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## SANCTIFICATION

(Series 3)

Fred E. Marey, Leeds, Alabama

Beyond the brief study in the preceeding lessons of "words" and "means" related to the doctrine of Sanctification, consideration should be given to the deeper aspects of the truth as stated in the New Testament. Though the exact meaning of the words "sanctify," "holy" and "saint" is unchanged, there is a deeper reality indicated by their use in the New Testament than is indicated by their use in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is a "shadow of good things to come." This study is primarily concerned with the New Testament revelation, which may be considered in three divisions.

**FIRST — Positional Sanctification:** This is a sanctification, holiness, and sainthood which is accomplished by the operation of God through the body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We, who are saved have been re-



deemed and cleansed in His precious blood, forgiven all trespasses, made righteous through our new headship in Him, justified and purified. We are the sons of God. All of this indicates a distinct classification and separation, deep and eternal, through the saving grace of Christ. It is based on facts of position which are true of every child of God. Hence, every believer is now said to be positionally sanctified, holy, and is therefore a saint before God. This posi-

tion has no relationship to the believers daily life more than it should inspire him to holy living. The Christians position in Christ is, however, according to the Scriptures, the greatest incentive to holiness of life. The great doctrinal Epistles observe this order. They first state the marvels of saving grace, and then conclude with an appeal for a life corresponding to the divinely wrought position. (Rom. 12:1, Eph. 4:1, Col. 3:1). We are not now accepted in ourselves, we are accepted in the Beloved. We are not now righteous in ourselves. He has been made unto us righteousness. We are not now redeemed in ourselves. He has been made unto us redemption. We are not now positionally sanctified by our daily walk. He has been made unto us sanctification. Positional sanctification is as perfect as He is perfect. As much as He is set apart, we, who are in Him, are set apart. Positional sanctification is as complete for the weakest saint as it is for the strongest. It depends only on his union and position in Christ. All believers are classified as "saints," so, also, they are classified as "sanctified" (Acts 20:32, I Cor. 1:2; 6:11). The proof that imperfect believers are nevertheless positionally sanctified and are therefore saints, is found in the first Epistle to the Corinthians. The Corinthians were unholy in life (I Cor. 5:1, 2; 6:1-8) but they are twice said to have been sanctified, (I Cor. 1:2; 6:11). By their position, then, christians are rightly called "holy brethren" and "saints." They have been "sanctified by the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10), and are "new men" who are "created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). Positional holiness and positional sanctification are "TRUE" sanctification and holiness. In his position in Christ, the christian stands righteous and accepted before God forever. Compared to this, no other aspect of this truth can have an equal recognition. But let

no person conclude that he is "holy" or "sanctified" in life because he is now said to be holy or sanctified, in position. While all believers are sanctified positionally, there is never a reference in any of these Scriptures to their daily life. The daily-life aspect of sanctification and holiness will be found in another and entirely different body of truth which may be termed EXPERIMENTAL sanctification. This aspect of sanctification will be taken up in our next lesson. In case some over zealous brother is inclined to pass judgment, follow us to the consummation of this subject.

(To be Continued)

## CHRISTIANS

*Could I be called a Christian if everybody knew*

*My secret thoughts and feelings and every thing I do?*

*Oh, could they see the likeness of Christ, in me each day,*

*Oh, could they hear Him speaking in every word I say?*

*Could I be called a Christian if everyone could know*

*That I am found in places where Jesus would not go?*

*Oh, could they hear His echo in every song I sing,*

*In eating, drinking, dressing, could they see Christ in me?*

*Could I be called a Christian if judged by what I read,*

*By all my reactions and every thought and deed?*

*Could I be counted Christ-like as I now work and pray,*

*Unselfish, kind, forgiving to others every day?*

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## THE MANTLE OF TURIN

*YOU may be astonished to learn that there exists in the world today a garment, which according to the consensus of best scientific opinion, contains a print of the body of Christ.*

BY DR. J. O. KINNAMAN

**Editors Note**—We have selected this article from "Waves of Truth," a very fundamental publication which is edited and published at St. Petersburg, Florida, by Rev. Charles M. Leaming. We believe our readers will find this article by Dr. J. O. Kinnamon very interesting.

**Scripture Text**—John 20:1-10. "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciples, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went again unto their own home."

This passage from the Book of John tells how John and Peter came to the tomb of Jesus, stooped down and looked in, and saw lying there on the transversal of the tomb, a bundle of cloth wound around and tied up with tape. It is that artifact that we shall discuss.

### The Syndona

The bundle of cloth, or clothes, is called in your Greek New Testament "the syndona." You know it in literature sometimes as the

Holy Shroud, or Mantle of Turin. "Syndona" is a Greekized Egyptian word that means "mummy cloth."

Joseph of Arimathea, the second uncle of Jesus (he was Mary's father's youngest brother) fulfilled the Roman law by going to Pilate and asking that he be allowed to take the body of his nephew, because it was a Roman law that the nearest male relative must claim the body of a man put to death on the cross. Women did not count, not even Jesus' mother could ask that from the governor of Palestine.

### The Burial of Jesus

Joseph of Arimathea requested Pilate to be allowed to take the body of his nephew from the Cross, and on the way back to Golgotha, he bought the syndona, known as an Egyptian mummy cloth. All such were manufactured in Egypt—nowhere else on the face of the earth, but they could be bought in what we would call in present time any drygoods store. Nicodemus joined Joseph of Arimathea, and they took the body from the Cross and wrapped it in the syndona, and placed the body in the tomb that Joseph of Arimathea had carved from the cliff side as the tomb for himself. He himself never was placed there. I am speaking archaeologically and scientifically and chemically. No other man ever was placed in that tomb except Jesus the Christ, and He remained there thirty-six hours.

When Jesus arose, He wrapped up the syndona and tied it with a tape and left it on the transversal division of the tomb. John saw it. You remember that Jesus on the Cross looked down at His mother and at John. Mary was John's aunt. John's mother and Jesus' mother were sisters, and Jesus commended and recommended His mother to the care of John.

When John looked into the

tomb and saw those grave clothes there in a huddle, what do you suppose he did with them? Well, what did you mothers do with those first baby shoes of your children? I think if you'd look around in your bureau drawers or some place like that, you'd find them, wouldn't you? John took this bundle of cloth to Mary. Then John took Mary with him to Ephesus. We do not know when Mary died, but it was before John did, because John died on the turn of the second century.

### The Disposal of the Syndona

We have the records that John gave these clothes to his chief disciple, and so on down, we trace the history of it through the ages without a break in its continuity. Then 1305 years ago, the syndona came into possession of the House of Savoy, of Italy.

It became the private property of the head of the family of the House of Savoy. The House of Savoy was a king, and the last of the House of Savoy was King Victor Emmanuel III. That syndona is the private property of the son of Victor Emmanuel today.

This syndona hangs today in the Cathedral of Turin in Italy, as an artifact unique in the entire field of archaeological investigation. It is called the Mantle of Turin.

### Its History

This garment is a single woven piece of cloth, 162 inches long by 52 inches wide. At first glance, it simply appears to be a darkish brown piece of cloth, and would not under ordinary circumstances, command any particular attention. But in the folds we find what science believes to be an unmistakable likeness of the Master, traced back to Lirey, in the diocese of Troyes, in the year 1360. Archaeologists are forced to stop at this date. But tradition and scientific deductions do not pause there.

The year 1453 found it at Chambery in Savoy. In 1532, it narrowly escaped destruction by fire. In 1578, it was placed in the Cathedral at Turin to remain until modern times, being removed to places of safety because of war.

Today, it appears merely to be

a linen cloth, without marks visible to the naked eye. But when the camera is turned upon it, a different story is told.

### The First Photograph

It was photographed the first time in 1898, and the one taking the picture was more surprised than the photographer who accidentally discovered the X-ray. In the first place, the image was a negative. In the photographic negative, the lights and shadows are natural, but in the linen or positive print, they are inverted.

Dr. Paul Vignon, in the year 1901, maintained that the "impression" was a vaporigraph, caused by emanations from the body of Christ, for here we are supposed to be dealing with the actual shroud in which Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped Him immediately after the crucifixion. Dr. Vignon claimed this to be a natural negative in full life size.

The discovery produced great interest among scientists and all professing Christians. By 1903, there had appeared more than 3,500 articles, books, and other treatises dealing with this famous artifact.

Let us consider Dr. Vignon's "vaporigraph" discoveries. He had to give a name to a new method and this was done by compounding certain verbal factors.

### The Science of Fingerprinting

During recent years, a science has been developed making crime a dangerous occupation—namely, the taking of fingerprints left by the criminal.

Not so long ago such a thing was impossible because the usual prints of one's fingers were not visible to the naked eye. I need not recall here the steps in the development of this new science. But there is one phase, not generally known, which we need to consider:

Dr. E. M. Hudson perfected a process to get fingerprints from cloth, wood, metal, anything that has not a shiny or glossy surface. Time is not an element. Prints remain, we might say, forever. On cloth these impressions cannot be removed by friction, such as brushing or rubbing, etc., because they are impregnated with some-

thing the character of dye.

What causes prints to remain upon such substances?

The prints are produced because the body sweats and gives off oils and salt. Everything touched is branded with these substances. According to ratio there is more salt than oil, but enough oil to "set" the salt.

In the process of searching for latent prints on the material mentioned, light colored surfaces are treated with silver nitrate to develop the sweat traces. The nitrate develops the traces into silver chloride. When the result is exposed to the sunlight, the silver nitrate turns black, thus making a perfect pattern on a light surface. If the surface is dark in color, a calcium sulphide solution produces a light pattern on the background.

### Two Images on the Mantle

The camera reveals two images on the Mantle of Turin: (1) the face and entire front of a man, the head being in the center of the shroud, and (2) the entire back of a man.

The outline of the image is perfect and complete. The height in full is 5 feet 10 inches. The negative, or rather the positive of the camera, reveals a beardless face. The forehead is marked with what might be called short gashes. The back shows lines that could have been made with the lashes of a cat-o'-nine-tails.

An anatomical estimate of the image would give the weight of the man as 180 pounds.

According to the New Testament, the body of Jesus was wrapped by Joseph in a linen "cloth," but the Greek word is "isdon." The Hebrew equivalent is "khorash," meaning "cover."

A sidom was sometimes cut in two pieces, and later sewed together after one piece had been placed under the corpse and the other above. Sometimes it was made into a continuous web.

It was a custom among the wealthier classes to use the web without cutting it.

### Marked by the Bloody Sweat

In addition to the "mixture of myrrh and aloes" supplied by Joseph and Nicodemus, let it be recalled that the Master had also

suffered from a bloody sweat, running out through the pores of His body in the hours just before going to Calvary.

According to the record, Jesus had endured extreme physical strain for two full days and nights. He had undergone what only one man out of ten ever survived—a Roman scourging. He had suffered for hours the most awful agony that could be inflicted upon human beings—crucifixion. Can the condition of the body be imagined, when taken from the Cross and wrapped in the clean linen shroud.

The marks left on the shroud resulted from natural causes and do not necessarily imply anything supernatural. Under those circumstances, a body could be expected to leave an impression. Chemistry explains this fact. The miracle is that the burial garment should have been preserved.

If we could find any other material actually known to have been touched by Jesus, the fingerprints could be gotten, even after these two thousand years.

### Could Linen Cloth Survive.

Perhaps some will wonder if such a linen cloth could survive so many centuries. This inquiry deserves to be considered:

The now famous Pharaoh, Tut-Ankh-Amen died circa 1375 B. C., yet his clothes remained intact when the tomb was opened and the mummy found. Exposure to air did not cause them to deteriorate. Those garments are at least 3,375 years old. They are not in pieces. They are not brittle or ready to fall apart, but remain in the state they were when wrapped around the body of Pharaoh.

King Tut's raiment is modern, as far as years are concerned. How about the articles found by Petrie in the tomb of Mena, the first king of a united Egypt? Mena ruled not less than two thousand years before Tut-Ankh-Amen, or in other words, as many years prior to Tut as from the time of Jesus to the present date.

They were a pre-dynastic people in Egypt in no way related to the dynastic Egyptians. They were blonde with red hair. The dynastic Egyptians conquered

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# From The Editor's Desk



## MISSOURI STATE ASS'N. TIME DRAWING NEAR

Ere we realize it the time for the annual setting of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists will be here. The session is to be held with the Sunny View Church near Lebanon, Missouri this year. This is in the bounds of the Laclede County local association. It meets the week following the second Sunday in September. We trust that Free Will Baptists throughout the entire state are on the alert concerning this important meeting. Our local associations over the state, of which there are 11 in number, will all hold their respective sessions between now and time for the State Meeting. In these local meetings is where the delegation to the Missouri State will be elected. Much forethought should be given to the choice of those to represent in the State Association. Personal prejudice and personal feelings should be laid aside, and those who are capable and have the work at heart should be sent to help carry on the business of the State Meeting. Such important matters as come before us in the State Association deserve to be handled by those possessed with much Godly wisdom.

We are looking forward to a great State Meeting this year. The location is not too far off center for our people over the state. Good highways and the Frisco Railroad all lead into Lebanon, which is one of the most thriving towns, and we understand the Sunny View Church is busy getting ready to make everything comfortable for those who attend.

Let us be much in prayer that God will give a great and gracious time during our annual session this year.

## DON'T FORGET THE STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Our Missouri State Association will soon be here. It meets this time with the Sunny View Church

near Lebanon, Missouri. You will please remember each church in the state is requested to make a donation toward the entertainment of the State Association. This is true each year. Some of our churches respond and some do not, but it would make it much easier on everyone if each church would make a liberal donation each year toward the entertainment of the Missouri State Association. The amount you are to give is to be determined by you. However, you are aware of the fact that foodstuff is very high. Every one knows that. Send your donation to Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer, Centerview, Mo., and say "for entertainment fund." Or if you fail to get it in to the State Treasurer then you can mail it in direct, or take it with you when you go to the state meeting. It is better to get the money together and send it in plenty of time to the State Treasurer. Don't get confused in the entertainment money and the budget money. The budget money is not to be used for the purpose of feeding the delegation. It goes for other associational expenses. Both these funds should be duly looked after before the state meeting time rolls around. It takes co-operation and the help of all to keep the good work going. Above all be much in prayer that we will experience a grand and glorious state association, which meets the week following the second Sunday in September.

## YOUTH ENCAMPMENT NEAR AT HAND

By the time you read this issue of the Gem our Missouri State Youth Encampment will be well along in its annual session near Niangua, Missouri, at our state camp grounds. We are looking forward to a great session. Many of our young folk are planning to attend, and of course that is the first requirement in order to have a good session. We are praying that an old time revival of power

will be the result of the night evangelistic services. Our folk all over the state should be praying earnestly to this end. Let's bring our children up to know something of the real saving power of God. In this day of modernism, form and show, we need to be very much on the alert. It can even get into Free Will Baptist ranks the same as any other, and if we are not very careful it will do it.

Don't forget the State Sunday School and League Conventions will convene the last two days of the encampment session. We trust there will be a good attendance at these two important meetings.

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## LET US HAVE MINUTE WORK

Many annual associational meetings are now being held over the states, and will continue to be throughout the late summer and fall season. Most all these associations will have minutes of their proceedings printed for distribution. The Gem will be glad to have your minute work, and will be in a position to give you reasonably quick delivery on your job. However, we must take them as they come in, so the sooner you get your minute job in the sooner it can be finished and shipped back to you. We will appreciate your remembering us with your work. Thank you.

The Editor

## N. W. MO. - S. E. KAN. ASS'N.

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By Mrs. Emma Moore

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**REV. DAMON C. DODD**  
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Rev. Damon C. Dodd of Flat River, Missouri, was elected National Executive Secretary in the recent National Association held in Columbus, Ga. Rev. Dodd is one of our most progressive young ministers, and is well qualified for this important position. We will be praying that he may be a great blessing to the entire denomination as he serves in this capacity the coming year.

## GEMS FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Beware of dictatorship in the church. The spirit of this age is the centralization of power; suppression of the popular will; rulership of the few. It is very easy to allow this spirit to creep into the church. The Free Will Baptist Church is founded strictly on democratic principles. Government of the people by the people. The only safe and sane thing to do is let the voice of the church be the controlling factor. Do everything fair, square and above board, and then let the majority rule. Yes, when the majority rules LET them rule. ABIDE by the decision.

The churches at Ephesus and Pergamos were infested with the deeds and doctrine of the Nicolaitanes. (Rev. 2). This word

comes from the original nikao, "to conquer," and laos, "the laity." It simply means the ruling class among the laity. We sometimes say the rule or ruin kind. God says, "which thing I hate."

One thing we ask for but little and need most; guess what...  
**DIVINE WISDOM.**

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

In the religious realm we sometimes see the varied treatment among brethren which reminds one of the contrast seen in human treatment of animals. Some are stall fed and live on the real food of the land, while others are used as mere pack ponies.

You have often heard of political pie. Did you ever hear of denominational pie? It is no uncommon thing for some man in politics to be actuated, not by the spirit which surges in the heart of a true statesman, but by the base desire for political pie. Such breaks out sometimes in religious circles. That is the satanic spirit of digging for the pie. Some are privileged to live continually on the pie while others must exist on grits and cornbread.

I swung around the business corner in my car, hurrying to keep a decent pace with the rushing traffic, and overheard a lady say, "Every time I turn around it is money for something." Yes, that's right, and did you ever stop to think that is the experience of your pastor the same as yours?

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Dear Youth for Christ Workers:

Just a line to report the progress of our Youth Camp work. We are making this report from the Youth Camp, making our home in the dining hall while we prepare for the Youth Camp session that is so near at hand.

We are all trying to do our part in this great work. Vada, my wife, is our camp cook and hostess. Kenneth, our son, is my assistant and partner in all our work and activities about the camp. We are enjoying our work from early morning until late at night, clearing the grounds, repairing and remodeling for the convenience of better entertainment and play ground activities.

We are expecting you to come and to enjoy your stay here at the session. We are praying that God will make a way for every boy and girl that would like to come. Be sure and come!

We are having a sign erected at the intersection of Highways 66 and "M" near Niangua, Mo., 35 miles north-east of Springfield, Mo., and 24 miles southwest of Lebanon, Mo. The Camp is two miles southeast of Highway 66 on Highway "M". By train come on the main line of the Frisco to Niangua, Missouri.

I am sorry I cannot make my financial report, as part of it is in my desk back at Irondale. I will make it next month.

Well, by the time you read this no doubt our session will be in progress, but there is time yet to come and enroll. Just come on and we will make room for you.

Yours for a better Youth for Christ,  
Bill, Vada and Kenneth  
(Rev. Wm. Reeves,  
Niangua, Missouri)

### BRYAN, TEXAS INVITES YOU

Bryan, Texas  
July 9, 1949

Dear Friends:

The Central Texas Sunday School Association is looking forward to a large delegation to the Association which meets in Bryan, August 16-18.

We assure you of a warm welcome and will try to make your stay in Texas a happy one.

Those desiring rooms in the homes should write to: Mrs. R. C. Cloud, Box 573, Bryan, Texas.

Those desiring rooms in hotels or courts should write to:

Bryan Courts, Box 625, Bryan, Tex.

1 person .....	\$2.50
2 people .....	3.00
4 people .....	5.00

College Courts, Box 63, College Station, Texas

1 person .....	\$2.50
2 people .....	3.00
3 people .....	4.00
4 people .....	5.00

McArthur Courts, Bryan, Texas

1 person .....	\$2.50
2 people .....	3.00
4 people .....	5.00

Hotel Charles, Bryan, Texas

2 people .....	\$3.50
Single room .....	2.25

We hope that all who can possible do so will attend.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. R. C. Cloud

## GOING WEST

### NATIONAL F. W. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Bryan Church; Bryan, Texas  
August 16 to 18, 1949

Executive Board Meeting—1:30 p. m., August 16.

WE WILL LOOK FOR YOU THERE! SEND IN YOUR REPORT FORM IF YOU CANNOT REPRESENT WITH A DELEGATE, TO MISS GERTRUDE BOWE, COLUMBIA BIBLE COLLEGE, COLUMBIA, S. C.

### NATIONAL S. S. CONVENTION August 16-18, 1949—Bryan, Texas

Theme: Lifting up a Standard for the people. (Isaiah 62:10)

Presiding: Rev. LaVerne Miley, Pres.  
Music Director: Billy Melvin

Tuesday, August 16

(EVENING SESSION)

7:00—Prayer period

7:15—Song and devotional: "Go

Through the Gate," Rev. Noah Tuttle

—Greetings.....Mayor of Bryan

—Who's Here and What Shall We Do? Rev. LaVerne Miley, Pres.

—Special Music

—Address: "Lift up a Standard through Effective Devotionals," Rev. F. B. Cherry

Wednesday, August 17

(MORNING SESSION)

10:00—Devotional: "Prepare Ye," Rev. Reford Wilson

10:20—Business session

11:15—Special music

11:20—"Lift up a Standard through Improved Literature," Rev. D. C. Dodd

12:15—Lunch and Fellowship  
(AFTERNOON SESSION)

1:45—Devotional: "Cast up an Highway".....Rev. T. G. Hamilton

2:15—Visual demonstration.....Mrs. Verduin Bingham

2:45—Departmental Meetings—Conducted simultaneously:

—Nursery and Beginners....Mrs. H. Ray Berry

—Primaries..Mrs. LaVerne Miley

—Juniors.....Mrs. Reford Wilson

—Intermediates..Mrs. D. C. Dodd

—Seniors.....Rev. Noah Tuttle

—Adults.....L. E. Duncan

—Administration....Rev. Luther Gibson

4:00—Adjournment

(EVENING SESSION)

7:15—Devotional—"Gather out the Stones".....Rev. Robert Crawford

7:30—Special Program....Bryan S. S.

Thursday, August 18

(MORNING SESSION)

9:30—Song and Prayer Service

9:40—Business session

10:40—Special music

10:50—Address: "Lift up a Standard through Better Literature," Rev. E. C. Morris

11:15—Departmental Meetings (Same places and groups as Wednesday)

11:45—Special service for children, conducted by Mrs. Verduin Bingham

12:15—Final General Assembly-Praise and song service conducted by Rev. Seldon Bullard

12:45—Adjournment



## ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The Missouri State Association will be held at the Sunnyview Church near Lebanon in Laclede County Association beginning on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September, 1949.

Indian Creek Association will meet with the Granby Church on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949. The Ministers' Conference will convene on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949.

The Central Western Missouri Association will be held with the Independence Church near Stockton, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949.

The Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Association is to meet with the Union Third Fork Church near Stewartville, Missouri, beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949.

Niangua Association will meet with the Cedar Ridge Church near Tunis, Missouri, beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1949.

The Liberty Association will be held with Mt. Zion No. 3 Church near Grove Spring, Missouri, beginning on Thursday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949.

The Roberts McGee Association will be held with the Green Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Cameron, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1949.

The Hopewell Ass'n. of Okla. will be held with Hopewell Church beginning Thursday night before the last Sunday in August, 1949.

The Eastern Oklahoma Association will be held with the Maple Springs Church seven miles north of Muldrow, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949.

The Hopewell Ass'n. No. 2 of Okla. will be held Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949.

The Southeastern Okla. Associa-

tion will meet with Center Point Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949. Eleven miles west of Antlers, Okla. on highway.

The First Mission Association will meet at the Old Ministers' Home-Camp Ground, beginning on Thursday night August 9th, 1949.

The Dibble Association will be held with the Bryant Church, beginning Thursday evening preceeding the second Sunday in September which will be the 10th of Sept., 1949.

The Texas State Association will be held at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in November, 1949.

The Central Texas Association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church of North Zuleh on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, 1949.

The Liberty Association No. 2 of Alabama will meet with Guiding Light Church at Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1 on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949.

The Arkansas Association will be held with Freedom Church in Scott County near Waldron, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1949.

The Central Association will be held with the Church at Happy Home, Georgetown, S. C., beginning on Thursday morning 9:30 o'clock A. M. before the second Sunday in November, 1949.

The Zion Hope No. 2 Association will meet at the North Side Free Will Baptist Church at 3300 Walnut St., Ft. Smith Ark., on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1949.

The John Wheeler Ass'n. of Va. will convene with Spoon Gap Church, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1949.

The South Georgia Association will convene with Philadelphia

Church five miles southwest of Folkston, Ga., on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1949.

The Mission Association will meet with the Mtn. Grove Church, near Mtn. Grove Mo., beginning the 11th of August, 1949.

Beware of formality, pride and show. It has crept into many other denominations to a hurtful degree. It can easily do the same among Free Will Baptists.

### 13 SAVED AT D. V. B. SCHOOL

Kirksville, Mo.

July 19, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

The Jewel Church near Kirksville has had a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School. It started June 20 and lasted through two weeks under the direction of our pastor and his wife, Bro. LaVerne and Sis. Lorene Miley. There was an enrollment of 40 with an average attendance of 38. There were also visitors each day. The reason we feel it was so successful was because 13 of the youngsters were saved.

We had a mission story each day and an offering for missions followed. This amounted to nearly \$20.00. Our program was given on Sunday afternoon, July 2, this date being the 5th anniversary of our Sunday School being organized. There was Sunday School at 10:00 and preaching service at 11:00 o'clock, with Sis. Alta Mikel bringing the message in the absence of our pastor who had another appointment to fill. At noon there was a basket dinner and the program then followed. Much praise should go to our good pastor and his wife, for they worked so untiringly.

Following are the teachers and their helpers: Beginners—Miss Alice Williams, helper, Mrs. Junior Evans; Primary—Mrs. Harlan Lay, helpers, Mrs. Mildred Miller and Mrs. Ora Hammons; Juniors—Mrs. LaVerne Miley, helper, Mrs. Earl Sponsler, and Intermediates—Rev. LaVerne Miley, helper, Mrs. Paul Ericson.

Also I would like to mention that we have lost one of our most faithful members, Sis. Lou Hardin. She passed away July 12. She leaves a vacancy that cannot be filled.



We ask an interest in your prayers that our church might go forward in a way that would be pleasing to Him, though we are few in number.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harlan Lay

### D. V. B. S. AT FLAT RIVER

Flat River, Mo.  
July 21, 1949

Dear Gem Family:

We are happy to report our Vacation Bible School with all the blessings which were ours to enjoy throughout the school. Unsaved parents and homes were blessed by our Bible School this year. We want to thank the Lord for teachers and helpers who have time and talent for the cause of the Lord.

We opened our school with an enrollment of 90. Each morning devotions were from 9:00 to 9:30 o'clock, and were a spiritual feast; songs, prayers, scripture reading, and a Bible story or Missionary story. Our young people never know about our missions and missionary work unless we teach them at home. The hand work, needle work, and drawing was done with great interest. We closed out our school Friday, July 8. After devotion we went to Burkl's Park for a picnic. It was the greatest of all days for the school.

Rev. F. C. Zinn was the superintendent. Teachers were—Mrs. Christine Fryman, Gussie Hamblen, Peggy Webb, Lizzie Williams and daughter Norma Jean, Velma Dean Adams, Etta Williams, Dorothy Burcham, Elva Mac Head, Anna Mae Faircloth, and Dorothy Burcham. Serving committee—Lucy Schafer, Bessie Lincoln and Glenda Grey. Helpers assisting Bro. Zinn—Willard Darnell, Melvin Schafer, Olen Lincoln.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Cor. Sec'y.

### WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION HAS ANNUAL MEETING

The eighth annual session of the Wolverine Association of Michigan convened at the Hazel Park Church June 30 and continued in session through the 2nd of July. Each of the eight churches were represented. The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor of the Owensboro, Kentucky Church. All depart-

ments of the work reported success for the past year. Visiting with us in this session was the Rev. James F. Miller, Farmington, Mo. Bro. Miller preached twice during the meeting and was a blessing to all of us. At the Friday night session "Youth for Christ" presented a motion picture "China Challenge," after which three were at the altar dedicating themselves for missionary service. Our associational receipts for the past year were \$5,207.51. The next annual meeting will be with the Highland Park church. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Rev. H. E. Willis, Ass'n'l. Reporter

### NEW HOME F. W. B. CHURCH OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Tulsa, Okla.  
July 14, 1949

Dear Editor:

The New Home Free Will Baptist Church closed their Vacation Daily Bible School June 11. The enrollment was 150 and the daily average attendance 115. Certificates were given.

Seven young people attended Youth Camp. One was a Christian when they left for camp. The other six came home home Christians also.

Rev. Melvin Bingham and Mrs. Bingham, pastor and wife of New Home Church, went to Columbus, Ga., to the National Free Will Baptist Association.

Our League is being enjoyed by adults as well as the young folks on Sunday night. We are having good attendance. The Sunday School and Church services are having good attendances also.

We thank you,

Mrs. Roy Warren

### SOUTHSIDE CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo.  
July 19, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

I wish to report the wonderful way in which God is continuing to prosper our little Southside Free Will Baptist Church at 5418 Idaho Street.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all at our St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting held at our church, with a basket dinner served in the basement. You could feel the presence of the Lord in our midst.

The total registration of our Daily

Vacation Bible School was 39, with an average attendance of 25.

Our Sunday morning services are truly enjoyed by all. Our tiny tots can sing the Master's praises just as wholeheartedly as any grown class in our Sunday School.

The Lord is blessing our prayer meetings on Wednesday night and we covet the prayers of God's children that it will continue to grow.

We also wish to thank God and ask your prayers for our Ladies' Auxiliary, for they are doing everything in their power to help towards the growth of our little church. I, and all our members, wish to thank God for the true blessing He bestowed on our little church when He gave us our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, and his family. They are like a shining light in our midst.

God is also blessing our League work and we have had several new members, which brings our League membership to 73. We ask your prayers that it will continue to grow for God's honor and glory. As for our young boys and girls, we think they are the finest that can be found anywhere, and we ask God to be ever with them and protect them.

In closing we beg the prayers of the Christian people that we may continue to serve the Lord and work for His honor and glory.

Sis. Dorothy Beard, Correspondent

### LURA ELIZABETH HARDIN

Mrs. Lura Elizabeth Hardin, daughter of I. M. and Mary E. (Conner) Crow, was born in Adair County, Missouri, April 3, 1873, and died Tuesday night, July 12, 1949 at her home.

She was married in Adair County, August 22, 1893 to James Hardin. She is survived by her husband, two brothers, Charles of R. R. 2, and Leonard of Kirksville, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Miller, Novinger, Mo., and Mrs. Alice Ely of Kinsley, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Lewis, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Horton and Mrs. J. H. Miley.

Mrs. Hardin was a member of the Jewell F. W. B. Church. For the past fifty-two years she has lived at the same place. Funeral services were held at the Jewell F. W. B. Church Friday, July 15 at 2:00 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. Archie Cooper, assisted by Rev. LaVerne Miley.



## APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO RETIRING OFFICERS

Oklahoma City, Okla.  
July 22, 1949

Reverend James F. Miller  
Farmington, Missouri

Dear Brother Miller:

The General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists wishes to express to you their appreciation for the wisdom and faithfulness with which you have directed the Board as its chairman. Your impartial judgement, alertness, and intense concern of even the smallest matters has established for you a special place in the lives of those who have served with you in this capacity of the National Association. As your efforts have blessed others may we in turn be a blessing to you by that which we will accomplish in the future.

Cordially Yours,

J. Reford Wilson, Clerk  
Gen. Board Nat'l. Ass'n.

Oklahoma City, Okla.  
July 22, 1949

Reverend John H. West  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Brother West:

The General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists wishes to express to you their sincere appreciation for your faithful and efficient service as Clerk of the Board. The service which you have rendered has set a standard which will be a challenge to your successors in office. May the blessings of such service continue to enrich your life.

Cordially Yours,

J. Reford Wilson, Clerk  
Gen. Board Nat'l. Ass'n.

## BERKELEY CITY CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo.  
June 30, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

Here we are, the Berkeley City Church, thanking the Lord for the splendid progress. For the last quarter we have averaged 70 in our Sunday School. Last Sunday we had our annual Rally Day and 93 scholars were present. The service lasted all day with dinner on the ground with special singing and band numbers by our church. The South Side Church visit-

ed us in the afternoon service and rendered various kinds of singing.

In the evening a motion picture entitled "The Rich Young Ruler" was enjoyed by all. Brother Virgil Griffin made a motion that we take a special offering for our Foreign Mission, so we have sent a check for \$30.00 to our Foreign program.

In our recent election the church elected Rev. Bob Hill to serve as pastor for the coming year. He has served as our assistant pastor for the past five months. Rev. Charles Miller was elected as assistant pastor. Rev. Miller has served as our pastor for the last three years and we thank the Lord for such a great leader as he has been.

We are starting on a building fund campaign to redecorate the church and we ask the prayers of all the Gem readers that we may continue to grow in the Lord's work.

Yours truly,

Sis. Gusta Barks, Correspondent

## WHEN WE PRAY

*O God, give us a filial spirit, that we may say:*

Our Father, which art in Heaven,  
*Give us a reverent spirit, that we may say:*

Hallowed be Thy Name.  
*Give us a missionary spirit, that we may say:*

Thy kingdom come.  
*Give us an obedient spirit, that we may say:*

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
*Give us a dependent spirit, that we may pray:*

Give us this day our daily bread.  
*Give us a forgiving spirit, that we may say:*

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
*Give us a cautious spirit, that we may pray:*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
*Give us a worshipful spirit, that we may say:*

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
*Give us a believing spirit, that we may say:*

Amen.

—W. H. Griffith-Thomas  
In The Jewish Era

## IN MEMORY

In memory of one who faithfully performed his duties we pay memorial tribute to Reverend W. O. Doll of Waverly, Ohio. Brother Doll met an accidental death in December of 1948 and during the session of the National Association the General Board voiced a vote of tribute to be extended to Mrs. W. O. Doll. In departing he has left "footprints on the sand of time." His loyalty will ever be a challenge to his successors. His interest expressed his love for the Church. His acts of kindness confirmed his love for his brethren.

*"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."* John 15:16

Chosen of God he brought forth fruit and even in the National Association his fruit remains. To Mrs. Doll we extend our sympathy and prayers.

J. Reford Wilson, Clerk  
Gen. Board Nat'l. Ass'n.

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT June, 1949

### STATE UNIFIED FUND

Leadington S. S. ....	\$ 10.16
Mrs. Goldie Elsea, Novinger, Mo. ....	8.00
Desloge .....	15.95
Mine LaMotte.....	2.92

Total .....\$ 37.03

### CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Monett W. A. ....	\$ 10.00
New Harmony Mission.....	33.56

Total .....\$ 43.56

### TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 7.07
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### CUBAN STUDENT SUPPORT

Merl's Chapel.....	\$ 5.00
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### EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Merl's Chapel.....	\$ 5.00
Hazel Creek Union.....	12.55

Total .....\$ 17.55

### MISSION FUND

Golden Oak League.....	\$ 2.00
Golden Oak S. S. ....	4.17

Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Thomas

Hannon, Mo. ....	12.00
Monett .....	9.30

Rev. Archie Cooper,  
Kirksville, Mo. .... 5.00



Stahl .....	11.50
Morning Meditations, Archie	
Cocper, director.....	10.00
Southside F. W. B. Church,	
St. Louis .....	13.85
Niangua Quarterly Meeting....	2.00
New Prospect S. S. ....	11.00
Sublette D. V. B. S. ....	29.17
Mountain Grove D. V. B. S. ....	11.69
Aulsbury Chapel .....	25.00
Neola .....	6.26
Flat River.....	21.28
Hannon .....	5.00
Mrs. Mattie Ricketts,	
Liberal, Mo. ....	1.00
Jewel .....	7.40
Happy Hill .....	5.00
Rock Chapel.....	25.15
Blue Eye.....	11.60
Rock Chapel.....	21.66

Total .....\$272.31

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Rev. & Mrs. H. D. Hoover,	
Webb City, Mo. ....	\$ 5.00
Blue Eye.....	18.30
Pleasant Grove S. S. ....	15.00
Francis McCauley, St. Louis....	1.00
Mrs. B. A. Stafford, Exeter, Mo.	5.00
Sublette .....	12.00
Amity .....	22.00
Campbell S. S. ....	2.31
Buffalo .....	8.90
Hickory Grove.....	5.00
Mine LaMotte.....	25.00
Union Light.....	8.00
Hazel Creek Union.....	16.13
Mrs. Ed Sirclum, Flat River....	5.00
Elbert Hinchcliffe, Kermitt, Mo.	1.00
Will Price, Arcola, Mo. ....	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Phillips,	
Fairgrove, Mo. ....	5.00

Total .....\$159.64

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

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Letters forms for Letter from a Church to a Quarterly Meeting, Association or Yearly Meeting, also forms for Letter from an Association or Yearly Meeting to the State Price, 5c ea., 6 for 25c, 12 for 45c. Association,

### PROGRAM OF INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL METHODIST Sixth Annual Session Will Convene at Lee Church, Law- rence County, Missouri, on August 9, 10, 11, 12, 1949

#### Tuesday, August 9, 10:30 A. M.

Devotional service...Rev. Onas Biellier  
Conference called to order.....Rev.  
Roy Keith, Chairman  
Conference sermon.....Rev. Lester  
Lemons. Following the message,  
Communion service to be commemo-  
rated by Rev. Roy Keith and Rev.  
Fred Cunningham assisted by Rev.  
Lester Hilton and Rev. Ray Fenton.

#### Tuesday Afternoon

Devotional service...Rev. Otliff Mattox  
Appointment of committees—Chairman  
Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-  
Chairman, Sec'y-Treas., Consultation  
Committee, One Member of Board of  
Church Extension, Committee on  
Ministerial Standing

Report of Chairman

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Report of Pastors

#### Tuesday Evening

Devotional service, Rev. Wilmer Green  
Sermon.....Rev. Lester Hilton

#### Wednes., August 10, 10:30 A. M.

Dev. service—Rev. Dorothy Etheridge  
Roll call and minutes of previous day  
Sermon.....Rev. Loyce Russell

#### Wednesday Afternoon

Dev. service—Rev. Violeta Mattox  
Sermon.....Rev. D. H. Wilcoxon  
Business session

#### Wednesday Evening

Devotional service—Rev. Jean Weber  
Sermon.....Rev. Earl Batson

#### Thursday, August 11, 10:30 A. M.

Devotional service—Rev. Noel Wade  
Roll call and minutes of previous day  
Sermon.....Rev. Raymond Leigh

#### Thursday Afternoon

Dev. service—Rev. Marion Biggers  
Sermon.....Rev. Harold Pyle  
Business session

#### Thursday Evening

Devotional service—Rev. Bert Eaves  
Memorial service—Rev. Fred Cunn-  
ham

#### Friday, August 12, 10:30 A. M.

Dev. service—Rev. Fayrene Latimer  
Roll call and minutes of previous day  
Sermon.....Rev. J. C. Mattox

#### Friday Afternoon

Devotional service—Rev. Gerald Cowl  
Sermon.....Rev. Wanda Hilton  
Business session

#### Friday Evening

Dev. service—Leader to be supplied

Sermon.....Speaker to be supplied  
Report on Resolutions

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them. In the tombs of these people have been found cloth, in which the dead were wrapped. The bodies, in many cases, had disappeared, but the cloth remains intact. How old are such garments? Your guess is just as good as mine.

The burial shroud of Christ could well have been cherished, above all other earthly possessions, by those who owned it.

John lived to the beginning of the second century. Ignatius, the last living man to know Jesus personally, died in the arena in October, 117 A. D. James, the brother of Jesus, lived long after the crucifixion. Mary, His mother, went to live with John. Polycarp, the close friend of Ignatius, and to whom the martyr wrote his last letter, was one of the Church fathers.

It is easy to see how such an imperishable relic could have been saved. After those who were intimately associated with Jesus had passed away, it could have become the treasured possession of the Church.

The first illustrated mention in manuscript of the garment, is by Giulio Clovio in 1540. Sextus IV, Pope of the Roman Church, in one of his works says: "Men may look upon the true blood and portrait of Jesus Christ Himself" in this shroud.

If the New Testament record is to be accredited, there was plenty of motive, and extensive opportunity to preserve such an artifact.

If the Mantle of Turin actually covered the body of the Divine Saviour—and archaeology insists that it did—then we have another forceful argument in support of the resurrection story as prophecied in the Old Testament, reported in the Gospels, and confirmed in the Pauline Epistles. The faith of the believer is thereby clinched, and the fact of a future life scientifically established.

—From Waves of Truth





### D. V. B. S. AT MACEDONIA

Rev. and Mrs. Rolla Smith, of Mt. Grove, Mo., have just closed a very successful D. V. B. S. with our home church, Macedonia, south east of Monett. In addition to the Bible School each day Rev. Smith brought evangelistic messages at the church each night during the two weeks. As a result of these services two souls accepted Christ as their personal savior.

The enrollment in the school was something over fifty. A large number of these received certificates on the closing day. Miss Virginia Inman, of the local community, assisted on the teaching staff, having charge of the smaller children.

The people of our community learned to love and appreciate Bro. and Sis. Smith very dearly. They proved themselves to be very efficient in D. V. B. S. work, and have been a great blessing to our work at Macedonia. A picture taken on the church steps is herewith presented.

of the Macedonia Church. We arrived in the community Sunday evening, July 10, as strangers to most of the people there; however, when we left twelve days later we left some of the best Christian friends we have ever met. The boys and girls who attended the school were very enthusiastic about the work of the Lord and were very eager to learn from the Bible. There are many fine talented young people in the Church and community. During the evening services two young ladies went to the altar and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

We sincerely appreciate the co-operation of both Church and community for the success of the school and meeting. We are humbly grateful to the Lord for the opportunity of laboring with this people. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all Christians for us that we may be completely surrendered to God's will, ready for service wherever He leads.

A Brother and Sister in Christ,

Rolla and Agnes Smith

### REV. AND MRS. ROBERT WILFONG TO CUBA

The applications of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, of Esther, Mo., have been approved by the Foreign Missions Board, passed upon by the National Association, and their plans are to be leaving for Cuba in the near future; likely some time during the month of August. Mrs. Wilfong is to become Secretary-Bookkeeper to

our Cuban Director, Rev. Willey, and Rev. Wilfong is to take the place of an all around man on the Cuban field. Just such a couple is sorely needed in Cuba and we believe Bro. and Sis. Wilfong will fill these places splendidly. They are two very fine young people and are respected very highly in their home association, which is the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. They are graduates of our Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., have proven themselves worthy and faithful stewards on the home field, and are well qualified for the work on the mission field. Our prayers will go with them as they leave the home land for this great work on the Cuban field.

### PLANS FOR STATE ASS'N. COMING ALONG NICELY

Dry Nob, Mo.

July 26, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

As I promised to write again in regard to our plans for the State Association, I will tell you that we had another meeting last night. Our plans seem to be going along good. Our churches in this vicinity are showing wonderful co-operation.

We wish to say to the churches away from here that we can use donations of pies, jelly, canned peaches, kraut, pork and beans, potatoes, lard, eggs, butter, sugar, white soup beans, bacon, and dressed hens. We will have refrigeration to take care of perishables.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Tom Pendergraft, Clerk

Pastors, do you ever make mention of the Free Will Baptist Gem to your congregation?

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Mt. Grove, Mo.

July 24, 1949

Dear Bro. Davis and Gem Readers:

The days of July 10 to 22 were most enjoyable ones for us. We were engaged in a Vacation Bible School and evangelistic services with the people



## OUTLINE TO THE STUDY OF BOOK OF REVELATION

*Rev. Winford Davis*

The key verse to the book of Revelation is the 19th verse of the first chapter, "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter." This verse suggests the three divisions into which the book is divided, as follows:

### **The things which thou hast seen:**

The Apostle John had just seen a vision of the Christ which vision is recorded in the first chapter. To this the Lord is referring in this key verse when He says, "Write the things which thou hast seen."

### **The things which are:**

This is referring to things then existing—obviously the seven churches, the vision of which John saw in the second and third chapters. These seven churches were possessed of their seven different existing conditions at that time, but in the study of them it should ever be borne in mind that these were representative churches, that is, they represent seven different stages through which the church was to pass, or was going to pass, during the church age. The number seven in Bible numerology, means completeness and these churches in their representative meaning cover the complete church age from Pentecost to the rapture.

### **The things which shall be hereafter:**

This division includes the remainder of this wonderful book, that is Rev. 4:1 to 22:21. "Things which shall be hereafter," that is after the church age, which time or period is referred to in chapters two and three.

Revelation 4 to 22 inclusive will have its direct fulfillment after the church age is over. Chapters 4 to 19 inclusive will be directly fulfilled during the seven years tribulation (Daniel's 70th week) between the rapture and revelation of Jesus Christ.

In order to obtain the proper meaning when reading the book of Revelation the student should bear in mind these three divisions

and should place that which is being read in its respective division. None of the book except the first three chapters should be read with the thought in mind of its having already been filled. True we do see a great deal of such as can be rightfully called a forerunning of its fulfillment, but the direct fulfillment must be placed in that period of time which is yet future, the tribulation period; that is chapters 4 to 19. Speaking of the forerunning and the direct fulfillment we give here just a few examples, as follows: There is no question but what red communism is referred to in Rev. 6:4 the red horse and his rider, and in Rev. 16:13 the unclean spirit out of the mouth of the dragon, and in other places as well. The question might be asked, are we not already seeing plenty of communism in the world and the church age has not yet passed? Yes, we are seeing plenty of communistic activity in the world today, but dear reader, the world is seeing comparatively nothing in the way of communistic activity to what it will see after the great northern confederacy is formed which will be headed up by godless red Russia and will begin its march to the invasion of Palestine, the land of returned and prosperous Israel. Then the world will experience the power of communism at its peak. Yes, what we see of communism now is only the forerunning of its direct and terrible fulfillment which will take place during the coming tribulation period, which period is surely drawing near. Another example is that of chapter six, verses five and six, which refers to famine. Yes, we are seeing much famine in other lands, but only in a small way to what it will be in this coming time of trouble which is destined to come upon the world. Another example is the opening of the sixth seal, chapter 6:12-17. This is a picture of a time when all nature will go into convulsions. We are seeing an increase in the convulsions of nature today. Indeed some very phenomenal oc-

curances are taking place, but nothing to compare with the direct fulfillment as pictured in these verses, which will take place at the time when the anti-Christ breaks covenant with returned Israel, placing his own image in the Jewish temple and demanding that it be worshipped instead of God, demanding that martyrdom be inflicted upon those who refuse to worship his image, take his mark, etc. Thank the Lord the Church will at that time be rejoicing in the presence of Jesus at the marriage supper of the Lamb in heaven. I recall another time when all nature went into convulsions; it was when the Son of God was dying on the cross at the hands of cruel beast hearted men. It is simply the almighty God causing his very creation to speak out in defense of the truth of His deity, and when He thus speaks men are going to cry for a hiding place. This phenomenal and terrible occurrence will be convincing. You remember at the time of the crucifixion when nature spoke out in thunder tones one stood at a distance and said, truly this was the Son of God.

Many more examples concerning the direct fulfillment of this great book could be sighted, but time and space will not permit now.

In order to get on the right line in the study of the book, then adhere to some "don'ts," a few of which are given here:

Don't make the rider on the white horse to be the Christ (6:2). This represents the anti-Christ.

Don't try to make the war in heaven in chapter 12 to have taken place before Adam and Eve were even created. Place it right along in the tribulation period where it belongs. This is simply the time when satan will be utterly cast down to earth, and will no longer be the Prince of the power of the air as he now is. He will no longer have access to the heavenlies as he now has, but will be utterly cast down among men.

Don't try to spiritualize everything in the book. Take it literally, except where it is clearly evident that it is symbolized. Where it is symbolized it is clearly evident, otherwise take it literally.



Don't try to read it with the thought of the church being here during its fulfillment. She will not be.

Don't read it with the thought of it all being chronologically arranged. There are paranthetical chapters, and they must be separated from the others if you would have a clear understanding.

Don't fail to place the opening of the first six seals during the first three and one half years of the seven years of tribulation. The seventh seal in itself covers the latter half of the week.

This brief outline is presented with a prayer that it might be of help to someone who is earnestly desiring a knowledge of the marvelous book of the Revelation.

## NEW INDIA

There are a few places on our globe that has been specially blessed by a Benevolent Providence. Because of the fertility of the soil, a favorable climate, abundant water supply and other contributing factors, these places became the earliest abodes of civilized man. Here we have the great seats of the early civilizations. The three most outstanding are the following: Egypt along the Nile River; Babylon and Assyria in the Euphrates-Tigris Rivers Valley, and third, the northern portion of India lying in the valley formed by the Indus and Ganges River systems. Here our early ancestors, soon after the flood, founded great kingdoms with a remarkable degree of civilization.

For centuries each of these localities have been considered among the backward and retarded places of the world. Because of their favorable locations and the extreme fertility of their soil and the length of their growing seasons they early took their places among the leading countries of the World, but due to many factors they became conquered and oppressed regions. Places that were once the seats of learning and progress became numbered among those known for illiteracy and poverty. The conquerors became the conquered and the oppressors became the oppressed. However, our times have seen the revival of each of these localities. Early history has dealt with Egypt and Babylon in a most unstinted manner. However, on the other hand, we have a very meager

account indeed of Ancient India. Here and there in the writings of the Ancients we find mention of the wealth and glory of India. However, five centuries B.C. it is spoken of as a renowned country of many centuries of glorious history. About the time that the Children of Israel under the leadership of Johhna were conquering 'The Promised Land,' the Aryans were carving out an immense empire in India. Fine and costly temples and huge and magnificent palaces already centuries old bore witness to an ancient land and powerful race.

It seems rather certain that India was the principal source of much of the trade of King Solomon. The discovery of America, as is known by every school boy, was the result of the search for a new trade route to India. Six years after Columbubs discovered America, Vasco da Gama sailed around the Cape of Good Hope (Africa) and reached Calicut, India (in 1498).

During the past 4,000 years there have been some thirty major foreign invasions of India and scores of minor ones. They have not only added to the general confusion, oppression, the demarkation of class and caste and exploitation of both the inhabitants and the natural wealth and resources of the country, but also have added much to the culture, literature, religions, and customs of the people. These have proven both beneficial and harmful to India.

Without exception the people of India are the most religious of the inhabitants of the world. India is the original home of four of the ten great religions of the World and has thousands of adherents—even millions—to at least four of the remaining religions. These eight religions are divided into over a thousand different "sects" and groups. Most of these have flourished in India for centuries. Needless to say they have often added to the general confusion of the ignorant and illiterate. The above do not include the hundreds of tribal religions which have been kept more or less intact down through the centuries by the numerous hill tribes and aborigine tribes scattered throughout the length and breadth of India. There are three such tribes with their customs and religions in and near Kotagiri, South India, where we first located upon arriving in India. Most of these religions and the various divisions of each are aggressive and are

anxious not only to keep their own members but to obtain new ones. Often the results are most confusing indeed. There are literally millions who—today—are studying and professing to believe and to follow the teachings and practices of several different and often radically conflicting religions and systems of thought. Another inevitable result is that thousands of the most promising of India's young people are becoming "free thinkers" and atheists.

It has been estimated by various persons and organizations that only five, eight or ten persons out of every hundred can read or write. Even India after the creation of Pakistan, has well over three hundred million citizens. The New India Democracy entered into the family of free nations with many and varied difficulties and handicaps. In the face of these no nation, in the annals of history, has ever made more real progress. In the first place there is no national language. Her 300,000,000 people speak approximately 170 different languages and a much larger number of dialects. Although a great majority are, at least, normal Hindus, there are millions of Mohammedans, Christians, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists and also many thousands of Jews, Parsies and others. When the British withdrew from India only a few months ago, there were a score or more independent States and hundreds of semi-independent states—all under their own rulers and governments. Most of these states were divided within themselves—some desiring to declare themselves as separate and independent states, some were anxious to join India, and still others to join Pakistan. Politically speaking, there were those who desired a loosely connected Federation of States, others a strong Central Government, some were for a Socialist State, some a Capitalistic State, others demanded a Communist State, while another large and influential group demanded a Hindu State. The social and economic theories and desires were just as many and as diversified. It was to the interest of many that the status quo be maintained; others believed that the only solution lay in the immediate abolition of all special and favored classes.

The international problems that faced the new country were just as intricate and difficult. Thousands and even millions of her nationals were in almost every nation of the world as

laborers, coolies, students and business men. Most of the governmental assets were to be shared with the new Government of Pakistan. Embassies and consulates had to be established in the leading countries and cities of the World. Trade agreements and treatise of commerce had to be negotiated with the various parts of the World. There were countries who had, or thought they had, reasons to fear a strong and free India.

In addition to these formidable and almost insurmountable difficulties and those connected with the transfer of government by the British involving property, equipment and supplies in every nook and corner of the land and the army, navel and air forces with their equipment and supplies, there were the more threatening dangers of religious and communal troubles and riots and raids and acts of the bands of robbers that infested the isolated and inaccessible parts of various countries of the land. Many of these had learned by experience to fear the strong arm of the British Army and law enforcing agencies; they had to be taught the same lesson by the New Government. These and many other similar difficulties faced the new country.

For the first time in centuries India was to take her rightful place among the family of the great self-governing nations of the world. Possibly for the first time in her long and important history, she was to be governed by the will of the majority of her citizens. Never before in the recorded annals of Mankind have there been so many national and international problems facing the governments of the World. The last World War and the accompanying chaotic conditions have shaken the social and economic and governmental life of even the old and established nations to their very foundations. Needless to say, a new nation of one hundred and seventy languages, of some eight major religions and literally hundreds of different cults and tribal religions and many different classes and caste of society with varied and different ways and standard of living, faces untold difficulties and almost insurmountable obstacles.

During the first few weeks of the New Nation's existence communal strife broke out in tremendous fury in both Pakistan and India. It is true that the official statements estimate that less than three percent of the

more than four hundred millions of the two countries have been affected by communal troubles. Even that figure would mean that more than twelve millions have been affected. There are many nations in the world with much less than twelve million people. The fact that a greater percent of the nation's population was not affected speak well of the cool judgment of the leaders of the new nation. Although the government survived this acid test and is much stronger today than on August 15, 1947, yet the facilities of the government, the money needed to set the new governmental machinery in smooth running order, the attention of high government officials, all have had to give most time and thought on the refugee problems. Millions of dollars worth of taxable property have been destroyed. Many large property owners and big business men have been made paupers. Millions are looking to the government for the necessities of life. Epidemics have not only taken thousands of lives but have taken scores of government workers needed in other work and have cost millions of dollars. It has created a lawlessness and crime wave that has made a tremendous demand on the time and on the facilities of the government. Many a government has succumbed before many less formidable obstacles. In spite of these tremendous odds against her the government is much stronger today than it was on August 15. More than half of the refugees have been settled in new homes and dangers from epidemics, due to the refugee problem, are becoming less every day. It is true that millions of dollars worth of property have been destroyed, that some twenty-five thousand women (so it is reported) have been abducted, millions in the two countries have left their homes and thousands have perished—some killed—some died of exposure, may, perished because of the hunger and floods, epidemics took many more. The greatest danger to the new government is those displaced persons who have lost all their worldly possessions and refuse to "start over" again, and feel as if society owes them a living. Many of them, who are bent on plunder, refuse to settle down to honest living.

In the early days of the unrest and trouble many thought that the government would not be able to cope with the situation. It is true that the

country has received a tremendous "backset" and much trouble, loss of property and many deaths have resulted from the hot passions of rank nationals on both sides. It is also true that it will be years before India will fully recover from the loss of property and lives and the bitterness that have resulted from the recent troubles. It has indeed been an ordeal for any government, most of all a new and untried one. Handicapped as the Government has been, many wise and useful acts of legislation have been passed. A series of giant dams on the model of those of our own T. V. A. system have been authorized—work on the first ones has already begun. Much land has been made available to farmers—before it was indeed rare for a farmer to own his land. State Colleges and Universities have been authorized, and a beginning has been made toward the education of the masses.

(To be Continued)

## REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

Receipts by States—June 1949

Brought for'd. from May.....	\$2,731.81
Received by States as follows:	
Ohio .....	\$585.56
North Carolina .....	376.50
Missouri .....	355.26
Tennessee .....	335.41
Michigan .....	315.00
South Carolina .....	187.72
Kentucky .....	160.68
Texas .....	144.95
Illinois .....	143.33
Virginia .....	138.30
Oklahoma .....	108.50
Alabama .....	98.97
Arkansas .....	50.00
Mississippi .....	34.00
California .....	10.00
Georgia .....	5.00
New Mexico .....	5.00
Nat'l. Program Fund..	70.96
Nat'l. Aux. Conv. ....	59.57
Cuban Ass'n. on loan..	25.00
Subs to Review.....	2.00
Sale of books, "His Name Among all Nations" .....	2.00

Total for month.. \$3,213.71

Grand Total .....\$5,945.55

Total disbursements for May 3,031.17

Balance in treasury

July 1, 1949.....\$2,914.38

Winford Davis, Treasurer