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MOTHER'S DAY

MEMORIES OF MOTHER

On this day we honor mother
For her matchless love and grace;
In the world there is no other
Who may ever take her place.
Like the fragrance of the flower
Which we wear upon our breast,
Ever near we feel her power,
Whether here or laid at rest.

Precious thoughts that ever cluster
Round our happy childhood days,
Through the years they gather luster
From her sweet and gentle ways.
Echoes of that hallowed number,
Ever dear as time has fled,
"Hush, my babe, lie still in slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed."

As we gathered in the wildwood,
Gathering flowers here and there;
Played the games so dear to childhood;
Built our castles in the air;
Dressed ourselves like grown up people;

Clasp our hands and said the rhyme,
"Here's the church and there's the
steeple."

She was with us all the time.

Blessed hour we had together
At the close of every day,
When we showed our bruises to her,
And she kissed the hurt away.
How she gently drew us to her,
Asking God our souls to keep;
Then in turn she had us offer,
"Now I lay me down to sleep."

Maybe age its mark is leaving
Furrows on her brow and face;
Silver streaks in hair is weaving;
Robbing form of charm and grace.
Or it may be just a mem'ry
Of a vanished form so dear;
Yet we love her, for she's worthy,
Whether over there or here.

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THE TRUE CHURCH

(Second Article)

B. F. Brown

In our first article on this subject, we felt that we should not take too much space in the paper; and attempted only to set forth a few of the important things concerning the Foundation of this one true Church.

Our text, as in the first article, 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."

Christ Builds His Church

We shall consider the Church as a New Testament institution, which the Lord started to build, nearly two thousand years ago, and is still building. Perhaps He had already begun to build His Church, when He said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church." We learn from I Cor. 12:28 and Eph. 4:11 that first of all, the Lord set 'apostles' in the Church.

When Peter, on the day of Pentecost, delivered that wonderful sermon, it is recorded (Acts 2:41), that three thousand souls were added unto them, that is, unto the Church. There must have been a church then, the Lord's apostles being its first members. Then in Acts 2:47, it is recorded that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

From the book of The Acts of the Apostles, the one historical book of the New Testament, we learn of the origin of the Christian Church, and of its inauguration on the day of Pentecost, just fifty days after Passover, and of how it began to build.

The second chapter of Acts gives evidence of how the Lord began to build His Church; and how that young Church did build! Three thousand added on the day of Pentecost, and members added daily by the Lord, and soon after Pentecost five thousand believed. We are not told that the five thousand were added to the Church; but we suppose that they were. We learn from Acts 2:41-47 that the Church was in full agreement, and had all things in common.

They all believed the apostles' doctrine, and they had sweet fellowship together. This might indicate that they were all true Christians, and all belonged to the true Church; but there must have been some evil in the Church, even at that time. The two wave loaves, waved before the Lord at Pentecost, represented the Church. The wave loaves contained leaven, which indicated that there was some evil in the Church; for leaven represents evil doctrine or evil principle (See Matthew 16:6 and I Corinthians 5:6).

Churches, Local and Visible

The Church located at Jerusalem is often called the "first" or the "mother" Church. It was visible, and was organized and located. Such churches are called local churches; there are millions of them in the world. All the local churches taken together constitute what is known as the visible Church; it is what people of the world see, and call "The Church." Men organize local churches and provide for their maintenance and government. The local church admits members, and sometimes excludes members; but only the Lord admits members to the true Church. The true Church is not organized, neither is it located at any particular place, nor does any man have authority over it, save the Man Christ Jesus. For most part, the true Church is within the visible Church, though not of it—the Lord's redeemed people are in the world, but not of it. The destiny of the visible Church is apostasy (II Tim. 3:1-8), that of the true church is glory (I Thes. 4:13-17). The Lord says to Laodicea, the professing church of the end time, "I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:14-18). But if we belong to the true Church, we have the assurance that, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory" (Col. 3:4).

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

saying, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:1, 2). After His temptation, "Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). Afterward He sent the twelve disciples to preach: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). In six of the seven parables of Matthew 13, Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is . . ." Jesus meant what He said; and the kingdom of heaven must be here now. All that is true of the kingdom of heaven is also true of the visible Church; so what Jesus called "The kingdom of heaven," we know now as "The visible Church." "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12). And so it is with the visible or professing Church today. It is like a field of wheat in which Satan has sowed tares (Matt. 13:24-30). It is like a net that gathers of every kind (Matt. 13:47-50).

The kingdom of God is composed of all that are begotten of God, both in heaven and on earth; and that part of the kingdom of God which is on earth, we know as the true Church, which includes all the truly born again members of the visible Church. "The Lord knoweth them that are His" (II Tim. 2:19). And only those that the Lord knows as his own can belong in the true Church; but the Lord who is our life (Col. 3:4), still stands in the way, saying unto all who will hear, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

Salvation Granted Unto Gentiles

The Lord also said unto Peter (Matt. 16:19), "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

This authority, given first to Peter, was also given to the other apostles (Matt. 18:18). But Peter continued to be leader and spokesman; and it was Peter who used

the keys, first on the day of Pentecost, to open the door of opportunity for salvation to the Jews. Then at the house of Cornelius Peter again used the keys, to open the door of opportunity for salvation to the Gentiles. And it is recorded in Acts 15:14 that "Simeon hath declared how God at first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name." And from that time until now God has been seeking sinners among the Gentiles, and making them new creatures in Christ Jesus. And Paul, who was God's chosen vessel, to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles, led multitudes from heathen darkness to the marvelous light in Christ Jesus.

What the True Church Is

The true Church is God's field of culture; it is God's building (I Cor. 3:9). "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). It is an holy temple for an habitation of God; being composed of true children of God, it is built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone (Eph. 2:19-22).

This one true Church is one body, and all under one name; but it has many members. It is the body Paul meant when he said

(Eph. 4:4), "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." This one body is complete in Christ (Col. 2:10), "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (I Cor. 12:12, 13). The Lord is now with His Church in Spirit, which is blessed: over there He will be with it in person, which will be glorious.

This is the Church which Christ loved, and died for, which He sanctified and cleansed; "That He might present it unto Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Read Eph. 5:23-32). This is the bride of Christ; and she shall be "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Rev. 19:8).

The true Church is the Church the Lord has built, and is building, even until now. If we belong to this one true Church, we'll go in the rapture, when Jesus comes to take His loved ones home. If we do not belong to this one true Church, we'll be left behind, to suffer with the wicked and all them that forget God—there is no salvation outside of this one true Church.

SANCTIFICATION

(Series 1)

Fred E. Maxey, Leeds, Alabama

Though clearly stated in the Bible, no doctrine has suffered more from misunderstanding and misstatement than the doctrine of sanctification. For this reason I believe the theme calls for special consideration. Three laws of interpretation obtain which if carefully followed will preclude the errors so often connected with this doctrine.

FIRST: The doctrine of sanctification must be rightly related to every other Bible doctrine. Disproportionate emphasis on any one doctrine, or habit of seeing all truth in the light of one line of Bible teaching, leads to serious error. The doctrine of sanctification, like all other doctrines of the Scriptures, represents and de-

fines an exact field within the purpose of God, and since it aims at definite ends, it suffers much from over-statement or from under-statement.

SECOND: The doctrine of sanctification cannot be interpreted by experience. Only one aspect out of three deals with the problems of human experience in daily life. Therefore an analysis of some personal experience must not be substituted for the teaching of the Word of God. Even if sanctification were limited to the field of human experience, there would never be an experience that could be proven to be its perfect example, nor would any human statement of that experience exactly describe the full measure of

the divine reality. It is the function of the Bible to interpret experience, rather than the function of experience to interpret the Bible. Every experience which is wrought of God will be found to be according to the Holy Scriptures.

THIRD: The right understanding of the doctrine of sanctification depends upon the consideration of all the Scriptures bearing on this theme. The body of Scriptures presenting this doctrine is much more extensive than appears to the one who reads only the English text; for the same root Hebrew and Greek words which are translated "sanctify" with their various forms are also translated by two other English words, "holy" and "saints," with their various forms. Therefore if we would discover the full scope of



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this doctrine from the Scriptures, we must go beyond the passages in which the one English word "sanctify" is used, and include, as well, the passages wherein the words "holy" and "saint" are used. Leviticus 21:8 illustrates the similarity of meaning between the words "sanctify" and "holy" as used in the Bible. Speaking of the priest, God said, "Thou shalt sanctify him; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee, for I the Lord, which sanctify you am holy." Here the root word used four times is twice translated "sanctify" and twice translated "holy."

The Meaning of the Words
"Sanctify," with its various

forms, this word which is used one hundred and six times in the Old Testament and thirty one times in the New Testament means to "set apart" or the state of being set apart. It indicates classification in matters of position and relationship. The basis of the classification is usually that the sanctified person or thing has been set apart, or separated from others in position and relationship before God from that which is unholy. This is the general meaning of the word.

Holy With Its Various Forms

This word, which is used about four hundred times in the Old Testament and about twelve times, of believers, in the New Testament, refers to the state of being set apart, or being separate, from that which is unholy. Christ was "holy," "harmless," "undefiled" and "separate from the sinner." Thus was He sanctified. So also, there are certain things which the word "holy" and "sanctify" in the Biblical uses, do not imply (a) sinless perfection is not necessarily implied, for we read of a "holy nation," "holy priests," "holy prophets," "holy apostles," "holy men," "holy women," "holy brethren," "holy mountain" and "holy temple." None of these were sinless before God. They were holy according to some particular standard or issue that constituted the basis of their separation from others. Even the Corinthian Christians who were "utterly at fault" were said to be sanctified (I Cor. 6:7 and I Cor. 1:2). Many inanimate things were sanctified, and these could not even be related to the question of sin.

(b) The word does not necessarily imply finality. All these people just named were repeatedly called to higher degrees of holiness. They were set apart again and again. People, or things, became holy as they were set apart for some purpose. Thus they were sanctified.

To be Continued

THE TONGUE QUESTION

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Read and study Acts 9:1-18. Text— and began to speak with other tongues St. Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3, 4. as the Spirit gave them utterance.

St. Matt. 3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." We see John as he stands on the bank of the river Jordan, as he preaches to the people to repent of their sins, and be ready so when Jesus comes He could baptize with the Holy Ghost, and fire. Jesus came to John to be baptized of him. Yes, when we are baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fire that is when we have fully repented of ALL of our SINS, and confessed our wrongs to the Lord.

The Holy Ghost will come in our life and the fire will burn all SIN out of our life, and we will be new creatures in Jesus Christ. Let us read Acts 2:3, 4 "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." What do you think of this passage of scripture? Jesus had long told them of this in John 15:26. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:" Here we learn that Jesus spoke to the apostles and related to them that the Comforter would come unto them for all. At that time the Holy Ghost had not descended on any of Jesus followers, for He was with them, teaching them the ways of life.

Acts 2:3-6 We have the evidence that it did come as was prophesied by Isaiah and Joel the prophets. In verse three it relates the facts of how the Comforter came to the disciples on the day of pentecost—"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like unto fire and it sat upon each of them. Cloven! If you will turn back to the time when Moses gave orders what kind of flesh that was fit for food, we will see what cloven means. Two or more from one source or head. Let us look at Acts 2:4-6. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost

and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." Yes, something marvelous had happened. We hear them speak our tongue or language, of the land from which we came. Yes, these apostles were Galileans, yet they spoke the Hebrew language, but was a cloven tongue. These disciples may have thought they were speaking as they always had, but when it got to the ears of the great audience EACH ONE heard the words of his or her home land. This only proves to me that this is a symbol or type that the whole world would hear this Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yes, the people understood what was said.

Let us move on to some of the ones who received the Holy Ghost. Turn to Acts 8:15-17. "Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." But no where does it mention of them speaking with other tongues. No, not once. Why? Because all the people spoke the same language.

Acts 9:1-7 "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And

the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man." Acts 9:17, 18 "And Ananias went his way and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized." A picture of the apostle Paul at the time of his conversion. We see him when the Dear Lord first appeared unto him when he was on his way to persecute the Saints. We know that if there was any one who had the baptism of the Holy Ghost it was he. But let me now ask you one question. Did he (Saul) speak with tongues when he received it? No, there is no scripture that verifies any where that he spoke in tongues. Ananias spoke Hebrew and so did Saul.

Let us now see farther on this subject. Turn with me to Acts 22:9 "And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me." Acts 26:4 "And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." I cannot say why the Dear Lord wished to speak to Saul in the Hebrew tongue, unless it was to show the world that salvation was of the Jews. This is why those soldiers did not understand the conversation that was being carried on between Saul and Jesus.

Acts 10:2 "A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always." Here is a type of those who would receive the Holy Ghost; or be sanctified; only those who fear the Dear Lord, and serve Him, they are in the right attitude to receive the Holy Ghost.

As you well know the story of Cornelius as he sent after Peter, and he and a few of the saints came down to his house and Peter preached Jesus to them. Magnified Jesus so that they

could see and know that He was the Saviour of lost humanity. Acts 10: 42-46 "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him gave all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Yes, they believed all that Peter had spoken. Whether Peter spoke to them in the Hebrew or Italian tongue I can't say, but we do know that with their tongue they spoke and magnified the Lord. Not one time does it mention that they spoke in an unknown tongue, but they magnified the Dear Lord. What does "magnified" mean? 1. To praise highly; as to magnify the Lord. 2. To enlarge the appearance as by a microscope. 3. To exaggerate; to increase or enlarge the appearance or dimension of an object, as a lens does. Then do you when you are speaking in an unknown tongue fill any of these points of view? Does it cause any one to believe that Jesus arose from the tomb or cause them to see the Great love and compassion that Jesus had for the poor people, who were sick and starving, or does it enlarge in any way the healing power that Jesus had on this earth. There is a lot more that we could relate on this subject, but I think that you can see clearly what the disciple was referring to when he said for us to magnify the Lord.

Let us examine one more passage of scripture.—Acts 19:1-6 "And it came to pass, that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coast came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto

the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." Here we have one of the few passages of scripture that speaks of the tongues. It does not say that they spoke in an unknown tongue but spoke with tongues, and that they prophesied that Jesus was the Christ. Yes, they had believed, had repented of all of their sins, but the Holy Ghost had not come and Sanctified them Holy. But when Paul came and preached unto them of the Holy Ghost and laid his hands upon them they received the Holy Ghost and were baptized.

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EDITORIAL



GREATNESS AMONG WOMANHOOD

"...A great woman..." II Kings 4:8

A thorough study of the fourth chapter of II Kings reveals clearly why this woman was referred to as "a great woman." She cared for the things of the Lord, she had abounding faith in God and she manifested great grace. This woman is not named. We will never know who she was. The only thing we know concerning her identity is that she lived in the land of Shunem. But what difference does it make whether we know who she is or not. The Lord knows and for her that is sufficient. That is one reason why she can be called great. She was not trying to make her a name of her own. She was not living for self only. She lived for others. In verses 9 and 10 she suggested to her husband that they make a little chamber on the wall (an extra room) that Elisha and his servant might have a place where they could turn in and rest themselves on their ministerial journeys for the Lord. She suggested they place therein a table, a stool, a bed and a candlestick. This clearly evidences the fact that she sincerely cared for the things of the Lord. She cared enough to "do something" about it. After the Lord had blessed her with a sweet baby boy, then took him from her and her husband in almost sudden death, she manifested great faith in that she sent at once for "the man of God" Elisha. Speaking about the Lord blessing her with a baby boy, truly it was a blessing indeed. Until this time she had borne no children. The greatest humiliation an Israelitish woman could be subjected to was to not be able to bear children, and the greatest blessing that could come upon their life was to be able to bear a man child. Truly it was a blessing to this woman when she was so highly privileged as to bear a man child. Imagine how she cherished and loved this little boy. Yet she was called upon to

give him up in death. Yet she knew the source of comfort was to be found in God and His people, so she ran to the man of God Elisha. I said in the beginning she manifested great grace. Let us see now an example of it. In verse 26 when she was approaching Elisha and his servant the servant went to meet her and asked the following questions, "Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, it is well." Her heart was broken, her first and only child, a baby boy, lay at home cold in death. The clouds of sorrow were surely hanging low and heavy, but yet she could say, "it is well." It takes something more than the natural to say that. It takes the Lord in the life. It takes grace. She manifested that grace. As we read further in the chapter we find that Elisha went to the home, and as a reward for her devotion, faith and life of service she was privileged to receive her dear boy alive again. This paid her many times over for all her labors of love in His service.

Please take notice that this woman was not great because of a high standing in society, because of the high life she lived, because her husband was some leading official in the land, or because she belonged to every club and elick in the neighborhood. No, not at all. These things do not make women great. Rather they tend to lower many a character to where they cannot attain unto true greatness. This woman was called great because of those plain yet marvelous characteristics of a true christian nature without which no one will ever become great in this world.

As we approach mothers day may our womanhood of the nation make this a season of re-dedication to the clean chaste virginlike principles which it takes to pro-

duce feminine beauty in the female sex. Some one has said, and rightfully so, "as goes the women so goes the nation." No nation has ever arisen above the moral and spiritual level of its womanhood. When the female sex becomes degraded the nation is doomed. Our problems are largely solved, in both war and peace, in the true hearts of devoted mothers. God bless our mothers on this mothers day and every day.

F. W. B. TREATISE NOW AVAILABLE

We have recently received our first shipment of the latest revised treatise. We have been filling all the orders which we had on the waiting list. The new treatise is a very nice piece of work. We are all proud of them I am sure. It is a nice job of printing, and beside it is very neat and a handy size. We are very thankful to be able to again offer to our people the Church Treatise. Why not let us have your order. They are 35c per single copy.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Texas State Youth Encampment
Woodlake Camp, Texas
August 7th through 12th, 1949

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Central Western Missouri Mission Rally Day has been advanced to Sunday, May 22nd, to avoid conflicting with Memorial Day Services at the later date. This session will meet with the Hickory Grove F. W. B. Church.

INFINITE LOVE

By Mrs. Emma Moore

All who make a donation to the Gem Office Equipment fund will be sent a copy of this book.

OUTSTANDING BIBLE CONFERENCE AT COLLEGE

It was the Editors privilege to attend a part of the annual spring Bible Conference at the College in Nashville the first days of April. I was there a little less than two days and one night, but I am in a position to say it was a grand event. There was a large attendance, the speakers were very interesting and the spirit of Christ was noticeably present. Every one

minutes of the first India Advisory Council meeting; appropriation of \$1,000.00 to apply on a boys dormitory at the Cuban School of Missions; laying plans for using some of the college students in itinerate work during the summer months, etc. Each member of the board was present except Bro. Bert F. Rogers of Oklahoma. We were very sorry Bro. Rogers



apparently was having a splendid time. I regretted very much to have to leave before it was over, but duties at the Gem Office almost demanded my soon return.

Our Foreign Mission Board enjoyed a very fine session during the conference. We felt it was one

could not be with us. We always keenly miss any one who is absent from our board meetings. Mrs. Willey, who was speaker during the Bible Conference, was in session with us part of the time. It was very nice to have her meet with us, thereby enabling us to



of the best yet. Some of the things done during the session was the working out of a proposed budget for all our foreign fields, and the home field as well, during the coming National Associational year; authorization of Miss Barnard's furlough during the coming year of 1950; approval of the

confer with her direct concerning the work in Cuba. Reminds us that next year we hope to have Miss Barnard present to confer with concerning the work in India. After all there is nothing like the person to person discussion of these matters which are so very vital.

TO BRYAN WE WILL GO

National Free Will Baptist
Sunday School Convention
August 16 to 18, 1949

The National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention will be the guest of the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools, August 16 to 18, 1949. The Convention will be held at the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas.

Let's begin making plans now for every Sunday School possible to be represented. Each Sunday School is entitled to one delegate elected from the laity. State conventions are entitled to represent with three delegates and district conventions to two delegates. The Constitution and By-Laws also require that each Sunday School shall send one dollar a month (or \$12.00 for the year) to the Convention.

As soon as report forms are ready they will be mailed to all those on the mailing list, which was set up from the representation at the last Convention at Glennville, Georgia. If you are sure your Sunday School is not on the mailing list, please write the secretary of the Convention requesting a report form. Just as soon as they are ready, you will receive one for your Sunday School. The secretary should be addressed thus: Miss Gertrude Bowe, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina.

Even if you cannot have a delegate present, you are urged to send in your report to the Secretary so your Sunday School will be represented by letter.

ONE AND ALL: LET'S GO TO TEXAS!

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CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

Lexington, Okla.
March 24, 1949

It makes our hearts rejoice for the way God is blessing in our little country church at Spring Hill.

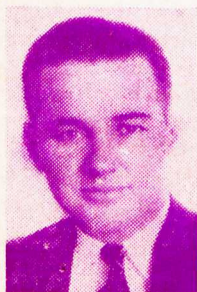
We have just had a glorious revival



Rev. Wade Jernigan

in our church sponsored by our youth. We had as our evangelist Rev. Paul Pursell of Bristow, Okla., who brought us a wonderful soul-stirring message each night. Twenty precious souls were led to Christ with eighteen uniting with our church.

We had a week of prayer meeting



Rev. Paul Pursell

in our church preceding our ten night revival, and truly we found that prayer changes things.

We had a large attendance most every night. There was great rejoicing among us, with old time shouting and singing as souls were born into the Kingdom of God.

We of the Spring Hill Church thank God for sending Bro. Pursell our way. We are also thankful for our young people. We have two young ministers in our church and we desire your prayers for them and all our young

people that they may always forget the things that are behind, and press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Just a few remarks about the progress of our church. We feel that we are going forward for God as we have launched out with a full time pastor this year. Rev. Wade Jernigan is our pastor and we are thankful that God has sent him our way. He has been a great blessing to our church and especially to our young people.

We are having good spiritual prayer meetings each Wednesday night. Our Sunday School is also growing.

We have also added two class rooms to our little church of which we are very proud and we thank God for it all, for we know that it is in and through Him that we have been able to accomplish these things.

We earnestly desire the prayers of every one that we may continue to go forward for God and that we may give God the glory.

Please find enclosed \$1.00 for my renewal subscription to the Gem. I enjoy it very much.

Trula Thompson, Clerk.

MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP

Lemay 23, Missouri
April 18, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

As time for our next session is drawing near I again want to remind you of some of the plans for this coming session.

The date of this session has been announced as beginning on Monday, August 1 and continuing through Wednesday, August 10th. Then on the 11th and 12th our Missouri State Sunday School and League Conventions will meet in their annual session. We hope that you, all over the State, are making plans to attend this years Camp Sessions. Last year God so marvelously poured out His blessings upon us that we saw nine precious boys and girls pray through and accept God as their Saviour. We also saw others answer the call of God to special service, so you can readily see what you will miss if you fail to come to the

camp this year. Truly I feel that every young person and all our churches in the State should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity offered to them each year at the Camp. We, as Youth Camp Board members, feel that this will be the best session we have had as our people have been responding to our appeals for our needs, and still there is so much that we yet need to make it what we would like for it to be. Your Youth Camp Board can go only as far as you make it possible for us to go. Get behind your State Youth Camp Board and send in your offerings and needed supplies as soon as possible and let us work together to further the cause of Christ through our youth over the State, for we must remember that the youth of today will be our church and denomination of tomorrow. Will you do what God lays on your heart to do? Then pray about our Youth Camp work and let God lead you in your giving.

There will also be a two-day working for all who would like to donate their time and efforts at the Youth Camp on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14. Get an automobile load and drive down to the camp on those two days and help us put our camp in order for this session.

When sending in your offerings and supplies, send them to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Irontdale, Missouri, and he will notify you upon receiving them.

Come, lets do our best in the remaining short time that we have to put this session of the Youth Camp over the top—WILL YOU?

May the good Lord bless you is our prayer.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill
Youth Camp Board Chairman

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YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Two months—February 15 - April 15

FINANCE REPORT

Brought forward\$219.71

(Rec'd. Feb. 15 - Mar. 15)

Southside church\$10.00

Fredericktown 20.67

3rd St. Louis 26.90

Sublette 3.00

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(Rec'd. Mar. 15 - Apr. 15)

3rd St. Louis\$26.97

Fredericktown 19.09

Merls Chapel 5.00

Mt. Grove 4.13

1st Flat River 12.90

Southside 10.00

Mill Creek 4.00

82.07

Total\$362.35

(Disbursements)

Carver Press\$ 2.00

Shelby Dotson, note 250.00

Postage & Supplies 3.00

F. W. B. Gem 6.88

261.88

Balance on Hand\$100.47

Camp Needs

I am glad to report that our Camp need list is getting splendid co-operation as you will see in this report.

SPECIAL MATTRESS FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Allred ...\$33.00

3rd St. Louis S. S. Classes 36.00

Verdella League 5.00

Total\$74.00

Burkley City (pledged) 5.50

The mattresses will cost \$5.00 to \$6.00 each. If you or your group would like to furnish one or more please let us hear from you as we need 40 or 50 to furnish our camp.

NEEDS ALREADY DELIVERED

12 Water BucketsRichwoods

6 DippersRichwoods

6 Large kettlesFlat River

3 Frying pansMrs. J. S. Reeves

4 Paring knives } Flat River

2 Serving forks } Leadington

2 Serving spoons } Beanie Edwards

6 Face towelsMill Creek

.....Carterville

3 Doz. tea towelsProspect

1 Doz. wash clothsMill Creek

1 Gross silverwareSouthside

NEEDS ON PLEDGE LIST

2 Wash tubsH. L. Alexander

1 Wash boardH. L. Alexander

3 Dish pansNiangua

2 Coffee potsJessie Stont

2 Tea kettlesMrs. Coy Rader

3 Butcher knivesTwin Oaks

1 Pencil sharpener....Monett Int. L.

11 First aid kits.S. E. Mo.League Con.

1 Doz. wash pansChesley Hill

Base ballFellowship C.

BasketballFellowship C.

Volley ballFellowship C.

Tennis ballFredericktown

NEEDS NOT PLEDGED

2 Large bread pans.....

6 Serving pans.....

30 Mattresses

If you have delivered your pledge please notify me and I will record it in our report.

I am glad to report our Youth Camp is out of debt again and we are praying that we can keep it that way. I am sure now that spring is here and our Camp Session is drawing near, that we will all get behind (not lay behind) our program with our prayers, our hands and our finance and make this year a crowning year for our "Youth for Christ" program. Some of our offerings are coming in regularly, but some we haven't heard from for sometime. I am sure that we will be hearing from you soon. God will surely bless you in your giving.

One of our good League presidents Sunday night called my attention to the entertainment program that was suggested by Sister Eunice Edwards through the March issue of the Gem. His plan is to place a box at the League meeting place with a sign "The Youth Camp Entertainment Fund," and ask his Leaguers to bring what they would like to give, such as canned goods and goods that will keep. I think this plan is worth our consideration.

Notice

Let us not forget the two-day working at the Youth Camp May 13-14. We will be looking for you. Come and help us clean up our camp grounds. We could use tractors, trucks, or most any tool you can bring. Be sure and bring your broad smile and let us enjoy the good time together.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secy.

Irondale, Missouri

A DECISION AND A PRAYER

Since God is "the potter and I am the clay,"

Against what He does I'll have nothing to say;

And since He, my Maker, is all things to me,

I've asked Him to make me what I ought to be.

For, since He is able and willeth no harm,

The most I can do is to lean on His arm;

And trust Him to lead me in straight paths of right,

For He is the Lamp that can banish my night.

So here is my heart, Lord, and here is my hand,

Support me and shield me and make me to stand;

Where you can best use me till life's work is done.

And, through my Redeemer, the victory is won.

W. Randolph Oller.

HOW TO PRAY

I have heard ministers tell sinners to raise their hands toward heaven and pray for forgiveness.

But the Publican "Would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

I believe if Free Will Baptists will follow the instructions given in the Bible instead of trying to do as some do in other denominations that we will have more Free Will Baptists.

Yours for the truth,

Rev. A. B. Talbert.

119 S. Florence

Claremore, Okla.

REVIVAL AT NOBLE, ILLINOIS

The revival at the Glenwood Congregational Church at Noble, Ill., where Rev. J. C. Kindred is the pastor, was a wonderful success. Rev. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., was the evangelist. The revival closed Sunday night with 26 conversions and 24 additions to the church. We are so thankful for Bro. and Sis. Bingham. May God richly bless them and their church.

Rev. J. C. Kindred
Noble, Illinois

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

March, 1949

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$40.99
Merl's Chapel	5.00
Hazel Creek Union	17.35

Total\$63.34

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines	\$ 1.00
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Total\$ 2.00

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union	\$10.99
Hazel Creek Union	7.44

Total\$18.43

CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT

Merl's Chapel	\$ 5.00
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STATE GENERAL EXPENSE

(Printing of State Minutes)

Twin Oaks	\$ 3.50
Merl's Chapel	5.00
Sublette	7.50
Copper Mines	5.00
Jewel	2.70

Total\$23.70

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Merl's Chapel S. S.	\$10.00
Desloge	14.86
Mine LaMotte	3.86
Carterville	14.52
Aulsbury Chapel	35.00
Merl's Chapel S. S.	10.00

Total\$87.98

MISSIONS FUND

Green Grove	\$ 13.10
Copper Mines	16.06
Morning Meditations—Archie Cooper, director	20.00
St. Louis 3rd	27.21
Jewel	7.36
Independence	13.90
Neola	8.20
Mine LaMotte	5.00
Copper Mines	13.42
Carterville Church	9.41
Flat River	36.25
Jewel	10.79
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thomas, Hannon, Mo.	13.00
St. Louis 3rd, F. W. B. S. S. ...	23.35
Rock Chapel	20.90
L. L. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo. ...	1.00
Jim Alyea, Monett, Mo.	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Will Price, Crisp	10.00
Myrtle	24.00

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Chandler, Niangua, Mo.	4.00
Aurora	16.00
Blue Eye	11.70
Total	\$305.65

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo. \$	5.00
Sublette	13.00
Hazel Creek Union	51.32
Hickory Grove	7.00
Amity	10.00
Union Light	13.92
Hazel Creek Union	24.79
Happy Circle Class— Hazel Creek Union S. S.	10.00
Providence League	14.00

Total\$149.03

MISSIONS FUND

(Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Roach's Itinerary, February-March)

Berkeley City	\$ 12.20
St. Louis 3rd	100.00
St. Louis Southside	40.39
Desloge	16.75
Flat River First	60.00
Richwood	20.00
Mine LaMotte	14.10
Flat River Fellowship	111.00
Copper Mines	17.00
Mill Creek	18.44
Aulsbury Chapel	30.75
Leadington	10.00
Fredericktown	75.01
Monett	40.45
Indian Creek Woman's Auxil- ary Convention	15.92
Macedonia	24.41
Jones Chapel	20.38
Merl's Chapel	33.00
Granby	11.59
Pleasant Grove	45.00
White Oak (Fundamental Methodist) Aurora	14.70
Blue Eye	31.03
Carterville	20.00
Aurora	15.00
Mt. Olive (Neola)	58.29
Independence	28.65
Verdella	40.67
Hannon	12.69
Springfield	25.00
Hickory Grove	55.00
Kansas City First	50.00
Mt. Zion	32.60
Hartville	28.95
Wolf Creek, Mansfield	24.83
Mountain Grove	40.40
Pleasant Hill, Hartville	22.00
Rock Chapel	30.00
Sublette	30.27
Hazel Creek Union	86.30

Jewel	26.65
New Harmony	62.16
Green Grove	22.63
Sunny View, Drynob	13.16
Happy Hill, Oakland	18.00
Union Third Fork	7.00

Total\$1,512.37

Foreign Missions \$1,058.66, Home Missions \$453.71.

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

AUXILIARY NEWS

Fredericktown, Mo.

April 11, 1949

The Fredericktown Auxiliary wishes to greet each and every one of our co-laborers with Christ and to let you know the Master is richly blessing our Auxiliary and its work, for which we do humbly bow our head in thankfulness unto Him. We realize that without Him we could do nothing and we would be careful to give unto Him all praise for whatsoever we may accomplish in our work.

We may say here that through the leadership and goodness of our Saviour we were able to give a playlet entitled "Unto the Least of These" at the St. Francois County Quarterly meeting April 9, when convened with the Third F. W. B. Church of St. Louis. The Lord was present in a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit throughout the days service. We of the Fredericktown Auxiliary who were there feel that we were more than repaid for our trip and efforts put forth in this great cause. We would that more women every where would awaken and arise to the call for more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

The parts in the playlet were as follows: Mrs. Markham by Virginia Adams, Mrs. Tayler by Vergaline Ragsdale, Anne Bear by Beular Newberry, Flora by Ruth Hand, Hannah by Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Shaw by Madeline McFarland, and Mrs. Blain by Betty Williams. Special songs by Helen McGraw. We were assisted by Bessie Baldwin.

Corresponding Secretary

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MESSAGE TO F. W. B. WOMEN

*Mrs. Myron Hyatt, President W.N.A.C.
Centerview, Missouri*

My purpose in writing you this is to stress the importance of Daily Vacation Bible Schools in each of our churches. It is the duty of our women to hold the attention of our young people and encourage them to give their talents unto the Master for His service. This can be done through the presentation of God's Word in an effective manner. The D. V. B. S. offers study and work which implants the precious seed of God's Word in their hearts. It seems to me that the most important work of our Auxiliary Societies is the training of the youth in our church.

No doubt you are thinking that a D. V. B. S. is an impossibility in your church; I believe it is possible. I feel that the Lord is calling upon our women to sponsor such activity. If you feel that you don't have trained leadership in your church I can tell you where to secure such leadership. I had the blessed privilege of attending the recent Bible Conference at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. It's there that numbers of our precious young women are awaiting calls from our churches to be of service to our people in God's work. Why not use them in your D. V. B. S. work? These young ladies have recently finished a course in the Manual of Woman's Auxiliary Methods taught by our beloved Mrs. Fannie Polston. God is providing the means for their training; He is calling upon us to use them in His service.

Our F. W. B. Bible College is devoted to the training of Christian workers, ministers, missionaries and evangelists. The young men and women are ready to render efficient service in the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I know your church will be strengthened through the service of these young ladies in your D. V. B. S. I can surely recommend them to you. If interested in their service, contact Rev. L. C. Johnson, President; 3609 Richland Avenue; Nashville (5), Tennessee.

Don't forget the importance of sending complete records with dues of your State work to our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Huey Gower, before June 30, 1949. To make it easier for your national officers, it

would be better to have the reports in by June 1, 1949 and not later than the 15th. We certainly appreciate your co-operation.

Begin making plans to attend our National Auxiliary Convention in July at Columbus, Georgia. Do pray for the success of our Convention and our work for the Master.

We are "co-laborers with God." Let's continue to be of service which becometh women to our church (Romans 16:1, 2). The purpose of our organization is to aid our church in its evangelistic and missionary work. "Make known His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His kingdom" (Psalms 145:12).

SPECIAL NOTICE OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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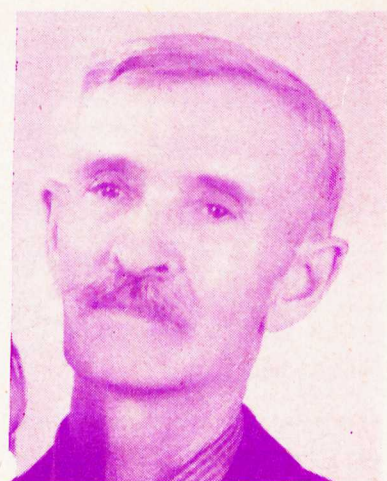
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Winford Davis, Editor

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SAMUEL ASBERRY DAVIS

Samuel Asberry Davis, son of Ewin and Anna Davis, was born December 9, 1867 near Berryville, Carroll County, Arkansas, and departed this life at 12:15 noon, Thursday, March 24, 1949 at the home, Route 1, Monett, Missouri, after a lingering illness of 17 months. At the time of his passing he was 81 years, three months and 15 days old.

He was united in marriage to Nettie B. Marbut October 21, 1888. To this union was born seven children, two sons, Otis and Clyde, and one daughter Elsie, having preceded him in death. Surviving are his widow, three sons and one daughter, namely Sanford, Ewin, Winford and Mrs. Opal Frazier all of this vicinity. Also 23 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, E. D. Davis of Monett, Route 1, besides a large number of other relatives and friends.

He was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-six and united with the Macedonia F. W. B. Church. He was immediately ordained as deacon of this church and has served faithfully in that capacity for about 54 years. At that time the Church stood on the old site one mile east of where the church now stands.

At the age of eight years he with his parents and the other children of the large family made a trip by wagon train from Berryville, Arkansas to Los Angeles, California, taking about six months for the trip. After a few years the family returned to Missouri by stage coach and train and settled at the location where his only brother now lives. Mr. Davis has been a resident of this community for about seventy years. He has been a faithful

husband and father and has manifested great patience throughout his last-
ing illness.

We bow in submission to the will of the Heavenly Father, looking forward to the day when the family will be reunited.

Funeral service was conducted at the Macedonia Church southeast of Monett by the pastor Rev. Homer Smith of Mt. Grove, Mo., assisted by Rev. Albion Erickson of the home community in the presence of an estimated audience of 1,200 people. Six of the grandsons acted as pallbearers and six of the older men of the community served as honorary pallbearers. Music was furnished by a quartet of the home community. Interment in the Bethel cemetery with Dillon and Buchanan Undertakers in charge.

There's an open gate at the end of the road

Through which each must go alone
And there in a light we cannot see
Our Father claims His own.

Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

A Word of Tribute

At 12:15 noon Thursday, March 24th I stood over my father as he left us and went on to be with the Lord. He passed away in the old home where he had lived for about 58 years, the house I was born in and the only house in which I had ever lived until I was married and my wife and I moved to ourselves in the summer of 1944. To be sure it is different around the old home now. My father was a real dad. He was of the old pioneer type. There was hardly any end to his endurance until the very last years of his life. He was a man among men to me. A man for whom I had the highest regard. I had great respect for his judgment, and often went to him for council; even in the last months of his life. I never undertook to do anything of any important nature without I first talked it over with my father. When he spoke I always felt I should listen. I didn't dare contrary him. Even though I became a man of my own many years ago, yet I could not think of acting disobedient toward my father. I always wanted to be toward him as a dependant child. He never gained so much of this world's goods, but he has left a heritage

to his children which is invaluable to us indeed. I cannot remember when my father did not pray, neither can I remember when he failed to offer thanks at the table. He was loyal to his church, honest and square with his fellowman. He was just another hard working, home loving companion and father. Oh how we miss him the Lord only knows, but we will see him again.

The Editor

MARY L. GARREN

Mary L. Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cass Ellis, was born near Newtonia, Missouri June 20, 1869 and departed this life April 6, 1949 at the age of 79 years nine months and 14 days.

In early childhood she, with her family, moved to Texas where she lived until she was about 15 years of age. In the meantime both her parents passed away and she returned to Missouri to make her home with an uncle in the same community in which she was born.

She was united in marriage to William F. Garren in February 1891. To this union were born three children; one son Ernest of Fairland, Okla., and two daughters, Mrs. Mae Lewis of Stella, Mo., and Opal who died in infancy.

Her husband preceded her in death about 16 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Garren engaged in farming as their profession, and farmed in the Indian Territory before Oklahoma became a state. They then came to Missouri, buying their farm about 1895 and residing there the remainder of their lives.

Mrs. Garren professed faith in Christ as her Saviour at an early age and united with the Harmony Methodist church, later being changed to the Wanda Methodist church, where she remained a faithful and loyal member. Even after she became older and could not attend she was an eager listener to reports of the church work.

Grandma Garren, as she came to be known by her many friends, was the last of the old settlers of the community.

She leaves besides her immediate family, nine grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. But our loss here in the

home and community is her gain for the Bible hath said "To die is gain."

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo., assisted by Rev. McClannahan, pastor of the church. Burial was made in the church cemetery under the direction of the Pogue Funeral Home.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

The Free Will Baptist Bible College seeks to train both in theory from text books and actual practical work like the following which is our record for the past four months:

Services Held—

Convalescent homes.....	54
Juvenile home.....	17
Bag factory.....	4
Street meetings.....	12
Church services.....	5

Total.....

House to house visits.....	90
Public testimonies.....	262
Pearsons dealt with.....	326
Tracts distributed.....	14,000

DOES IT PAY? 56 Persons Led to Christ—is the answer!

The addition of the 1948 Chevrolet Station Wagon is a decided asset to our practical work. It is meeting the need that has long been keenly felt.

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Sincerely,

Henry Melvin, Treas.
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INDIA IS

A Land of Keys

Baggy bulging pockets is one of my chief problems because I have to carry a multitude of keys. A good description of India might be written and entitled "The Land of Locks and Keys." When you go to a store walls are lined with padlocked shelves, if there happens to be shelves, and in order to have the privilege of looking at something one must first find the shopkeeper and point to the shelf. He then takes from his bulging pocket a great ring of keys. After trying several he finally succeeds in producing the right key. Then he stands by while you examine the article. Every business man has his great bunch of keys. The size and quality of the locks are amusing, but every door must contain at least one, and sometimes both a large one and a small one. Even in our own house we must keep cook house, clothes closet, suitcases, footlockers, medicine box, typewriter, and every movable object under lock and key. One of the first problems upon arriving in the land is to learn to become automatic in key recognition. The next thing I would like to see invented is leather lined pockets for carrying keys. Then I would like my wife to learn to remember where she puts the keys ten dozen times a day.

But not only is it a land of brass locks, it is a land where millions of hearts are locked and chained to sin. There are no new unheard of sins, perhaps, since the giving of the Ten Commandments, but the open and tremendous amount of sin and wickedness, ignorance and superstition here is overwhelming. If only we can get them to see that Christ has power to unlock the sin in their lives and set them free from Satan we shall count our many trials and difficulties as nothing.

A Land of Burdens

Absolutely no where in the world have I seen such great burdens carried by human beings. On our long train journeys over India we have noticed no modern or mechanical help in the moving of luggage. Suitcases, footlockers, great trunks and other large articles are carried in the hands of coolies or on their heads. I have seen one poor underfed coolie carrying as much as two suitcases, a footlocker, a bedroll and other smaller articles at one time. Every where you cast your eyes you see human beings weighted down with huge burdens, men carrying sacks of grain on their heads, big loads of coal, huge kegs of water strapped on poles across their shoulders. The women carry even more burdens than the men. You see them with great bundles of clothing, enormous brass jars, huge baskets, or tremendous loads of long poles of firewood, each perfectly balanced on their heads. I have seen old grey haired women carrying loads that I would stagger under. Even the children trail along with bundles on their heads and usually with a baby brother or sister on their hips. Coolie children begin carrying loads at a very early age in order to strengthen their necks to carry the heavy loads without breaking them. The vegetable man carries his basket of vegetables on his head, the dhobie his clothes, the breadman his bread, the laborer his tools.

But the thing that breaks ones heart even more is the great burden of sin they carry. The burdens of caste and custom, fear and folly, poverty and polygamy, and the paganism of Hinduism and Hell. Only Christ can lift this burden from their tired shoulders.

A Land of Warped Ethics

I am sometimes made to wonder if there is a lie upon the lips of every Indian. I have found al-

ready that the high or low, the rich or the poor, the religious or the non-religious, the Christian or the non-Christian is not exempt from it. Sometimes it is a flagrant breach of truth and sometimes a subtle sophisticated untruth. If you have a servant you must count the slices of bread in a loaf, weigh the sugar, measure the flour, and lock up everything as soon as you have given him enough to prepare that particular meal. On the train a conductor collected my money to send a wire to the next station to arrange reservations on a connecting train. When we arrived at the next station we found no reservation and that he had not even sent a wire. I got hold of a conductor who arranged to get us seats just in the nick of time and arranged, so he said, for our luggage to be changed at the next change where the baggage car would be changed but we would not have to change so we would not be disturbed during the night as he had arranged for the baggage, for which services he hinted that I was expected to give a liberal tip. Some more rupees were handed over. Upon arriving at the next place of change I felt uneasy about the luggage so I went over to see about it. I found that no one worked at the station at that time of night and that the baggage would not be changed. I hired coolies and had them carry my luggage to the next train. Then I had to sit on it for two or three hours to keep it from being stolen before the train left. If you put a stamp of any value upon a letter you must stand and see it cancelled before you leave or else it will be taken off and the letter destroyed. The postoffice employees would take it off. When a package arrives that has not been sewed up in a sack before it leaves all the catable things such as candy or nuts have already been taken out. One has the means

feeling of being gyped all the time, and especially when one has not been in the country long enough to know just how many annas should be given for every article. Most shops in India have no set price (in smaller places) and the shop keeper just asks what he thinks he may be able to get out of you if he talks hard enough. I close this section with a glaring ad from one of the local newspapers. I quote, ".....tonic... a surprising increase in vitality and energy, weak memory and body, nervousness, impure blood, sickly skin, depression, insomnia, mental and physical exhaustion... It will increase weight five to ten pounds within a week... It improves your looks and appearance. The actor and actresses of Hollywood are active, young looking and charming by the use of this medicine even at the advanced age of eighty or ninety years, and they are enthusiastically working on the stages. It is a wonderful invention of the twentieth century, an eighth wonder of the world. Start taking O..... immediately and live for a hundred years fit, strong and healthy..."

A Land of Beggars

The nasty, gory contortions of the professional beggar is revolting. Many of them have maimed themselves deliberately. The dirty foul smelling religious beggar is disgusting. The poor crippled beggar who was born in his condition or made that way either by accident or relatives, grieves ones heart. In traveling on a train you will be greeted at every station with the pitiful pleas of beggar children and the whine of older beggars. Here where we live each trip to town, to the postoffice, to the bazaar, means its encounter with the countless beggars. Their continual cry comes to your ears until it is almost maddening. But it is not all this kind of begging. Each salesman, each hawker or vender always wants a little more than the market price. After you have decided on a price and paid him, he then turns and asks you for a tip. Even when you refuse to buy something they still have the nerve to ask for a tip. Others who do not ask out and out for

money will ask you to take their picture and give it to them free. It would take a small fortune to accomodate all who ask as every one wants his picture made. Others will ask for free Bibles even when they can afford the few annas that they cost. Several boys have come to me and asked me to send them to school. How they need to learn to rely on their own resources.

All this and much more is India, a land with a rotten past but a promising future. Along with the richest man in the world are the poorest people, a land a thousand years behind America in many ways, yet it holds the eighth place in industry in the world, the poorest and most primitive villages yet some very modern and up to par cities, a land of ignorance and intelligence, a land of religion yet one without Christ. India the land of filth and smells, idols, casts, wickedness and age old customs. Shall we give them sin or salvation, hell or heaven, death or life, devil or deity? Yea, may the Free Will Baptists give India Christ.

Daniel R. Cronk

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Receipts by States—March 1949

Brought for'd from February \$3,138.81

Rec'd. by States as follows:

Missouri	\$1,426.64
North Carolina	1,042.34
Georgia	365.06
Ohio	564.50
Oklahoma	345.06
Tennessee	338.31
Illinois	168.79
Texas	162.40
Michigan	145.00
South Carolina	120.42
Kentucky	85.38
West Virginia	80.86
New Mexico	20.00
Florida	6.00
Alabama	5.00
California	5.00
Mississippi	2.00
National Women's Auxiliary Conf. ...	74.50
Cuban Ass'n. paym't. on loan ...	25.00
Re-imbusement from Missouri Home Mission Board as 30%	

of Rev. and Mrs. Roach expenses ...	159.54
Sale of books "His Name Among All Nations"	18.00
Subs. to Review	4.00
Total	\$5,163.80

Grand Total	\$8,302.61
Total disbursements during month	3,357.21
Balance in treasury April 1, 1949	\$4,945.40
Winford Davis, Treasurer	

KEY TO JOY

I know no key to joy like thankfulness;

It opens every bar across my ways.

Just to feel thankful lifts my heart to God,

To wake and say, "Thanks, God, for everything—"

For this sweet breath I draw, for those I love;

For peace within in spite of strife without;

For this good life which gives a chance each day

To be of use to someone in the world."

So thankfulness has opened up my door

To rising for the day that is ahead;

And all the tenses, fears of the unknown,

Drop from my limbs and leave me free to live.

A grateful heart is cleansed of selfishness,

Is fragrant and receptive to God's love.

Each hour His bounty fills and overflows

My every need and grants the power to share,

For daily there is excess to be given;

And, sharing, I can know how glad God is

To give to me out of His infinite store,

To hear just one soul say, "Thanks be to God!"

Lucile V. McCurtain.

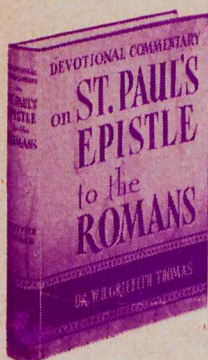
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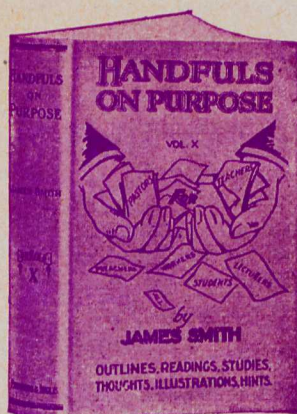
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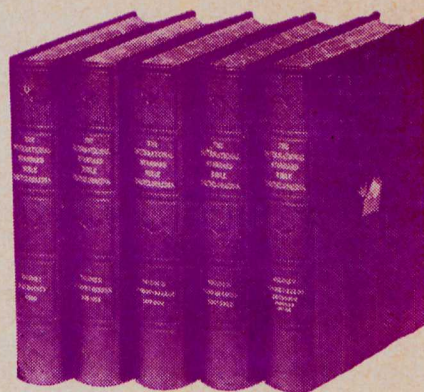
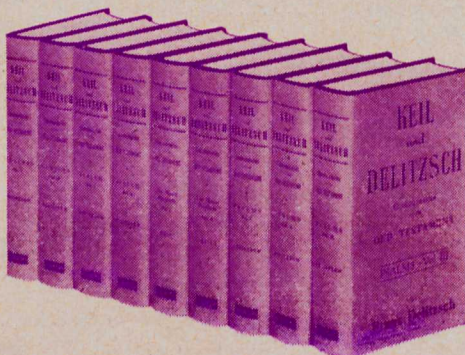
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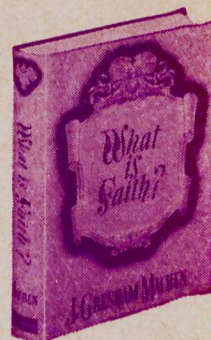
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