. and Sis. Norman Green and Sis. Elda Crain, He Bore it All.

Message by Sis. Mayfield; "Time", Genesis 1; Eph. 1:10; I Tim. 4; Rev. 10:6.

Song by South Picher Church, I'm Getting Ready.

Message by Bro. F. E. Crain; II Tim. 2:16.

Song by Bro. Sis. Mayfield, Goodby Old World, I'm Through.

Message by Bro. Norman Green; John 3:16.

Song by Sis. Elda Crain and her mother, Emiline Crain, You Never Mentioned Him to Me.

Message by Bro. Art Kirk; Gen. 3:9.

Song by Sis. Joyce Bruner, Face to Face.

Message by Sis. McKenzie; Acts 4.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be October 31st at Mt. Olive Church.

Bro. Walgamotte and Sis. Mayfield were nominated and Sis. Mayfield was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon.

F. E. Crain, Mod.

Beulah Owens, Ap. Clerk

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### MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT August, 1948

#### State Unified Fund

Leadington S. S. ....	\$ 2.82
Desloge C. ....	12.51
Mine LaMotte C. ....	5.02
Southside C. ....	9.00
Laclede County Ass'n. ....	4.00
C. W. Mo. Ass'n. ....	18.10
Norman C. ....	6.75
Merl's Chapel S. S. ....	10.00
Total .....	\$68.20

#### Foreign Mission Fund

Verdella D.V.B.S. ....	\$ 4.05
Verdella C. ....	20.00
Hickory Grove C. ....	3.88
Monett C. ....	9.39
Mt. Olive C. ....	6.68
Golden Oak S. S. ....	9.08
Golden Oak League ....	2.71
Amity C. ....	15.00
Jewel C. ....	17.91
Hazel Creek U. C. ....	28.08
Union Light S. S. ....	12.74
Independence C. ....	50.00
Macedonia C. ....	21.86
Flat River C. ....	6.79
C. W. Mo. Ass'n. ....	44.62
No. One L. Huggins, Mo. ....	1.61
Rev. Lester Jones ....	3.00
Mrs. David Hunter ....	5.00
Southside C. ....	9.00
Jones Chapel C. ....	15.00
Rock Chapel C. ....	29.92
Golden Oak League ....	2.11
Golden Oak S. S. ....	7.13
Total .....	\$326.56

#### Jehoida Chest Fund

Golden Gate C. ....	\$3.00
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#### Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Hazel Creek Union C. ....	\$42.24
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#### Expansion Program Fund

Hazel Creek Union C. ....	\$21.06
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#### \$50,000.00 Co-Laborer Band Fund

New Harmony Mission ....	\$11.09
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#### State Entertainment Fund

Mine LaMotte C. ....	\$ 5.00
Third C. St. Louis ....	25.00
Mrs. Samantha Fowler ....	5.00
Fredericktown C. ....	13.20
Fellowship C. ....	15.00
Monett C. ....	20.00
Total .....	\$83.20

Marie Hyatt, Treas.

### CHILDREN'S HOME RINGLING, OKLA. August, 1948

#### Expenses

8-14 Rev. Weatherman ....	\$ 75.00
8-31 Rev. Weatherman ....	75.00
9- 2 Delbert Gro. ....	142.81
9- 2 Tyler & Simpson ....	50.62
9- 2 Schuler Fruit Co. ....	13.20
9- 2 Bordenhamer ....	55.00
9- 2 Aunt Betty Bread ....	14.76
9- 2 Jack Parks Bakery ..	8.64
9- 2 Hamilton Supply ....	32.09
9- 2 Lumber Co. ....	34.86
9- 2 Veterinarian ....	30.00
Total .....	\$532.08

#### Rev. Weatherman expense

7-22 Mrs. Bacum ....	\$ 8.00
7-23 Carpenter ....	10.00
7-23 Plumber ....	2.50
7-26 Laundry ....	2.00
7-27 Mrs. Bacum ....	8.00
7-27 To Ada & Stratford ....	5.00
7-31 To Children ....	2.50
8- 2 Laundry ....	2.00
8- 9 Vessie Ledbetter ....	10.00
8- 9 Laundry ....	2.00
8-10 Cutting & binding	
hay .....	46.75
8-10 Lewis Wilson ....	4.00
8-11 Sharpening mower ..	2.00
8-13 Expense to Grand	
River A. ....	10.00
8-16 Vessie Ledbetter ....	10.00
8-16 Laundry ....	1.50
8-24 Laundry ....	2.00
8-24 Hair cuts ....	4.00
Total .....	\$176.25
Produce .....	65.00
Balance .....	\$111.25

#### Money Received

Carried over from July ....	\$102.14
8- 3 Blue C. ....	5.00
8- 3 Friendship C. ....	3.30
8- 3 Tulsa First, Aux. ....	5.00
8- 3 Lewis Ave. Aux. ....	5.00
8- 5 Healdton C. ....	13.11
8- 6 Sulphur C. ....	25.57
8- 6 Central Ave. C. ....	15.09
8- 6 Konawa C. ....	5.00
8- 7 Iron Chapel C. ....	5.00
8- 7 Bridge Creek C. ....	5.00
8- 7 Hawkins S. S. ....	2.57
8- 8 C. Kerman, Calif. ....	5.00
8- 8 Virgil Hunt ....	5.00
8-11 Clemisot C. ....	18.59
8-11 New Home C. ....	10.00
8-11 First C. Shawnee ....	9.50
8-11 First C. Cushing ....	5.00
8-11 Old Panther C. ....	5.00
8-14 Rev. O. Stalcup ....	1.00
8-14 Paden C. ....	9.00



8-14 Drumright C. ....	15.00
8-15 Hawkins League .....	3.70
8-20 Dibble C. ....	10.00
8-20 Spring Hill C. ....	5.89
8-20 Stratford C. ....	6.47
8-20 C. Kerman, Calif. ....	16.00
8-16 Grand River A. ....	97.20
8-21 First C. Wewoka ....	22.00
8-25 Gaar Corner C. ....	5.00
8-26 Friendship C. ....	3.30
8-26 Ralph Howeshell ....	10.00
8-31 Bridge Creek C. ....	6.00
8-29 Rita Qualls ....	2.00
8-31 Bristow C. ....	15.00
Total .....	\$477.34
Total expense .....	\$643.33
Balance unpaid .....	\$165.99
This looks bad.	

—Treas.

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Christ Jesus even as we, his children are. Gen. 15:6. If we are in Christ, we are bound to be Abraham's children because He (Jesus Christ) who begat us is the son of Abraham. Matt. 1:1.

Our father Abraham, because he had faith in Jesus Christ, paid tithes 430 years before the Law. Have you enough faith in Jesus Christ to follow the example our father set for us? Even if paying tithes were not taught in the Scriptures, where could be found a better system of finance? Show me one church that is functioning properly on free will offerings. It can't be done. God says the rich shall not give more than the poor nor the poor give less than the rich. In paying tithes the news boy and the widow give as God has prospered them—one-tenth of their increase; so it is with the rich. One shall not give more or less than the other.

A tithing Christian is a progressive Christian.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

#### Monthly Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

#### For July, 1948

Receipts:		Endowment	Des. Exp.	Gifts	Total
State					
Alabama .....	\$ 35.50	\$ 5.00	\$		\$ 40.50
Arkansas .....	2.50	105.00			107.50
Florida .....	8.00				8.00
Georgia .....	32.50	235.39			267.89
Illinois .....	15.00	2.00			17.00
Kentucky .....	5.00				5.00
Michigan .....	119.50	50.00			169.50
Mississippi .....	37.50	25.00		5.00	67.50
Missouri .....	51.00	113.51		35.14	199.65
North Carolina .....	121.00	511.00		52.50	684.50
Ohio .....	8.50	113.83			122.33
Oklahoma .....	5.00	153.05		42.77	200.82
South Carolina .....	10.00	470.00			480.00
Tennessee .....	32.50	225.00		1b.58	272.08
Texas .....	9.50	225.00		0.71	275.21
Virginia .....	2.50	10.00			12.50
West Virginia .....	14.50				14.50
Registration and Matriculation fees .....					131.00
Room and Board (Student Accounts) .....					90.40
Books .....					19.90
Miscellaneous Income .....					19.60
Totals: .....		\$511.00	\$2273.35	\$190.70	\$3219.95

#### Disbursements:

Salaries .....	\$ 848.40
Maintenance, Equip & Repairs .....	255.83
Traveling Expense .....	34.75
Telephone .....	26.42
Heat, Lights, Water .....	40.87
Groceries .....	88.39
Kitchen & Household Supplies .....	50.11
Miscellaneous Expense .....	34.42
Music Fees .....	22.00
Extension Service .....	56.10
Room Rent .....	50.00
Withholding Tax .....	146.00
Printing .....	72.61
Medical Fees .....	102.00
Office Expense .....	72.38
Total Disbursements .....	\$1902.28

#### For August, 1948

Receipts:		Endowment	Des. Exp.	Gifts	Total
State					
Alabama .....	\$ 57.00		\$175.00	\$ 10.00	\$242.00
Arkansas .....	2.50				4.50
Florida .....	4.00				4.00
Georgia .....	63.00		125.00	20.00	208.00
Illinois .....	22.50		42.00	33.30	97.80
Kansas .....	1.00				1.00
Kentucky .....	12.50		698.00		710.50
Michigan .....	24.50		175.00		199.50
Mississippi .....	47.50		50.00		97.50
Missouri .....	75.00		28.50		104.00
North Carolina .....	129.00		100.00	355.00	584.00
Ohio .....	8.50		115.00		123.50
Oklahoma .....	10.00		21.78	11.50	43.28
South Carolina .....	10.00				10.00
Tennessee .....	26.50		100.00	11.75	138.25

Texas .....	57.20	73.18	40.00	170.38
Virginia .....	2.50	130.00		132.50
West Virginia .....	5.00			5.00
Regis. and Mat. Fees .....				80.00
Tuition .....				35.00
Nat'l. Woman's Aux. Con. ....				81.32
Books .....				6.70
Student Accounts .....				76.05
Transcripts .....				2.00
Refund on Telephone Bills .....				11.38
Totals .....	\$558.70	\$1833.46	\$481.55	\$3166.16
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
Salaries .....				\$1358.40
Maint. & Repairs .....				87.60
Travel Expense .....				30.00
Heat, Lights, Water .....				68.47
Kitchen & H. H. Supplies .....				43.86
Miscellaneous Expense .....				10.00
Extension Service .....				141.86
Rent .....				50.00
Books .....				13.50
Student Loan .....				50.00
Total .....				\$1853.69
Less: Income Tax Withheld .....				32.60
Total Disbursements .....				\$1821.09

**WHICH WAY OUT?**

Philosophy says: "Think your way out."  
 Repeal says: "Drink your way out."  
 New Dealism says: "Spend your way out."  
 Politics says: "Legislate your way out."  
 Science says: "Invent your way out."  
 Industry says: "Work your way out."  
 Townsend says: "Pension your way out."  
 Militarism says: "Fight your way out."  
 The Bible says: "Pray your way out," for  
 Jesus says: "I am the Way."  
 —Anon.



# Missionary Department



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

## COLD LOVE

*By Rev. Thomas H. Willey*

Cold love is as impossible as fireless fire. When love becomes cold, it has ceased to exist. It has left nothing but burned out ashes which is but a tragic monument of what once was a living thing.

It is this state one might fall into that the Lord has warned us against. In Matthew 24 Jesus warns us against national and international implications. A half century ago one could readily be provincial, but politics and the common needs of this progressive age has made us citizens of the world International. This present age more than any other in history has become so.

Along with the warning of the coming wars there is the warning against a dead, cold love which, in reality has ceased to be love. The danger that you face, my Christian friend, is not the love of zeal. To have great zeal does not immunize any one against this dan-

ger. Saul of Tarsus had great zeal, there was none more religious than he, but his zeal was used against the very Christ of God. He was a hot fanatic. Jesus does not warn against losing our zeal, he warns against departing from our first love.

Christ does not give us warning against our doctrine. You can be doctrinally very correct, but the same time very empty and dry. Doctrine is the tube through which the water flows, but what good is the tube without the water? Doctrine is the motor but it is not the fuel that makes the engine go. Doctrine is only the body but if the body does not have blood flowing in its veins, it does not have life. The life is in the blood. A dead orthodoxy is as dangerous as a live heterodoxy. The Sardis Church had a name they lived by but they were dead. Rev. 3:1. They had become slaves

to tradition. Christ does not reprove them for doctrinal error. They lacked just one essential. LIFE, not zeal or doctrine, but it is our love that is in danger.

Love is a tremendous propelling factor. Love harnesses zeal and puts it to work. Love is the true test of discipleship. It is by our love that all men shall know we are His disciple. John 13:35. Love speaks with the most profound eloquence; it is more forceful than the most brilliant logic.

When Saul of Tarsus looked upon Stephen the first Christian Martyr, it was not the eloquent argumentation that impressed that great enemy of the early Church, but it was Stephen's death. See Acts 22:20. It was his prayer for his persecutors that proved the arrow that penetrated his deceived heart.

Love waning is very subtle. It is like the dying sunset; before we are aware the darkness is upon us.

To die by freezing is the most

pleasant death. He who dies by freezing is gradually overtaken by sleepiness and he sinks into a pleasant stupor.

The diminishing of love affects our relationship to Christ. Peter's love for Christ was the deep concern of the Master. That love of Peter's was to become the keystone that would support and sustain Peter in his future sufferings. It was not Peter's power to believe and his being correct, but Christ wanted more than Peter's confession. He wanted his love.

Diminishing love will affect our love for one another. We cannot love one another as we should if we don't love God. I John 5:2.

The diminishing of love will affect our willingness to work. Persecution has never caused love to diminish. It has rather fed love. It has been the test to prove how deep love is. Persecution has proven the fan to cause the flame of love to leap up. Demas did not leave Paul because of persecution, but because he had an inordinate love for the world. II Tim. 4:10.

The lack of knowledge does not make love diminish. Demas knew the secrets of divine grace.

Judas knew Jesus intimately but he betrayed Him to the death.

Permit me to tell you the cause of diminishing love. It is succumbing or yielding to the abounding iniquity all about us that has become all too common. There is a putrid atmosphere of disobedience all about us. No one cares to conform, it is a ruleless, lawless spirit. To sin is a light thing easily pardoned, lightly passed over.

I would close with a few important interrogations:

1. Do immoral conditions all about me alarm me or have I become accustomed to them?

2. What about the Lord's Day, do I work, play, sell, or waste that day?

3. What about my dress, do I conform to worldly and immodest dictates of fashion?

4. Am I without consciousness when worldly amusements present their challenge? Can I attend a cock fight or a bull fight or a prize fight?

5. Have I no burden for the unsaved all about me?

My Brother make sure your love is alive.

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## ATTENTION! MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Please read every word of this letter because it contains a vital message for YOU!

At the Missouri State Association which recently convened with Sublette Church in Northeast Missouri, a new program of Missions was adopted for this year. You and your church will want to have a part in this work. Here is the plan.

Heretofore, we have been setting up a dividing line between Foreign and Home Missions, thereby limiting out support to one or the other of the programs. Some localities and churches would not support foreign missions, and others would not give to home missions. Some preach a home missionary project and others support a foreign mission program.

Now if you will take the Biblical teaching on this matter, you will find that there is no such dis-

tinction made anywhere therein. The crux of the whole matter is found in Acts 1:8 in the words of the final command of our Lord Himself when He spoke on this wise, "... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth." Included in this injunction is the responsibility to evangelize at home as well as missionize abroad. Denominationally speaking, we have sponsored a foreign missionary program to the almost total neglect of a workable home missionary project. The result is self-evident. We've gone about as far as we are able to go in our foreign work. It is our belief that we have sinned in neglecting the responsibility of preaching at home. We have been con-

tent to sit by and be satisfied with what we have, while others have enlarged their sphere of activity and influence. If we expect to progress abroad, we must first strengthen the home front. We need not think that we can cover up our neglect at home by sending missionaries to the foreign lands. Our great need is to preach the Gospel to all the world as the Lord Jesus has commanded us. We have striven to keep our foreign mission program alive, and so far we have done it very meagerly, operating almost constantly on a basis of "crisis". Why not face up and confess our fault? Let us evangelize the world even as our Lord has said. Carry on a foreign mission program? To Be SURE! But carry on at the home front at the same time. Let's forget the words home and foreign, and use the term missions.

We propose in the state of Mo., to raise a minimum of \$10,000.00 for MISSIONS during the ensuing year. Seventy percent of this amount will go toward meeting our quota of \$7,000.00 which the Board of Foreign Missions has asked us to raise. Thirty percent will go for the promotion of a home mission endeavor. The same offering supports both phases of Missions. When you give for Missions from now on you give to both Home and Foreign Missions.

Every Missouri Free Will Baptist wants to have a part. Each Free Will Baptist Church will have a part. Begin now to help us reach our goal of AT LEAST \$10,000.00 FOR MISSIONS IN 1948-49.

ARISE AWAKEN ATTENTION  
Rev. Damon C. Dodd,  
Director

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REPORT  
TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY  
For August, 1948  
Rev. R. E. Conner  
Buffalo Springs, Texas

We began a meeting Aug. 2 at Vernon, Texas. Rev. C. C. Lamb is pastor and doing a good work there. We can see lots of improvements since he accepted the church. The church was spiritually up lifted, every one re-

ceived a blessing out of the meeting. We had one convert and one reclaimed.

On Aug. 13 we began a meeting at Gartmans View Church, Comanche, Texas. They have a beautiful rock church and also a tabernacle. It was a wonderful place to have a revival meeting. We had good crowds all through the meeting and a great interest. They were out of a pastor as Rev. J. L. Brandon had to give up the work on account of ill health. The people all loved Bro. and Sis. Brandon and appreciate the faithful work they have done in this church. We pray he will soon gain his health back again. We had a good meeting the church got on the altar and the Lord blessed. We had five prayer groups that met each night before the service. God did hear and answer prayers. We heard people shout the praises of God. There were eight converted, eight reclaimed, and I had the happy privilege of baptizing ten.

Rev. Tiff Covington and I will begin a tent meeting in Bowie, Texas Sept. 6. Please pray for us that God will give us souls for our labor.

#### Money Received for August

Friendship C. ....	\$ 8.80
New Salem C. ....	4.50
First C. Vernon .....	25.00
Bonnie View C. ....	6.00
First C. Weatherford .....	3.00
Trinity C. ....	29.50
First C. Dallas .....	12.00
Gartmans View C. ....	71.50
Pleasant Mound C. ....	12.25
First C. N. Zuleh .....	7.00
Total .....	\$179.55

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### PROGRAM

Thirty-fourth annual session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting with the New Hope Church, Henderson, Texas, November 2, 4, 1948.

#### PROGRAM

##### Tuesday Night

- 7:30 Call to order by Moderator
- 7:35 Song and prayer
- 7:45 Appointment of Credential Committee
- 8:00 Song service
- 8:15 Introductory sermon, Rev.

A. F. Ferguson

- 9:00 Report of Credential Committee, seating of delegates, inviting visiting ministers to seats

- 9:30 Adjournment and benediction

##### Wednesday Morning

- 9:00 Song service and prayer
- 9:10 Devotional, Rev. C. C. Lamb
- 9:15 Appointment of Committee on Committees
- 9:20 Report on Bible College, Rev. Henry Melvin
- 9:50 Report of League Director
- 10:00 Report of Nat'l. Ass'n. Mrs. J. L. Vance
- 10:15 Report of Woman's Aux Director
- 10:35 Report of Committee on Committees
- 10:50 Recess—Recalled by singing
- 11:00 Song and prayer
- 11:10 Devotional, Rev. J. M. Goode
- 11:20 Sermon, Rev. Bruce Barrow
- 12:00 Lunch

##### Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:30 Song and prayer
- 1:40 Devotional, Rev. A. A. Young
- 1:50 Report of Treasurer
- 2:00 Election of officers
- 2:20 Report of Home Mission Board
- 2:40 Deciding next meeting place
- 2:50 Report of Temperance Committee
- 3:00 Report of Director of Laymen's Work
- 3:15 Report of Director of Denominational Literature
- 3:30 Report of Obituary Committee
- 3:40 Report of League Work, Rev. H. R. Berry

##### Wednesday Night

- 4:00 Adjournment
  - 8:00 Song and Devotional, Rev. W. F. McDuffie
  - 8:15 Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin
- #### Thursday Morning
- 9:00 Song and prayer service
  - 9:10 Special song
  - 9:15 Report of Sunday School Director
  - 9:25 Miscellaneous Business
  - 10:10 Report of Foreign Missions
  - 10:30 Report of Orphanage Board

- 10:50 Recess—Recalled by singing

- 11:00 Song and prayer
- 11:10 Devotional, Rev. H. Z. Cox
- 11:20 Sermon, Rev. J. A. Brooks
- 12:00 Lunch

##### Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30 Song, prayer, special song
- 1:40 Devotional, Mrs. H. R. Berry
- 1:50 Report of Publicity Director
- 2:00 Report of Texas Home Missionary
- 2:15 Special prayer for our Foreign Missionaries and Children's Home
- 2:20 Report of Superannuation Board
- 2:40 Report on By-Laws and Constitution
- 3:00 Appointment of Directors
- 3:10 Miscellaneous business
- 3:30 Report of Resolutions Committee
- 3:50 Reading and correction of minutes
- 4:00 Adjournment

Rev. Clarence Hearron will have charge of all congregational singing.

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#### "HE GIVETH MORE GRACE"

*He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To add affliction He addeth His mercies,  
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.*

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.*

*His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.*

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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## BIBLE HUNT

A (1)..... child of Christ was determined not to (2)..... the bidding of her great (3)..... Though a spirit of (4)..... and gloom has (5)..... itself on some who are engaged in missionary work, this woman with a strong (6)..... and her (7)..... turned toward God is not (8)..... Years ago she looked beyond (9)..... scenes to a (1)..... vision, not a false mirage, but a dream which (11)..... circumstances seemed about to help her realize when she should say (12)..... to her (13)..... and have real missionary experience in a distant land. While there she is helping to persuade the nations to lay down old (14)..... of life and rituals, such as ungodly natives perform; also to help them acquire a knowledge of the true and living God and His salvation.

We are all proud of this woman and what she means to God and to the natives of India. We pray that she will not (15)..... her God; that she will not (16)..... to temptations of the Devil; that her beautiful salvation will not (17).....; that she will grow and (18)..... well with in the Lord and find good (19)..... with God; and that she will receive (20)..... as an humble, God-fearing missionary by all people (21)..... and near.

Who is SHE?

Missing Words are found in the following Scriptures

All words begin with fa.

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1 Matt. 25:21 | 12 Luke 9:61     |
| 2 Deut. 28:32 | 13 Gen. 42:3     |
| 3 Mark 13:32  | 14 II Peter 1:16 |
| 4 Lev. 26:36  | 15 Josh. 1:5     |
| 5 Acts 11:6   | 16 Prov. 16:18   |
| 6 Matt. 21:21 | 17 I Peter 16:18 |
| 7 Luke 22:64  | 18 Luke 16:19    |
| 8 Isa. 7:4    | 19 Luke 1:28     |
| 9 Job 19:14   | 20 Matt. 4:24    |
| 10 Job 11:14  | 21 Job 34:10     |
| 11 Job 33:26  |                  |

Answer: Mrs. Barnard

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### HARMFUL AND SINFUL TOBACCO USING

The tobacco plant is the most poisonous plant in the vegetable kingdom. Tobacco contains nico-

tine. A single drop of nicotine will kill a full grown cat in a few moments.

Twenty thousand people die annually from tobacco poison. Twenty-six thousand die in the same period of time from pneumonia that would recover were they not addicted to the use of tobacco. Tuberculosis is more than twice as prevalent among smokers as non-smokers. Sixty per cent of babies that are born to cigarette smoking mothers die before reaching the age of two years.

Two billion dollars is spent each year for tobacco. God will hold men and women responsible for such waste of money on filthy spittle and smoke while millions go hungry and scantily clad. (See Isaiah 55:2). Most tobacco users have little or no respect for non-users, but force them to breathe and smell their nauseating stench. Smokers have no more right to poison the air we breathe than others do to poison the water we drink.

Tobacco is a filthy habit; few users will dispute this fact. Uncleanliness is classed in the Bible as works of the flesh, and those who do such things are warned they "shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21). "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God? . . . If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy" (I Cor. 3:16-17). "All their tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean" (Isa. 28:8).

Friend, if king tobacco has you in bondage, King Jesus can set you free. He delivered me—He can and will deliver you. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

—R. L. Guest.

—A Tract from FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, Guthrie, Okla.

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### ASTOUNDING FACTS

#### About TOBACCO

Our annual tobacco expense would build four Panama Canals.

A leech is instantly killed by sucking the blood of an habitual smoker.

Insurance companies estimate

one-third of all loss by fire to be due to tobacco.

The tobacco habit was begun in America and has extended to practically every nation on earth.

Two thousand American boys begin the habit every day.

Our annual tobacco bill amounts to twenty dollars per capita in America.

One million nine hundred and one thousand acres of American land are used to produce tobacco.

Our tobacco bill is twice what it costs to maintain the government.

In Russia, Turkey, and Persia the use of tobacco has been at times punishable by death.

Babies have been killed by breathing the tobacco smoke with which a smoker filled an unventilated room.

Prussic acid is the only substance more poisonous than nicotine.

Tobacco has been known to produce a nervous condition similar to delirium tremens. Physicians call it tobacco tremens.

Six Canadian insurance companies find the mortality rate of smokers to increase about the same as that of drinkers.

One person working steadily for one hundred years could not count enough silver dollars to pay America's tobacco bill for one year.

The Indians used to poison their arrows by dipping them in to nicotine, thereby causing convulsions and often death from arrow wounds.

During nine year's study of students at Yale it was found that the lung capacity of non-smokers developed seventy-seven per cent more than that of smokers.

Statistics give the ratio of the number of smoking students having poor memory to those who do not smoke as 38 to 1; lack of will power, 32 to 1.

The result of try out for football squads in a number of American colleges selected at random showed thirty-three per cent of tobacco users and sixty per cent of non-users.

About one-seventeenth of the people of the world are addicted

to the use of tobacco. What effect of this is to be upon the generation of unborn needs no emphasis. The outlook to thinking people is appalling.

—From a Tract by Faith PUBLISHING HOUSE, Guthrie, Okla.

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## HOW TO BURY A SUNDAY SCHOOL

### In The Western Voice

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If it's too wet or too dry or too cold or too hot, stay at home.
4. When you come, be sure to find fault.
5. Refuse every invitation to help.
6. Do not take part in the services.
7. Do not encourage the officers; they don't need it.
8. Tell the officers and teachers how to run the school; they want to know.
9. Put 3c in the collection.
10. Believe everything you hear without investigation.
11. Wear a sour face so as to show your disapproval of everything that is going on.
12. Rush out of the house as soon as the school is closed without speaking to anyone.

—Marion Lawrence.

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### THE PIG RAN AWAY

*"One evening in October*

*When I was far from sober,*

*And dragging home a load with manly pride,*

*My feet began to stutter;*

*So I laid down in the gutter*

*And a pig came by and parked  
right by my side.*

*"Then I warbled, 'It's fair weather*

*When good fellows get together,'*

*Then a lady passing by was heard to say,*

*'You can tell a man who boozes*

*By the company he chooses,'*

*And the pig got up and quickly  
ran away.*

—Religious Digest.

Tired, discouraged, weary heart,  
look up, behold your God, and  
sing, "I KNOW THAT MY RE-  
DEEMER LIVETH." Oh He is  
a God GREAT enough for all  
your need. Prove Him, and He  
will open "the windows of hea-  
ven, and pour out a blessing . . .

"He giveth more grace when the  
burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when  
the labours increase,  
To added affliction He addeth  
His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multi-  
plied peace.

"When we have exhausted our  
store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed  
ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our  
hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is  
only begun.

"His love has no limit, His grace  
has no measure,  
His power no boundary known  
unto men,  
For out of His infinite riches in  
Jesus,  
He giveth and giveth and giveth  
again."

—Selected.

Sept 25, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

As I was on the Temperance Committee at the State Ass'n. the officers of the Ass'n. have asked me to write a letter to you through the Gem explaining the steps we have taken about this awful thing our Lord does call "strong drink". I would like to give you one verse of God's Word where anyone that does approve of strong drink or will not lift his hand against it is guilty. Preachers, it is against the Devil then to take a stand against him.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken. Hab. 2:15.

Since we feel that it is our duty to do what we can for our Lord and His cause, we are asking you to cut this petition out of the Gem and pin on a sheet of paper and get all the signatures on it you

can; then send it to your County Representative or to the House of Representatives by Jan. 1, 1949 with ours of the Cave Springs Association.

Come on people do something about it or shut up, and let your boys and girls and your friends drink themselves to death and go to hell!

Please help us get a chance to vote it out of our county.

Your brother in Christ.

Rev. Davie N. Combs

## PETITION

To .....

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED VOTERS, CITIZENS, AND TAX PAYERS OF OREGON COUNTY MISSOURI, REALIZING THE ENORMITY OF CRIME DUE TO LEGALIZED MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, THE LIVES AND HOMES OF MEN, WOMEN AND ESPECIALLY CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN RUINED AND DESTROYED, AND REALIZING THE NEED OF LEGISLATION TO ENABLE US TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE MATTER, WE HEREBY ASK AND PRAY FOR APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION TO GRANT US THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER INTOXICATING LIQUOR SHALL BE LEGALLY MANUFACTURED AND SOLD IN OUR COUNTY.

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Sept. 26, 1948

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am very happy to report the wonderful way in which the spirit of God is working in our little church.

The Ladies' Aide held an ice cream social at the home of Sis. Pearl Price, and it was a huge success, thanks to the great work of our Ladies Aide and the way in which the Christian people responded.

We held Rally Day Sunday, Sept., 26, with a record attendance of 130 in our Sunday School and a record offering of \$136.81.

A visiting minister, Rev. Roy Tallent, brought the message

our Sunday morning services and after a basket dinner on our church grounds two of our young ministers, one Bro. Bill Hill who has just announced his call to the ministry, brought his first message which was wonderful; also Bro. Bob Hill who had announced his call to the ministry a year ago brought a very good message. We are very proud of these young ministers and ask your prayers that God will have them to succeed in this the greatest of all works, winning souls to the Lord; also we are very proud of Bro. Roger Reeds who announced his call to the ministry several weeks ago and immediately left for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Our entire church is praying for Bro. Rogers and we know god will be with him.

We have had four or five more conversions since I wrote my last article in Sept. so you see why I say the Spirit of the Lord is in our little church.

The senior class in our league gave a soul-inspiring play on our Rally Day which was enjoyed by all.

Our league is doing some wonderful work and our young people are willing and ready to do anything that they are asked.

Our Wednesday night prayer meeting is being attended very well; so I wish, along with all the members, to thank God from the bottom of my heart for our little church and for our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill and his family who are trying so very, very hard to make our church the kind of a church that the Lord would be pleased with. We ask your prayers that our church may continue to grow and prosper.

Sis. Dorothy Beard  
Correspondent

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## HOME MISSION MONTH

The National Home Mission Board has set apart the month of October as home mission month. We are asking that each pastor of our denomination to preach one sermon on home missions during the month of October and that an offering be taken for this

great work.

We feel that home missions has been neglected in our denomination and that it is the foundation of all mission work. (Acts 1:8) But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Now we find in this verse world wide missions, but remember, Jerusalem means home, or it did to the Jews. I am sure that our mission work as then should begin at home. We see so many towns and cities where there are no Free Will Baptist Churches. The denomination that we love so dearly, and it doesn't seem that we are doing much about it. May we get a new vision of our needs here at home.

Pastors, I am sure the responsibility is up to us. Our people will respond if we will show them the great need. Let's make October the beginning of a great home mission move in our denomination that will not stop until in our National Association we have churches and associations in every state to represent. I know this can not happen over night, but with full cooperation of all our people and by the leadership of the Spirit through prayer, it can be accomplished.

Your National Home Mission Board has a desire to work in cooperation with the state boards in putting a real workable program in effect. We are sure that with our Bible College sending

out evangelists and pastors and workers for all phases of our work that there is an opportunity now for us to really do something.

Now come on, Free Will Baptists, and let's do something for the home work; then, when this is accomplished, we can have missionaries in every nation in the world. Praise the Lord for a vision anyway.

Send all your offerings for Home Missions to Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary-Treasurer, Flat River, Mo.

Hope for great things, pray for great things, expect great things from God.

Rev. J. B. Bloss  
311 W. 15th St.  
Columbia, Tenn.

Member, Nat'l. Home Mission Board.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Editor

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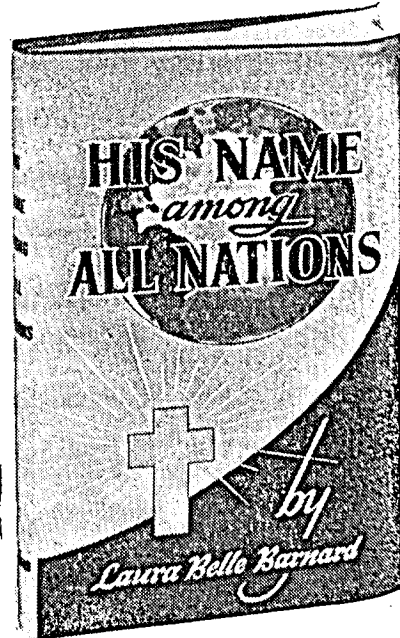
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