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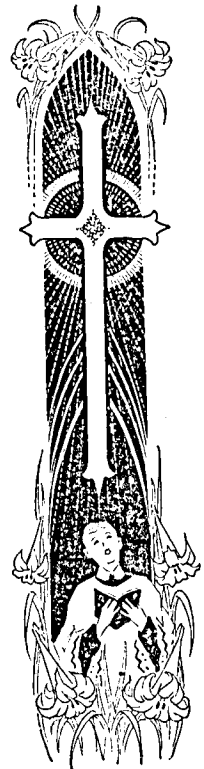
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## CHRIST IS RISEN

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A triumphant conquered tomb;  
Behold the stone is rolled away  
No powers of death can hold their sway,  
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Rejoice for Christ is risen.

He treads the paths of earth again,  
Behold the glory round His head!  
The Christ who died that we might live,  
For us His precious blood was shed;  
Ascended high on God's great throne,  
Soon He will come to call His own,  
Then we shall dwell in Heaven our home,  
Rejoice for Christ is risen.

—Mrs. C. Lye, Redbridge, Ont.



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## THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY

"Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead!"

Friends, we have something well worth shouting and singing about for Christ has risen indeed. There is only an empty tomb where they laid his body away. Only the grave clothes left as a reminder of sin, not His sin, but *our* sins. *Our* sins that sent Him to a shameful death upon the cross.

God's love for the ungrateful creatures he had created was so great, so divine, that He sent His only Son to bear our sins upon the cross; that we might be given another chance, a chance to escape the results of our own wilful disobedience. But now He has risen and has said, Because I live, ye shall live also."

Our songs and praises are too feeble to express even a small part of the joy and thankfulness that should be overflowing our hearts.

In the glory of the resurrection we sometimes over look another message for us in this wonderful event. A message that we should take to our hearts and live with every day of our lives. We find it in this—

"Very early in the morning... while it was yet dark... And when they looked, the stone was rolled away: for it was very great."

Mary Magdalene and the women with her were on their way to the tomb with the spices they had prepared to anoint the body of their Lord. Without this anointing no body was properly prepared for burial in Judea.

These women had watched from afar when the body of Jesus had been lifted from the cross. They knew that Joseph of Arimathea had claimed the body and had wrapped it in linen, then placed it within his own unused tomb. They had looked on as the door of the sepulchre had been closed with a great stone.

Now as they went their way they were worried and anxious. They knew the stone must be removed before they could enter the tomb to perform the rites that should be performed, and they knew it was impossible for them to roll that stone away. Their hands lacked the strength. Knowing this, they went to do their duty as though no obstacle was there to prevent them

and found none. All obstacles had been removed from their path. The stone was rolled away. Therein lies a lesson for us, a wonderful lesson. Showing us that if we go forward doing the things that God has for us to do, trusting in Him to remove the stones before us, we will find that they have all been removed, nothing will bar the door against us.

The hands of the women were not strong enough to roll the stone away. They were too weak. The difficulty was in themselves, not in the stone.

Our real difficulties today lie within ourselves, we are too weak. We are afraid of the stone that lies in our path, seemingly closing the door against us. We are afraid of failure. Afraid that our hands are too weak for the task ahead of us. We just can't seem to realize that if we are doing something God wants us to do, that we will find no doors closed against us.

The earthly mission of Jesus was accomplished when He came from the tomb. The work the Father had sent Him to do was finished. The torch of Christianity has been handed to us. Our work is just beginning when we are raised with Christ in baptism. *And each one of us has a work to do for Him.*

Christ gave a definite command to preach the gospel to every nation. What are you doing about that? If you can't preach, then send some one in your place. Not only in the homeland but in every nation.

Mean time you can tell your neighbor the good news: tell them how Jesus died that they might live, and through belief in Him they can enjoy the assurance of sins forgiven, blotted out to be remembered against them no more. The assurance of a new, better life awaiting us when this old one is laid aside. The joy of a living Saviour walking with us along the way, making our burdens lighter, our pathway smoother, easing the pains and hardship of life, rolling away all stones before we get to them.

What about helping your fellow-man? That is another thing Jesus laid upon us to do. We can all find work to do there.

We may not be able to find help when we need it, but there is never a

time that we cannot help some one else in some way. We are never too poor to lend a helping hand to some one.

Seventy years ago two destitute old women in a poverty stricken attic in London started a movement to help their unfortunate neighbors. They called themselves "Little Sisters of the Poor." They who were so poor themselves wanted to ease the burden for the hungry, ragged, hopeless inmates of their neighborhood. A gigantic task for their weak hands, yet they never faltered. With the help of an humble curate they started an organization which now covers two continents and has helped thousands and thousands of people the world over.

These women were old, poverty stricken and weak, yet they went boldly on doing the thing they were called to do, and found the stone obstructing the door was rolled away before them.

Because they were not afraid to trust God, their purpose was achieved far beyond their expectations, and the work they started still goes on.

Today we are too weak. We are afraid to rely on God. We have forgot His promise.

"If ye have faith... nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Forget your weakness, forget your fears. Begin now to prepare the spices for the anointing, and boldly go forth early to begin the work that has been given you to do. Go never doubting that all obstacles will be removed from your path. They will be gone when you get to the point where you saw them.

God will roll away the stone of doubt that blocks the door of achievement for us and our lives will be fuller, richer and more worth while for having served God by serving our fellow-man.

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## LIFE THROUGH LIFE

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"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved:) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:1-7).

Our scripture sets forth a fruitful theme for meditation as we enter the Easter season. This passage brings forcibly to mind that we who were dead in trespasses and sins have been made alive together with Christ. In Ephesians the apostle predicates all that Christ is to the Christian on the fact of His triumphant resurrection. We see how desperate is our case apart from the work of Christ. Of ourselves we are "dead in sin." It is not very flattering to read that we were without hope and "without God in the world," nor does it exalt our natural state to discover we are aliens and strangers. Yes, Colossians 1:21 says we were alienated and enemies.

A foreigner is an alien, but if while he is an alien, his country goes to war with the land of his abode, he is an enemy alien. And that was our condition, so far as the realm and reign of God is concerned before Christ saved us through His death and resurrection. But how different now that we are Christians! We are saved, raised, quickened, made nigh, reconciled and have become 'fellow citizens' with other believers. The transition from one condition to the other does not occur by resolution on our part, nor by reformation, education, or "religion." Here is the formula as the apostle gives it: "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love

wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ." How we should thank God that a living Christ makes living Christians!

God views the believer as identified with Jesus in His death and resurrection. We are to build, not upon what we are ourselves, but upon what God has done for us in Christ. Our lives are to be reared on the solid rock of the Saviour's finished work on our behalf.

The resurrection of Jesus was the central theme in both the preaching and teaching of the first Christians. We have reason to believe it continued to be such down to the end of the Apostolic Age and beyond. The establishment of Easter services was no doubt an honest attempt to conserve and further emphasize this central belief of our Christian religion. The resurrection of Christ is too important to be left for consideration on only one day of the year; we should show forth a daily living of the Christ we love. A Christian life is the outliving of the inliving Christ.

The secret of mastery in any realm of creative art lies in being mastered by that which we seek to set forth. In all the world there is no such challenging art as that of living the Christ we love. It is only as we let Him live in us to the full that we can live for Him to the full.

Defeated lives are a poor witness to the Easter faith. To be quickened by grace is to be sickened by sin. Carnal Christians are like butterflies, unwilling to try their wings, continuing to crawl on the ground as they did in their caterpillar days. Saving faith is not merely accepting the fact of Christ; it is receiving the life of Christ. Do our lives bear witness of the fact that we who claim to have been made alive with Christ really are alive with Him?

"Christ's resurrection is the heart of Christianity, which makes it pulsate with the life of God; it is the key-stone to the arch of truth, which holds all the faith of the gospel together; it is the foundation of the Church; it is the mainspring of Christian activity; it is the lever of power which shall move the world; and it is the link that unites all believers."—F. E. Marsh.

The proclamation, "He is not here, but is risen," was the best news ever

heard on earth. It was the report of a hard-fought battle, of victory won, and of redemption accomplished, Christ the Lord had gone down into the grave in seeming defeat, but on that first Easter morning He burst the bonds of death and came forth triumphant from the tomb.

One day the famous agnostic and critic of Christianity, Bob Ingersoll, was riding on a train with his friend, Lew Wallace, who was definitely a skeptic. "Why don't you write a book, Lew," Mr. Ingersoll said, "that will disprove this foolish legend of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?" Mr. Wallace spent six years in Palestine investigating the evidence and the historical background of the land where Christ had been born, lived and died. The result of his study was the famous novel, "Ben Hur." "After six years of impartial investigation of Christianity as to its truth or falsity, I have come to the conclusion," stated Mr. Wallace, "that Jesus Christ was the Messiah of Jews, the Saviour of the world, and my personal Saviour."

Saul of Tarsus was an unbeliever until he met the risen Christ. Augustine was in the darkness of despair until he touched the living Lord. Thousands of men and women today, burdened with a sense of need and struggling for spiritual reality, have laid aside their prejudices and pride to kneel in humility at the feet of the Saviour, and into their hearts has been born by the Spirit of God a glorious certainty that Jesus lives, and because He lives they shall live also.

The simplest, most direct, and most satisfying way of dissolving doubt is the direct approach to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. The humble, sincere heart will not wait in darkness at the feet of Christ. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

Never must we who are entrusted with the gospel of grace cease to insist that the Christian assurance of everlasting life is based upon our Saviour's conquest of death. The rising of Jesus from the grave is absolutely crucial to our faith. As Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:17, "If Christ be not risen, your faith is vain." The resurrection of Christ was

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# THE TRUE CHURCH

By B. F. Brown

As to when and where the Church had its beginning—when and where the Church was established, is a question often debated among men. Some think the Church had its origin back in the morning of time, and that righteous Abel was one of its first members. Some establish the Church on Mount Zion at Jerusalem. Some say the Church started with the twelve Apostles, who were its first members. While others believe the Church was established at Pentecost. All of these positions, when fully explained, have something to stand on.

We cannot be certain on any premise on which the Bible is silent. But there certainly was a church in the wilderness, as Stephen the saintly deacon testified in Acts 7:38. An assembly of called out people constitutes a church; and Israel was a called out people—called out of Egypt and assembled in the wilderness. Yet Israel is never called a church in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The word church is not found in the Old Testament, and only three times in the four Gospels. The first mention of the Church, by name, in the Bible is in Matthew 16:18, where Jesus said, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church is mentioned twice in Matt. 18:17, mentioned as if everybody knew about the church. Israel in the wilderness was a true church, but was not in any sense the New Testament Church. They were both called out people, and by the same God; all the rest is contrast.

Like many others, who would set forth vital truths concerning "The True Church," we must confess that our understanding of the deep spiritual truths connected with the subject is limited. We, therefore, will not offer the opinions of men; but will endeavor to answer questions that may arise, and set forth some of the essential truths concerning the Church,

only from the Bible. We shall begin where the word "Church" is first mentioned in the Bible, that is, Matthew 16:18.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

When the Lord said, "And thou art Peter," He meant that Peter had proved himself worthy of his name, which meant, "A stone" or "A little rock;" and that Peter was now ready to receive the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus declared also that He would build His Church "upon this rock," which suggests—

## The Sure Foundation

A wise man will build his house upon a firm foundation; and that house will weather the storms, because it is founded upon a rock (Matt. 7:24, 25). Likewise they that are wise will hear the words of the Lord, and do them; and build their spiritual house upon "The Sure Foundation."

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11). Christ is the foundation upon which we must build; and it matters much what we build—it must be something that will stand the test by fire (vv. 12-15), if we receive a reward. Some Christians think they can live after the flesh and still be eternally saved. They seem to overlook the fact that they must go through the fire and be purified or be lost. Know you not that the Son of God sits as a refiner of silver? (Mal. 3:3). Except we are made clean and pure by the fire of His furnace, we cannot be members of His True Church, outside of which there is no salvation.

About the year 725 B. C. Jehovah God said, by the mouth of His Prophet Isaiah, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a precious stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16). From the hand of the mighty God of Jacob comes forth "the Shepherd, the stone of Israel" (Gen. 49:24). "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head stone

of the corner" (Psa. 118:22).

Of course this stone is Christ; and the prophecy was fulfilled when He was manifest in the flesh. "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and gave his life a ransom for many" (Mk. 10:45). As a result of His ministering, millions have accepted the freedom Jesus purchased for them on the Cross, become branches in the true Vine, and have glorified the Father by bearing much fruit (John 15). As branches are added to the TRUE VINE, THE TRUE CHURCH is built; and to more and more saints of God can the words of the Apostle Paul be addressed: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom also ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:19-22). In these four verses gives a word picture of the TRUE CHURCH. Study it carefully; if we cannot qualify for membership in this one true Church, we are not fit for Heaven.

Jesus was a tried stone indeed: He was tempted of the devil for forty days; He was despised and rejected of men; He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; He suffered many things of many men; and He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). The Foundation that God ordained to bear up the vast structure of man's redemption was tested, to convince men that it is a sure foundation, upon which they can safely build for Heaven and eternal Glory; and our Lord and Saviour, being "made perfect through suffering, became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:8, 9).

Truly Jesus is "a precious corner stone" to all them that believe in Him (Greek, believe into); and unto them God says,

"But ye are a chosen generation; a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:8, 9). A corner stone is a stone at the corner of a building, to join and hold two walls together, even as Jesus is the mediator between God and man, to hold God and man together. All born again persons are stones in the walls of the building; and love (Christ is love) is the mortar that holds all the stones together; otherwise the building could not stand. They that trust in Jesus for life and salvation "shall not make haste"—they shall not be ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto them (Rom. 5:5).

This foundation, which we have been talking about, is a sure foundation—it cannot be destroyed. God who laid this sure foundation cannot fail—He is from everlasting to everlasting (Psa. 90:2). The foundation is sure (II Tim. 2:19). All they that are born of God are built upon this sure foundation; and will live for ever (I John 2:17).

One might be an ardent Free Will Baptist, or Methodist, or Presbyterian, or of some other denomination, and miss Heaven; but if one belongs to Christ's True Church, he can be sure of eternal life. We know not what may befall us in this life; but if we are really His and remain true to Him, we can always say with the old preacher:

"But this I do know,  
We two are so joined,  
He can't be in Heaven,  
And leave me behind."

Last of all the Lord says (Isa. 28:16), "He that believeth shall not make haste." In reference to this Scripture, Paul said (Rom. 9:33), "Whosoever believeth shall not be ashamed." Peter said (I Peter 2:6), "He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded." The Lord said (Isa. 30:15), "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." And in Isaiah 32:17, He said, "And the work of

righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."

All temporal things in this world, in which we live, are shaken to their very foundations.

The financial world, on which men depend for their temporal needs, is spending itself into inevitable, irreparable ruin.

In the political world, all governments are becoming more and more unstable. Many nations have already fallen, and many others are on the verge of failure—how long will it be till all the governments of the world will be destroyed?

In the religious world there is much unrest and confusion. Modernism, communism, evolution, and other malignant agencies have invaded the professing church; and have turned millions from faith to unbelief.

Millions are quaking with fear because of the things they see coming to pass upon the earth; but to them that live in willing obedience with the Lord, there is no fear, but blessed assurance. These true children of God can, and do, relish the old song, beginning:

"How firm a foundation,  
Ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith,  
In His excellent Word."

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the Father's vindication of the divine claims and the atoning death of Jesus, as stated in Romans 1:4. Furthermore, according even to historians with no leaning to Christianity, the resurrection of Jesus is the best authenticated fact of history.

"I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)—this has been called the greatest sentence in the English language by no less an authority than

Alfred Noyes, at one time poet laureate of Great Britain. Certainly no more sublime utterance ever fell from the lips of man. But of course we know that these words of Jesus constitute an unequivocal affirmative of deity. The God-Man is the one and only key to eternal life. As we are dependent upon the bounty of nature for the maintenance of our physical life, so to an infinitely greater degree the eternal life which is ours as Christians has its subsistence in Jesus Christ and in Him alone.

Jesus revealed the way and became the way to God and life everlasting (John 14:6). Christ is our life by virtue of what He did for us and does in us. Let it not be forgotten that it is only as we accept His death for our sins that we receive His life in our souls. As the seed dies and finds life in the soil in which it is planted, so it is only as we die with Christ to the sin for which He died that we find in Him life that shall never end.

Another question emerges. How can mortal and spiritual values survive in a world of violence, oppression and hatred? The answer is, They cannot, apart from God. The resurrection of Jesus Christ in dramatic majesty demonstrates the supremacy of goodness. It proved that behind all things and events is a God of righteousness and power. It proved that "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (I Tim. 4:8). The resurrection of our Saviour proved that defeats in the realm of the spiritual are only temporary and momentary, and that nothing is finished until God gets through with it. It proved that the evil against which we struggle cannot be permanently victorious, but that God will ultimately triumph. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). We are to be "unmovable," and yet "abounding." That seems paradoxical, but it is not, for it is only the life steadfast and unmovable at the center, which can abound at the circumference. That center is the resurrected Christ, and when we are established in Him, we are ready to live the abundant life for Him. We have life through Christ—"Life through Life."

## "ARE WE HEARING THE TRUTH PREACHED FROM THE PULPIT?"

I Cor. 2:9

By Rev. Ova Stalcup

The following article has to do with some gross absurdities that I have heard preached and the people exhorted to accept the same as being the Word of God, rightly divided.

I have heard preachers say (from the pulpit), "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither entered into the heart of man, the good things that God hath laid up for those who love Him," and in doing so would have the congregation believe that God has all these things reserved in heaven for us and that we will have to wait until we get there and then God will reach into His treasure chest and show us things undreamed of and tell us things then that we couldn't receive and understand now. All of these pleasures and joys, the preacher would have us believe, are the glories of heaven. They say we cannot know these wonderful, beautiful things now, but Paul says, "But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit." (I Cor. 2:10).

Dear reader, Paul stands over against these preachers and says, "You CAN know them." Read this passage of scripture yourself—I Cor. 2. Verse 10 says, "God hath revealed"—past tense. He has already done so. Not as they preach, "Yet to do so at some future date." What is it that God hath revealed unto us by His Spirit? The context tells us that God is here speaking of the "wisdom of this world" and the "wisdom of God." He is saying, the rulers and powers of this world could not with their own wisdom conceive of the wonderful plan of salvation. Which one of the world rulers would or could have conceived the plan of one dying for all? (Heb. 2:9). Then, too, the gods worshipped then (false gods—idols) did not work in behalf of the worshipper. If we turn to Isaiah's prophecy from which Paul was quoting (Isaiah 64:4, 5), we will find that he was referring to something that man had not seen nor heard of, namely: that God is a God who worketh for him that waits for Him. Paul says the wisdom of man did not conceive the plan of salvation so he was not preaching something that man's wisdom had conceived, and he says here's proof, if they had known that Christ was the Anointed One of God, They wouldn't have crucified Him. The world's greatest intellects and teachers of that day said the cross was foolishness, but unto us who are saved it is the power of God unto salvation. Who revealed this unto us? Human wisdom said that it was foolishness, so none other but the Holy Spirit could reveal it to us. So the wisdom of God that worldly wisdom said was foolishness is now, and will be proven to be later to all unbelievers, infinitely superior and true. For it is written, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things

under the earth and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10, 11). Dear reader, Paul said he preached the "hidden wisdom." (I Cor. 2:7). Yea, hidden with God before the foundation of the world—the cross and the great sin bearer, Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:20, "Who verily verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

The wisdom of this world rejected the cross. They said it was foolishness. "Have you embraced the cross?" The cross in all its lonely majesty is the doorway into the kingdom of God. "I am the door . . . none cometh unto the Father except by me." (John 10:9; 14:6). Is the cross foolishness to you? "It pleased God by (that which worldly wisdom proclaimed to be) foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Has God revealed to you the wonderful plan of salvation? Has the Holy Spirit revealed to you "the way of God more perfectly"? The song our fathers sang is blessedly true:

"Could my tears forever flow,  
Could my zeal no languor know,  
These for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and thou alone;  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling."

Friends, the wisdom of the world could not conceive the cross, but the wisdom of God could and did. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom." (Proverbs 3:13). Christ is the wisdom that causes man to have great happiness when he finds Him. (I Cor. 1:24). The Spirit reveals Him to be the Saviour of the world. Who, among the worldly wise, would have thought of the resurrection? Was the resurrection an expression of worldly wisdom? I trow not. God declared by the resurrection that He had accepted that which the world rejected and proclaimed to be foolishness—the sacrifice made by our Lord on calvary. By the act of one man (Adam's disobedience in Eden) many were made sinners, by the act of one man (Christ and His death on the cross) shall many be made righteous. The world wants to buy or work for salvation. They refuse to believe that by Christ's one act on the cross they can be made free from sin and accounted by God to be righteous persons. The world cast Christ out and proclaimed Him to be unholy and unclean. God and all heaven received Him to be "the Holy Son of God," the Saviour of the world. Please, let's not leave out the cross. Without the cross, we are lost. "Took our sins out of the way nailing them to His cross." No cross, no sins taken away. Oh, how the Devil wants the cross left out! For, by Christ's one act (not ours) many shall be made righteous. So without the cross, none shall attain unto righteousness. God declared by the resurrection that all who believe in Christ and come to Him, by way of the cross, "are accepted in the beloved." I fancy I hear some one say we are saved by faith. We ARE saved by faith but faith is not our Saviour. Our faith is primarily in the record

that God has given us of Jesus Christ and then having believed God's record, our faith looks up and on to embrace the august and royal person of Jesus Christ as our Saviour. We have faith that on the cross (and only there) He saved us from the PENALTY of sin. (Heb. 10:14). We have faith that He is saving us (Rev. 6:14; 5:10; Heb. 7:25) from the power of sin. We have faith that He shall (yet future) save us from the presence of sin. (Heb. 7:28). There you have it, reader, the full scope of salvation. The three tenses of salvation are past, present, future, but all of this free salvation, in all its tenses, comes to one only through the CROSS OF CHRIST.

If we don't believe in the cross, we don't believe the record God gave of His Son. For the record says that God's Son died on a tree (cross). If we don't believe in the cross, we are still under the curse of God. The record says, He was made a curse for us, for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (cross). If we don't believe in the cross, we don't believe in the resurrection and are yet in our sin. If we don't believe in the cross, we don't believe in the ascension. How could one return to save us from the presence of sin if there were no ascension. The emblem of Christianity is "the old rugged cross." Without the cross there is no Christ, no salvation, no church, and we are destitute of hope.

Except we come by the way of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, we will never attain unto salvation (John 14:6). If we don't believe in the cross, that automatically nullifies and invalidates the teaching of the New Testament. My friends, shall we leave off preaching the cross? No, No, NEVER.

Nothing in my hand I bring.

Simply to Thy CROSS I cling.

Reader, has God revealed by His Spirit to you the wonderful plan of salvation? If you have heard God's word preached wherein He declares that mankind of which you are a unit is sinful and that He gave His Son to die on the cross in your stead that you might live. I say, if you have heard this preached, or if you have come into possession of this knowledge, then God has revealed unto you the wonderful plan of salvation. If you have rejected God's plan and refused to believe it and continue to do so throughout your span of earthly life, you will at the end of life's way, fall hopelessly lost and wailing into the bottomless pits of hell. If, on the other hand, you believed the record God gave of His Son, your sins are not marked against you. God accounts you to have died in Christ on calvary's cross (Rom. 6:6); also to have risen from the grave with Him and entered with Him into heaven (Eph. 2:6), but, dear reader, you will not believe this and you are a lost and condemned sinner.

In I Cor. 2:9, Paul is speaking of the Gospel and in verse 10 of this dispensation of Grace when the Holy Spirit would be poured out and revealed unto mankind the love of God and that He was a God

of mercy and salvation who would minister unto the needs of all true believers. God wants the word preached (II Tim. 4:2); not the vagaries of man's mind. If the text is taken out of the context it becomes a pretext and consequently is harmful and destructive; whereas when the text and context is preached as being in agreement, it is helpful and instructive. The Devil has many ministers. Incidentally they leave out the preaching of the cross. (II Cor. 11:13-15). Dear reader, in closing, let me exhort you to "prove all things and hold fast that which is good." If the Gospel that presents the cross is left off, then mankind can have no peace with God, for "Christ made peace with God through the blood of His CROSS." That which God hath revealed to us by His Spirit is the Gospel. Ear had not heard it; eye had never seen anything like it. The heart of man could not conceive it. God the Holy Spirit is now, through the ministers of Jesus Christ, revealing to the sons of man, that the way of the cross leads home. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission (forgiveness)." There you have it my friends, God's revelation—THE CROSS.

No cross, no blood shed, no cleansing from sin, and man is eternally lost. God forbid that we cease to preach the cross. In Christ, risen, glorified, and triumphant, God will minister now and through eternity to all "born again believers." God gave unto the world one thing needful—the cross. They rejected it; hence the condemnation. Who hath heard? Who hath seen or conceived in their heart a God who ministers unto the need of all people. Who is like unto our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord?

#### NEIGHBORS

*American people who know the joy of giving.  
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To inspire others and show that God-fearing  
living*

*Is done to promote welfare of mankind.*

*Christian duty, Golden Rule, the same.*

*Tis always in their hearts.*

*When everything's done that can possibly be  
done.*

*Then is when their real labor starts.*

*Poetry, just what it may be I don't know;  
But since days of '76, we have been bound  
By ties that can never be understood,  
Until loved ones in heaven we've found.*

*They are the guiding light of many here.  
Ever showing the way of our choice.  
Renewing spirits that may be upset,  
In His service they ever rejoice.*

*Hardship, poverty, they've seen it all.  
They know each stepping stone;  
Giving hope to those who despair,  
Knowing we can't live for self alone.*





# EDITORIAL



## TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS DYNAMIC POWER

"That I may know him, and the power of His resurrection . . ."  
Phil. 3:10

In translating the scriptures the translators often come up against some very difficult problems. For example when the bible was translated into the language of the Eskimo the translators discovered that the Eskimo language had no equivalent to our word power. Therefore the word dynamite was used instead. So in reading Phillippians 3:10 in the Eskimo language it reads, "That I may know Him and the dynamite of His resurrection." After all it is dynamic power. When the angel from the Lord came and rolled away the stone from the mouth of the sepulchre where the body of Jesus lay it was dynamic power indeed. When the man Saul, who later became to be known as Paul, was stricken down on the Damascus road by the power of the resurrected Christ, later receiving his sight on the street called straight, it was a dynamic experience. Yes, and when you or I receive Him into our life in all His fullness it is truly a dynamic experience. What

we need is more of the dynamite of God. We are often so powerless, as compared to what we might have of his mighty grace. Some one has said, and rightfully so, that the greatest un-used power in all the world is the potential possibilities in the lives of the christian people. What a moving force we would be if we would only utilize that which the courts of heaven (through the power of the living Christ) have appropriated for our good and His glory. Brethren it means something to **know Him** and the **Power**, or dynamite, of **His resurrection**. The remainder of this above stated verse lays bare the secret to the true knowledge of the fullness of His dynamic power; ". . . and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." If we would have power with God we must suffer with Him. If we would live with Him we must die with Him. Do not be afraid of the dynamite of God. It only deals destruction to sin. In turn it brings life from the dead.

## ARE WE ON THE ALERT AS CONCERNING APPROACHING SUMMER YOUTH CAMP?

It may seem a bit early to you for us to be talking about our coming youth encampment, but to my way of thinking we can't begin too soon. There is much our Encampment Board wants to do at the camp ground before this summer session, and indeed there is much to be done. We are in full spiritual accord with our Encampment Board and this great phase of our work. Therefore we urge our people throughout the state to cooperate with the Board fully in the development of this project. You remember last year of the fine report after the summer session was held, how that every boy and girl that went there unsaved went home a Christian, and of all the wonderful out-

pourings of His spirit during the days and nights spent there. Just such accomplishment as that is what we are working for. Evangelization is the first word, or at least should be the first word, in the entire work of the church. God, having blessed so wonderfully last year, desires to bless even in a greater way this year. He will if we will be laborers together with Him. Please do your best in answer to all appeals made by our Encampment Board.

## GREAT REVIVAL AT THE BLUE EYE CHURCH

Rev. Cecil Garrison of Huntsville, Ark., and Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo., have just recently closed a very successful three weeks revival with our F. W. B. Church in Blue Eye, Mo. There

were ten (10) professions, nine (9) additions to the church and seven (7) were baptized. Plus this splendid work among the unsaved element there was a great awakening in the church. The little time I was privileged to be in the services it reminded me of the way things used to look around the Blue Eye Church back about 1928, and several years thereafter, when the church was first organized. It was indeed good to be there. Yours truly is serving the church this year, and therefore I am doubly thankful for this great revival. I am thankful the Lord sent these brethren that direction. May he Lord bless them as they go on into other fields of labor, and may the revival spirit not soon die in the Blue Eye Church and community is my prayer.

## BRO. WOOLSEY URGES

### SPECIAL CALL TO PRAYER

You have noticed in our papers lately a call to special prayer, by Rev. Paul Woosley of India, the same article also giving reasons and objects of prayer. This of course is in behalf of the new India field which is being opened by Bro. and Sister Woolsey and Bro. and Sister Cronk.

We want to again call your attention to this earnest and special call as set forth by our missionary. In reviewing these objects and reasons it is readily noticeable that these are outstanding reasons and objects which surely makes these missionaries, and should make our whole denomination, sense the tremendous weight of this great undertaking. May we not soon forget this special call, but may we make this a part of our prayer life daily.

Winford Davis.

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establishment of its type in the land? We would appreciate hearing from you on this matter. We would like to know your mind about it. Yours for a greater kingdom service through the printed page.

The Editor.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION WOMENS AUXILIARY MEETS

Report of second quarterly meeting of Womens Auxiliary of Indian Creek Association met with the Jones Chapel Church February 16, 1949.

Services opened by singing led by Bro. Roy Alyea of Monett.

Prayer by Bro. Weston.

Scripture lesson—Col. 1:9-18, read by Bro. Harry Sterling of Cartersville, after which Bro. Roach, our missionary whom we were so very happy to have with us, brought us a wonderful message using as his text, "This is the Hour."

Song "Who at My Door is Standing?"

Dismissed by Bro. Cecil Campbell.

A social hour was spent at the noon hour and enjoyed by all. We come together at 1:30 by singing. Prayer by Sister Jewell Campbell. Special song "There's a Bridge O'er the River," by Dorothy Roller and Helen Mackey. Reports were given by our various presidents. Song by Bro. Paul Williams. We also had some very interesting talks given by different women of our Auxiliary.

A special prayer at 2:00 o'clock was held in behalf of the revival at Cartersville led by Bro. Cecil Campbell, after which Bro. Wilson, a visiting minister, brought us an inspiring talk. Bro. Wilson was in the revival at Cartersville at this time.

Song by Bro. Roy Alyea.

Time was given to Mrs. Roach, our missionary's wife, and was well spent, for she brought us some wonderful truths. We were indeed very happy to have the Roaches with us, as well as the rest of our minister brethren.

We also had a short talk by Sister Jewell Campbell on missions and our needs in India. A special mission offering was taken amounting to \$15.93.

Prayer by Bro. Williams.  
Business.

Sister Bernice Davis sent in her resignation as 3rd Vice President. Sister Otha Layhman elected to fill her place. Next meeting to be at Monett in May. Meeting to begin at 10:30.

We were happy indeed to have such a goodly number from our Monett and Cartersville Auxiliaries. Also glad for our visitors from our Granby Church. Closing prayer by Bro. Roy Alyea. Mrs. Edna Gentry, Secy.-Treas. Fairview, Missouri.

## RESCUE (ILL.) F.W.B. AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Rescue Free Will Baptist Church met at the church for their regular monthly meeting the third Friday of February. The meeting was opened by singing "Bringing in the Sheaves," followed by prayer by Sister Claudia Britton. Scripture reading I Peter 2:9. Our lesson "Giving Christ Pre-eminence Through Missions in the Homeland." Topics were read and discussed by Sister Rosie Conner, Sister Venetia Griffin and Sister Bertha Burton.

Our president, Sister Zera Sneed showed and talked to us on Auxiliary chart, and explained to us how we could become an A-1 Auxiliary. We only lack two things, and they were one mission and one stewardship program. It was fully agreed that we would have these programs between meeting day and our district meeting which is in April. We plan to have these on Sunday evenings before our regular church services. Our pastor has offered his time if needed, for which we ladies are grateful.

## INFINITE LOVE

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We had 14 members present, also our pastor Rev. Aurthur Buntin and Mrs. Buntin were welcome guests. Sister Buntin became a member and we are thankful for another to help in this good work. We also had two little guests, Janice Underwood and Linda Britton.

It is wonderful what a group of Women letting God work through them can do. We as a group have sent one food parcel and two boxes of clothing to a needy family in Poland direct. We also keep a missionary on the field and last month a love offering was sent to a sister Auxiliary member of another church who had the misfortune of being injured in an accident, this aside from regular Auxiliary work.

We have 24 members and you might wonder why only 14 present. Ours is a rural church and very few are in walking distance and we have some who have moved and can't get to each meeting, although they continue their dues and their prayers for the Auxiliary. I'm sure most of you know Sister Emma Moore who wrote "Infinite Love." She is one of our personal workers and we certainly thank God for her.

Then let us pray and do more for our Saviour each day because there cometh a time when no man can work. Let us be up and about our Father's business for "when a Christian rests he rusts."

After reports of the vice presidents were given we were dismissed by our new member Sister Buntin.

Thelma Conner,  
Whittington, Ill.

## 1,000 LEAGUERS EXPECTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

A registration of 1,000 leaguers from more than fifteen states is expected at the second Nationwide League Conference, Rev. C. F. Bowen, secretary of the national league board, has announced in a preview folder of the conference program.

The meeting of the youth conference will be June 14-16 at the First Free Will Baptist church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. "Following the Living Christ" has been selected as the keynote of the conference.

Highlight of the program will be the "Shining Life" conference hours each afternoon where members of

each league group will meet for instruction classes and discussion of youth problems.

Vital youth messages will be brought by some of the denomination's outstanding speakers. Subjects will be "For Me to Live Is Christ," "Meet the Living Christ," "The Living Christ in Our College," "Seeking Souls with the Living Christ," and "I'll Live for the Living Christ."

The music for the conference will again be under the direction of Mr. I. L. Stanley, superintendent of the Tennessee orphanage. A special feature of the program will be an illustrated demonstration on how the league quarterlies are made by the editor, Rev. L. E. Ballard.

Fellowship will also be featured at the conference in state delegation meetings, a reception for intermediates and a luncheon conference for state league leaders. Included on the program will be dramas, testimonials and the nationwide intermediate sword drill.

"The young people of Oklahoma, and particularly of the First Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa, with all their burning hearts welcome you to the second Nationwide F.W.B.L. conference. We welcome you in the spirit of prayer—a prayer that the conference will be the biggest event ever for Free Will Baptist leaguers."

For complete information regarding accommodations write Mrs. W. B. Chaffin, 436 East Seminole Place, Tulsa 6, Oklahoma. Make reservations early! For a copy of the program write Rev. C. F. Bowen, 518 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

## WHO IS YOUR SWORD DRILLER?

The time is drawing near for another wonderful Spirit-filled National League Conference. Several have responded to the call for a nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill. Since we haven't given any definite rules on selecting the contestants for this year, we are listing some for you to use this time and we will later issue the standard rules.

Each state is allowed only one drill-er and this person can be a boy or girl, 13 through 16, and must be an Intermediate Leaguer. You may select the one to represent your state in any way you choose this year, probably allowing state league officers to

decide unless the statewide contest is used, but remember, only one contestant to a state.

In order that we might be fair to all we are asking you to send us your driller's name as soon as possible and we are closing the entrance to the drill May 1.

The sooner you get yours in the better chance your contestant will have because we are making a definite Bible drill to be studied by each one and these will be sent as we receive your name. The Nationwide Drill will be based on the type drill sent to you.

We have had printed a pamphlet on the drill and it will be sent to you free by request. It will state other requirements. Hurry and answer the call because we must correspond with you concerning costume and other details.

Yours for a great Sword Drill,  
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Nashville 6, Tenn.

## "FORWARD, FORWARD"— 'TIS THE LORDS COMMAND

Yes, that might well be the cry of Free Will Baptists. The Lord has blessed His work and has given the Free Will Baptists a new church at 43rd and Garfield, Kansas City, Mo. The name is First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City. It was organized October 5, 1948, with eleven charter members and Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey, pastor.

The church building was purchased for \$6,750.00, with a \$600.00 down payment and payments of \$50.00 per month. It has a main auditorium 22 feet by 42 feet and an annex consisting of classrooms, restrooms and kitchen. This building is completely furnished with two pianos, seats, cooking facilities, and automatic heat.

Would you like to help in God's great work at Kansas City. If so, I ask you to pray much and do whatever He would have you to do in a financial way. Any offering you care to send may be sent to the church treasurer, Mrs. Weaver Welch, 3312 East 73rd Street, Kansas City, Mo.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;" —Isaiah 54:2.

A friend of the cause,  
Mrs. Izola Zellmer.

### TENNESSEE EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist met recently with the Keen-burg Church, Rev. Dennis Crowe, host pastor. Devotion by Rev. Rowe Smith. Welcome address by host pastor. Response by Rev. C. Y. Elkins. Welcome to visitors. Minutes of last Q. M. Church reports. Ministers reports. Offering for our Childrens Home at Greenville, Tenn., was taken. Then Rev. Ernest F. Drayne brought a most wonderful message on "How to Live for God," and everyone was happy. We then enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by the good ladies of the host church. Two new churches came into the Conference, Horse Shoe Dam and South Side Church of Elizabethton. Rev. C. E. Holder pastor. Ministers present were: J. C. Howington, C. Y. Elkins, W. L. Gilton, Ray Burchfield, Floyd Phillips, Roe Smith, John Cansler, Silas Goodman, Jesse Curtis, Orville Stokes, Weldon Bowman, E. F. Drayne, George Dunbar, John Harris, Henry Bailey and C. E. Holder.

Afternoon—Late church reports. Childrens Home report by I. L. Stanley, superintendent. Auxiliary reports. Old business. New business. The next conference will be at Liberty Church Carter. We want the Denomination to know that we are growing spiritually, in number, in better churches, in love for one another, and in more for the Foreign Mission Field. Thank God, and everything that is like our Saviour. Closing song "God Be with You Till We Meet Again."

Rev. Ray Burchfield, moderator  
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Sacred songs are among our greatest heritages, yet I fear that we do not fully appreciate what these great hymn writers have done for our happiness as Christians.

In Sunday School work I have been surprised that Christians know so little about the authors of the inspiring songs that they were singing.

Today we have a wealth of hymns, but this has not always been true. When Isaac Watts (1764-1848) was a boy he complained to the officers of his church about their singing the same old songs Sunday after Sunday. One of the church officials replied, "Write us some new songs and we will sing them." Isaac accepted the challenge and wrote a new song for each Sunday for two years. Watts wrote many other hymns and became known as the Father of English Hymnody. Many of Watts hymns will never grow old. One of his most popular hymns is "Joy to the World."

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) wrote hundreds of hymns, many of which are immortal. Two of these are "A Charge to Keep" and "Blessed Be the Name."

Ira Sankey, who was soloist for the great evangelist Dwight Moody, was one of the great writers of religious songs in the 19th century. One of his most popular song was "The Ninety and Nine."

Fanny J. Crosby was one of the greatest hymn composers of the last 1000 years. Although she was blind she wrote over 500 hymns, many of which became very popular.

When I was a Sunday School superintendent I found that I could get a greater interest in the singing by having the pianist play the tune of a familiar hymn until some one recognized the tune and told us the name of the song. One recognition of this kind each Sunday surely increased interest.

"America" by Samuel F. Smith, and "America the Beautiful" should be sung more often in our religious services. These songs are both religious and patriotic.

J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.

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### MRS. M. M. BURTON

Mary Elizabeth (Molly Johnson) daughter of J. D. and Martha Ann Johnson, was born December 10, 1882 in Throckmorton, Texas, and departed this life March 10, 1949 at the age of 67 years and three months.

She came to Washington County, Kansas with her parents in the spring of 1894, where she spent the remainder of her life.

She was converted at an early age and united with the Fruit Hill Church, later transferring her membership to the Blocker Free Will Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member.

On June 20, 1900 she was united in marriage to M. M. Burton, who survives her. To this union six children were born. The following survive: Mrs. M. C. Barrows, Holton, Kan.; Raymond C., Washington, Kan.; Ivan C., Medford, Oregon; Mrs. Mike Deines, Morrowville, Kan., and Jewell R. of the home. There are also six grandchildren.

Mrs. Burton was the eldest of nine children. Two brothers—Oscar of Greenfield, Okla., and Wesley of Houston, Texas, and one sister Mrs. U. G. Southers of Enid, Okla., are left to mourn her passing, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Blocker Free Will Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum assisted by his wife. Burial was at the cemetery near by with Hoffman in charge.

### REPORT F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME FOR FEBRUARY 1949

Dear Friends:

Again we have come to the close of the month. Thirty-three children are enjoying life because YOU have made it possible for them to have a home.

February was a low month for the Home on finances. Lucky we were to have the little balance left over from January. We have closed our books for the month with \$86.78 left in the treasury.

Last month we told you of the dire need of a deep freeze refrigerator. We have already purchased the machine and it is giving splendid service. We still owe for it. It was priced about \$500.00. We will get some off from the dealer but we purchased it on cash

basis. That is we are to pay for it by the end of March. We are counting on you to have some kind of special fund drive during the month and send it to us so it will reach this office before the last day of the month. We have that faith in you and are counting on you to do that. We asked for a piano. We have it here and it is paid for.

Remember the month of March is the time to pay the years insurance on the property here at the Home. It will cost about \$150.00 per year to give us all the needed protection against fires, storms, or destructive hazards.

We are in need of some farm land, fence wiring and posts, paint for the buildings, and furniture for some of the rooms and the lobby.

We are going to call March the expansion month.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

All salaries .....	\$344.65
Feed and grocery bill .....	189.43
McGoughs Bakery .....	4.80
Hospital insurance .....	23.75
Payment on stove .....	18.21
Payment on washing machine .....	15.40
Telephone bill .....	7.03
Alabama Power Co. ....	20.75
Gas fuel for stove .....	34.34
Drugs .....	6.00
Produce (Winter Co. Jasper) ..	10.00
Office supplies and postage ..	17.06
Coal (Wyman Halcomb) .....	7.00
Hardware supplies .....	38.57
Hay (Mr. Therogood) .....	30.00
Garden and grass seed .....	8.50
Paid on piano .....	35.00

Total paid out .....

Total am't. rec'd. ....

Brought for'd. from Jan. 360.74

Total received .....

Balance on Hand .....

W. H. Ryland, Superintendent

#### MISSOURI STATE

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1949

#### EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Merls Chapel Church .....

#### STATE UNIFIED FUND

Monett Church .....

Leadington S.S. ....

Mine LaMotte Church .....

Oak Grove Church .....

Carterville Church .....

Total .....

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Mrs. P. E. Cook, Liberal .....

Mrs. Will Price, Arcola .....

Mrs. Maggie Turner, Granby ..

Mrs. Allie Peterson and Esther

Kirkville .....

Madison Co. S.S. Convention ..

Hickory Grove Church .....

Oak Grove Church .....

Wm. Roberts, Fredericktown ..

Hannon Church .....

Amity Church .....

Pleasant Grove S.S. ....

Hazel Creek Union Church ....

Mrs. G. D. McCubbin, Conway

Blue Eye Church .....

Elsie Heard, Oakland .....

Total .....

#### MISSIONS FUND

Morning Meditations.

Archie Cooper, Director ....

Monett Church .....

Carterville Church .....

Mine LaMotte Church .....

C. W. Mo. Mission Rally ....

Flat River Church .....

Independence Church .....

Neola F.W.B. Church .....

Union Third Park S.S. ....

Golden Oak League .....

Golden Oak S.S. ....

Total .....

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer.

#### "MARBUS SABBATICUS"

Marbus Sabbaticus or Sunday Sickness is a disease peculiar to church members. The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night. The peculiar features of the disease are as follows:

1. It attacks members of a church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on the Sabbath.
3. The symptoms vary but never interfere with the appetite or the sleep.

4. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
5. It generally attacks the head of the family and continues to spread until every member is affeted.

6. No physician is ever called.
7. It always proves fatal in the end to the soul.

8. No remedy is known for it except repentance and prayer.

9. Real heart-felt salvation is the only antidote.

10. It is becoming fearfully prevalent and is sweeping thousands every year prematurely to destruction.

—Contributed

St. Louis, Missouri

March 20, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

As I write this article our pastor, Harvel C. Hill, and each member of our Free Will Baptist Church at 5418 Idaho Ave., St. Louis, Mo., request the prayers of all of God's children for our coming revival which starts April 25th. Our evangelists will be Rev. Mark Lewis of Myrtle, Mo. We cordially invite everyone to our services.

We are praying that many lost souls will be brought to our Lord Jesus Christ, and live for His honor and glory.

We are enjoying some wonderful Sunda ymornning services and we covet your prayers that our Sunday School will continue to grow.

I am happy to report that our prayer meetings on Wednesday night is truly full of the spirit of God and enjoyed by all.

We ask God's blessings upon our Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful work and financial help they are giving to our hurch. They have presented the church with \$270.05, which is the result of their wonderful work. We thank God for sending us these Christian women, and I and all our members and pastor are very proud of them.

God is truly blessing our League, and it is continuing to grow. Our membership is now 74. We also ask your prayers for the success of our coming League convention which will be held at our church Saturday night, April 16 at 7:30 p. m. Our young boys and girls are truly a blessing to our little church.

In closing I will again ask God's children to please pray for our coming revival so that many souls will be saved.

Sis. Dorothy Beard, correspondent.

Warm Springs, Oregon

March 15, 1949

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

This morning as I am sending in our renewal subscription to the Gem I would like to write just a few words. We do so appreciate the Gem out here where we don't have much association with our own denomination. However, we have found a spiritual group of folk to worship with in the Free Methodist Church. We are truly thanking God for this. Will you pray with us thaht we might stay humble and

prayerful, and that we might have a place to worship here near the mill.

Mrs. Clyde Towe.

Dear Gem Readers:

I wish to share with you some news concerning our church at Sublette, Missouri, and also to tell you of the blessings we have recently received in a revival meeting.

On Sunday night, February 20, the ministers of our association began our revival, with each minister taking their turn in delivering the messages and having charge of the evening prayer and song service. God blessed our church in this first week of our revival, and we all appreciated the work and the messages from these good preachers of our association.

Monday evening, February 28, Bro. Harvey Hill from the Southside Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, came to help in the remaining part of the meeting in which six precious souls were saved and eight united with our church. Bro. Hill's messages gave each member of our Sublette Church a greater zeal to work for Christ. He made many friends in our church and we are looking forward to having him back with us some time.

The Mission Circle of our church is responding splendidly to the need of our church in every way they can, beside giving bedding to our Free Will Baptist Orphanage, the Old Folks hospital at Kirksville, and families in need in our community, they also send many cards to the sick and make sick calls.

We have a very good League in our church with good interest. We feel that the League work has been very beneficial to our church. God has truly given us a wonderful group of young boys and girls who take part willingly in our League by doing everything they are called upon to do. May we as Christian workers help our young people to see their need in the church and that there is a work or them to do.

We at Sublette need your prayers that we may all work together with our good pastor, Bro. Laverne Miley, more for the glory of our Lord.

Yours for Christ,  
Mrs. Cecil Peterson.

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## GREAT TIME ANTICIPATED DURING APPROACHING BIBLE CONFERENCE

The annual spring Bible Conference to be held at the College promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable time. The speakers in Nashville, Tenn., April 4-7 are to be Mrs. T. H. Willey from Cuba, Rev. Fred Maxey, and Rev. M. L. Hollis. Each of these are very able speakers. We are sure they have rich things in store for all who are fortunate enough to be able to attend the conference.

Also the College Board of Trustees and the National Foreign Mission Board will be in session during the week.

The conference program is as follows:

### MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 4

7:30 Rev. M. L. Hollis

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

8:30- 9:30 Rev. Fred Maxey

9:30-10:30 Mrs. T. H. Willey

11:00-12:00 Rev. Fred Maxey

12:30 Lunch

2:00- 3:00 Spiritual Life Hour

7:30 Rev. M. L. Hollis

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

8:30- 9:30 Mrs. T. H. Willey

9:30-10:30 Rev. Fred Maxey

11:00-12:00 Rev. M. L. Hollis

12:30 Lunch

2:00- 3:00 Spiritual Life Hour

7:30 Religious Drama by  
Speech Department

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

8:30- 9:30 Rev. Fred Maxey

9:30-10:30 Mrs. T. H. Willey

11:00-12:00 Rev. Fred Maxey

12:30 Lunch

2:00- 3:00 Spiritual Life Hour

7:30 Rev. M. L. Hollis

## AUXILIARY REPORT OF SPRINGFIELD CHURCH

I would like to give the report of the Ladies Auxiliary of our church. They are to be commended very high. They have worked hard and faithful, and have proved that the ladies have a place in the financial department of the church, as well as other departments. During the first year of their work they earned and gave to the church, \$486.29. They organized February 3, 1948 with 14 members. There are 20 members now. The Auxiliary was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lindsey, with officers as follows: president, Mrs. Myrtle Lindsey; vice-president, Mrs. Mildred Kensing; secretary, Mrs. June Agee, and Treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Stokes. The officers for this year are as follows: president, Mrs. Mildred Kensing; vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Patton; secretary, Mrs. June Agee, and treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Stokes.

They have a record we are proud of. They meet each Tuesday, all day, in the church basement. May the blessings of the Lord be upon them.

Yours because of calvary,

Rev. Bert L. Hall, Pastor.

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Address: Fred M. Waehlte  
Mulino, Oregon

## NOTICE

Since learning that the new revised treatise are about off the press we have been holding your orders for treatise until such time we shall receive our first shipment, after which we will immediately fill your orders. We have many of them waiting. Please be patient with us, as we expect to receive our shipment any day. Thank you.

The Editor.

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

## NEW FIELD ENTERED IN CUBA; BLESSED RESULTS

I am writing this article in order to encourage you to think missions, pray for missions and to give to missions. I am aware of the fact that when we make an investment of any sort we want to see it pay. In the work of the Lord we cannot always see the visible results. I do want you to share with us in a visible return.

Down on the Caribbean sea we have a large field, difficult to work in because it is close to the end of the island, but a part thickly populated and very neglected. We were the first missionaries to go into this territory. In the fishing village of Cortez, the druggist, Maguel Castillo, was searching for God. To satisfy his soul he went to the only known religion, Spiritism. He soon realized the horrible terror of this devil worship. In the mean time his father and brother were converted and I had the privilege of baptizing them and receiving them into the Church. Maguel decided to visit his father's house, with the result he found the Gospel the balm for his soul. Maguel is the type of convert that really does things. He not only had his drug store but was in the onion business and really prospering, as he paid his tithe. As he grew spiritually he plead with me for a worker. The next thing I heard was that he had built a fine temple paying a group of native carpenters at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Maguel soon realized his need of a wife. In the community was a very attractive girl trained in the Catholic convent in Pinar del Rio. Maguel said this is the girl for me so he proceeded "to convert her," and I can testify that he did a good job. She really loves the Lord.

On my first visit to the new church with the student pastor, we went across the plains and through the swamps in the jeep. No other car could ever make it. When we got there this fine little woman had two great platters of fried fish and a feast prepared for us. That after-

noon in our visiting, one man dying of cancer was converted and since has given a bright testimony. We could readily see the value of Maguel's testimony in the village.

For the service that night it seemed like every body was there. The building was packed and people crowded on the outside. After bringing a simple message on sin and salvation and how to be saved, I gave the invitation to confess Christ. Fifty-five hands were raised for prayer! When I called for a public confession of Christ by seeking Him at the altar of prayer, they came in an invasion. They did not wait to pass out into the isles but walked over the benches to the front, deeply stirred.

I am sure that if you folks who have been faithful in the support of missions could have been there you would have felt amply rewarded. Here were a group of people who had never heard the Gospel until we had the privilege of bringing it to them, but when they heard, what blessed results the Gospel brought forth.

Thomas H. Willey

## TUNE IN

Will you tune in the radio of your heart to Cuba for just a few moments, and let me talk with you? I wish it might be face to face but since it can't be that, our hearts can be in tune and together we can hear what the Spirit might have to say. My own heart has been burdened all night, and I do feel the urge of the Spirit to broadcast these words to you. It is not that I feel that my thoughts are of such great importance but as a voice of experience, listen, and God grant that the seed shall fall on good ground.

First, let me tune in with India—you may listen in if you like. To you our dear fellow-laborers in far off India, I read your letters in the Baptist last night and my heart wept with you and for you. Not that you wanted sympathy, you don't want that, you only asked for cooperation. I know so well what you are passing through.

Truly the description of your home—the marketing, etc., was all so familiar to me, you might have been describing our first home in Panama, and daily scenes that are here in Cuba. I recall so well our first years here in Pinar. When we walked on the streets or rode in the trains or busses the people would stare at us, turn in their seats and for thirty minutes or more look right in our faces as though we were some wild animals escaped from the circus. Then others would laugh at us and make fun. I won't tell you what I wanted to say to them—it wasn't very becoming to a missionary! Then I realized it was all a part of getting adjusted, and that perhaps we were strange looking creatures. Now, after so many years of living among them sharing their joys and sorrows, they no longer look upon us as strangers, but as friends. Oh, there are times when we go into new places we are gazed upon with a great deal of curiosity but we just smile back, and it doesn't bother any more. Even yet in new places we are made conscious of how much they love us—just a few nights ago Mr. Willey was in the hills holding a service in a new thatched roof church, on leaving he found the jeep completely covered with rotten eggs. As yet the fragrance lingers! You will be facing so many new experiences, especially when you are able to preach. Remember you are on enemy's territory and he will send all the demons of hell to defeat you, but the power of God is able to sustain, give you grace and victory. Oh, if we can only impress our people at home to not sleep, but constantly hold you up in prayer, and give, that you might not have to suffer unnecessarily.

Watch out for those mosquitoes! After a while you won't be able to sleep comfortable without a mosquito net. I really miss them when I go home. Tuck yourself in good, for that particular type of malaria that we have in the tropics is not to be played with. I remember so well sitting at our dinner table in the jungles of Panama, and all at once it seemed that a young earthquake was let loose

in my body, and then began a terrific fight to live, just because a little mosquito had injected in my body the germs of a killing tropical malaria. I have had to fight the effects of it for years.

Our students and our Christians will be praying for you daily. We won't let them forget you. Oh, that you might be completely surrounded by prayer that as the darts of the enemy are fired they will meet the helmet of faith and prayer, and be to no effect. Above all I would pray for you—Divine Love. You are there for He has placed within your heart a love that is super-natural, but you will find that from the toil and heat of the day that love will perhaps sometimes grow dim, then the food will be the worst you have ever eaten, it will be so hard to swallow, and everything will look more filthy and more unbearable. It will be then you shall need to draw very nigh to His great heart of love for the unlovely, and let Him breathe upon you afresh the breath of Heaven, baptizing you anew with His love for a lost world. The birds will then sing, and no day will be long enough to minister to those whom so few love, and for whom Christ died. Ours is a high calling, dear hearts, one which angels covet and men have dared to give their lives. We are ambassadors of a Heavenly King in a foreign land! The victory is yours, faint not, fight on, have faith in God, have faith in our people, they will not fail us.

Now back home to you whom we represent in foreign lands, you for whom we are fulfilling a divine charge and command to carry the Gospel to the whole world. Have you done your very best for the Master in these past two months? I don't know why it is that the Lord's treasury becomes so empty right at Christmas time! It must be that Santa Claus gets some of the Lord's money! That's hard to believe! If we as His children were faithful in our tithes and offerings these months would make no difference, there should even be more!

I am not complaining nor pleading for any need here. Bro. Davis has been able to send our check in full thus far, knowing we have so many hungry mouths to feed, but I am deeply concerned about our missionaries in India and their needs. God grant that the check is on the way or

has been received!

I realize with you that living is very high in the States and there are so many expenses these days. They are high here too, we never drink American coffee for it is now \$1.80 per pound, was \$2.50, and butter is \$1.40 a pound and everything else in comparison. You saw Miss Barnard's prices also in India. We have found through the years that God always gives enough to eat, gives enough to wear when we put His cause first. If you do not believe that, try it! Not all of our wants, and our children's wants, but He supplies our needs and His Kingdom goes forward, and our children grow in grace and knowledge of our blessed Lord. Just a little over a month ago Mr. Willey stopped by Toccoa for a day to see the children, he found Barbara without a winter coat and it was very cold. She has grown so tall her last year coat would not fit, but she said, "Please don't worry about it Daddy, I have plenty of sweaters and there are so many needs in Cuba." Have you said to your Heavenly Father it doesn't matter if you don't have that new car, new home, new dress, new suit I want, or any children want? There are so many as yet that have never tasted of the bread of life—Oh, Father don't bother about me, just give to me that I might give to others?

Oh, if there would come upon us as a church a spirit of dying out to self until we could say with Paul, "not I, but Christ." your missionaries would not have to write such heart breaking letters. There would be an abundance in every treasury, and your churches would be packed and your ministry effective.

There stands before you a wide and effectual door, your missionaries are on the field, they will go forward just as fast as you make it possible. These are days in what we do we must do quickly. My challenge to you is to arise, dedicate your heart and life anew—give Him all you have, and let Him take your five loaves and a few fishes to feed a hungry multitude.

Goodnight, keep tuned in with heaven, then with India, Cuba and the world!

Mabel Willey.

**REV. AND MRS. ROACH HAVE  
FINISHED IN MISSOURI**

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W.

Roach of Durham, N. C., have just finished a very successful itinerary in the state of Missouri. Our people have enjoyed having them very much. We trust they have enjoyed being in our midst. They entered this state on February 3rd, and finished with their last service March 15th, having held in the mean time forty six (46) services. A total of \$1,512.87 was taken up for missions in these services. We praise the Lord for this wonderful work. We are grateful to Bro. and Sister Roach for their tireless efforts in these services, and we are also grateful to our people of Missouri for their response. Of course these offerings could easily have been much more, but we are indeed thankful for this. After all it is a nice response. May the Lord bless you for it. Rev. and Mrs. Roach have now gone into Oklahoma for a weeks itinerary, after which they will return to the state of North Carolina for some work there. I am sure our people will gladly welcome them back this way at their convenience.

Winford Davis.

#### WE NEED JESUS

*When all the world seems dark and dreary*

*And seems I don't know what to do,*

*Then I just think of you, dear Jesus,  
And have a little talk with you.*

*We need you in our home, dear Jesus,*

*We need you in our churches, too.*

*We need you where e'er we go, dear Jesus,*

*We need you all our whole life through.*

*And may we live in such a way*

*That you will hear us when we pray,*

*And give us in our church today*

*More of the old time religion, in the old time way.*

*Dear Lord, help me to follow you*

*No matter what others may say or do.*

*Be with me in all I do and say.*

*And keep me in the straight and narrow way.*

By Mrs. C. Hilton  
509 Lincoln Street  
Monett, Missouri.