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THE LOVE OF GOD

About a thousand years ago now, a Jewish song writer, Meir Ben Isaac Nehorice, wrote a stanza about the love of God, which was later published in "A Book of Jewish Thoughts," compiled by Joseph Herman Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire. But no one ever heard of it until one day it was found pencilled on the wall of an insane asylum by an inmate who had died. How he had found it no one will ever know. In my mind it is the greatest poem on the love of God ever written. Here

it is:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Rev. Oswald J. Smith, Toronto
(From "The Sword of the Lord")

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The Editor

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The new honor roll began with May 1st. Running over a six months period it will close October 31st. Five subscriptions (one may be your own) gets your name on the roll. The list stood as follows on August 24:

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SANCTIFICATION

(Series 4)

Fred E. Mazey, Leeds, Alabama

EXPERIMENTAL SANCTIFICATION: As positional sanctification is ABSOLUTELY disassociated from the daily life, so experimental sanctification is ABSOLUTELY disassociated from the position in Christ. Experimental sanctification may depend: (1) on some degree of yieldedness to God, (2) on some degree of separation from sin, or (3) on some degree of Christian growth to which the believer has already attained.

(1) **Experimental Sanctification the Result of Yieldedness to God:** Whole self-dedication is our reasonable service (Rom. 12:1). By so doing, the Christian is classified and set apart unto God by his own choice. This is self-determined separation unto God and is an important aspect of experimental sanctification. "And being servants unto God, ye have fruit unto holiness (sanctification) Romans 6:22. Sanctification cannot be experienced as a matter of feeling or emotion any more than justification or forgiveness. A person may be at peace and full of joy because he believes he is set apart unto God. So, also by yielding unto God, a new infilling of the Spirit may be possible which will result in a blessedness in life hitherto unknown. This might be either sudden or gradual. In any case it is not the sanctification that is experienced. It is the blessing of the Spirit made possible through sanctification or a more complete separation unto God.

(2) **Experimental Sanctification the Result of Freedom From Sin:** The Bible takes full account of sins of Christians. It does not teach that only sinless people are saved, or kept saved. On the contrary, there is a faithful consideration of, and full provision made for, the sins of the saints. These provisions are both preventive and curative. (a) There are three divine provisions for the prevention of sin in the Christian: The Word of God with its clear instructions (Psalm 119:11); the

present interceding, shepherding ministry of Christ in Heaven (Romans 8:34; Heb. 7:25; Luke 22:31; John 17:1-26), and the enabling power of the indwelling Spirit (Gal. 5:16; Romans 8:4). These are all at the disposal of every Christian. (b) However, should the Christian sin, there is the divinely provided cure, which is the present advocacy of Christ in Heaven by which He pleads His own sufficient sacrificial death. Thus, and **only thus**, imperfect believers are kept saved. Divine prevention of sin is imperative in the case of every child of God, since so long as he lives in this body he retains a fallen nature which is ever prone to sin (Rom. 7:21; II Cor. 4:7; I John 1:8). The Scriptures promise no eradication of this nature, but there is a moment by moment victory promised through the power of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-23). This victory will be realized just so long as it is claimed by faith and the conditions for a Spirit-filled life are met. The sin nature itself is never said to have died. It was crucified, dead and buried with Christ; but since this was accomplished two thousand years ago, the reference is to a divine judgment against the nature which was gained by Christ when He died "unto sin." There is no Bible teaching to the effect that some Christians have died to sin and some have not. The passages include all saved persons (Gal. 5:24; Col. 3:3). All believers have died unto sin in Christ's death, but not all believers have claimed the riches which were provided for them by that death. We are not asked to die experimentally, or to enact His death, we are asked to RECKON ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin. This is the human responsibility (Romans 6:1-14). Every victory over sin is a separation unto God and is therefore a sanctification. Such victory should ever be increasing as the believer comes to know his own helplessness and the marvel

of Divine grace.

(3) **Experimental Sanctification in Relation to Christian Growth:** Christians are immature in wisdom, knowledge, experience and grace. In all these things they are appointed to grow, and their growth should be manifest. They are to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Beholding the glory of the Lord as in a glass, they are "changed unto the same image from glory to glory, even as the spirit of the Lord." This transformation will have the effect of setting them more and more apart. They will, to that extent, be more sanctified. A Christian may be "blameless" though it could not be truthfully said of him that he is "faultless." The child laboring to form his first letter in a copybook may be blameless in the work he does, but the work is not faultless. We may be walking in the full measure of our understanding today, yet we know that we are not now living in the added light and experience that will be ours tomorrow. There is perfection within imperfection. We who are so incomplete, so immature, so given to sin, may "abide in Him."

ULTIMATE SANCTIFICATION: This aspect of sanctification which is related to our final perfection, will be ours in glory. By His grace and transforming power He will have so changed us, spirit, soul and body, that we will be "like Him" and "conformed to His image." He will then "present us faultless" before His presence in glory. We will be free from every "spot and wrinkle." It therefore becomes us to "abstain from every appearance of evil." "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

Rev. B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Beginning with this issue we are printing in installments the book entitled "Earth's Prophetic Week," which book is the product of Rev. B. F. Brown, former Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem. We hope you will keep up with these messages, as the contents of them are very good. Bro. Brown has delved deep into Bible truth in this piece of work. You will find these messages very inspirational.

Introduction

As we send forth this rather lengthy article or outline study on the subject, "**Earth's Prophetic Week**," we are aware of the fact that it will fall into the hands of some who are Post-Millennialists, and do not believe in the second coming and reign of Christ on Earth. We also know that it will fall into the hands of those who are Pre-Millennialists, who do believe in the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth.

We all agree that the Old and New Testaments should harmonize, that the New Testament should support the promises of God found in the Old Testament; and perhaps we all believe that the Old and New Testaments do harmonize. God says in the Old Testament by the mouth of His holy prophets, that He will set up a kingdom on earth, and that His Son, our Lord and Saviour, is to be the King and that His kingdom shall have no end. Then we turn to the New Testament, to Luke, first chapter, verses thirty to thirty-three, and read, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Now, I believe that God meant just what He said by the mouth of His prophets; also what He said to Mary by the mouth of

Gabriel His holy angel. And I want you to join with me in looking further into the Scriptures concerning these most wonderful prophecies or promises of the coming of our Lord and Saviour to reign on earth.

In discussing this subject, we want to see that the history of the earth, past, present and future, covers all that long period we call time. Historical portions of the Bible tell us of the past, the present we should know, and the prophets give us the history of the future before it comes to pass. Every Christian should know his Bible, and through it, know something of earth's history. The span of time is 7,000 years, beginning when God said, "Let us make man" (Gen. 1:26), it continues to the Final Judgment of the wicked (Rev. 20:12): it is A WEEK OF SEVEN DAYS OF ONE THOUSAND YEARS EACH, of which the seven days of the Genesis account of creation are a type. We want to consider some important things that have come to pass, and also some of the future things the prophets have spoken of, some of which have already been fulfilled, and some we believe will soon be fulfilled.

We will begin our study with a brief study of the third chapter of the second epistle of St. Peter.

The Apostle Peter is the writer, not only of this second epistle of Peter, but also of the first epistle of Peter (I Peter 1:1; II Peter 1:1)

II Peter, Chapter 3

The Apostle was writing to "strangers and pilgrims" who had "obtained like precious faith" with the apostles.

In this third chapter of II Peter, the writer's theme is the Second Coming of Christ and the Day of the Lord. He was not telling his beloved brethren something new, but says, "I stir up your pure (sincere) minds by way of remembrance:" and it was said in the same spirit of trustful confidence in his brethren that he expressed in I Peter 1:13, when he said, "Wherefore gird up the loins of

your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (at the second coming of Christ). A mind thus braced looks onward and forward to the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom (II Tim. 4:1), and looks for every token that the time of His coming is drawing nigh. People having such hope can think soberly of the Lord's coming, because they are preparing for it: and having such hope they will make every effort possible to be pure in heart (I John 3:3).

"That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets" (v. 2). Fully two-thirds of the Bible is prophecy, and it is the inspired Word of God: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21). They not only spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, but received the words they spoke, being taught by the Holy Ghost (I Cor. 2:13).

In a very large measure the thought and theme of the prophets was concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom. When Jesus said, as it is recorded in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me," He was asking that people read the words which the Holy Ghost had moved godly men to write concerning Him. From Genesis to Malachi much is written about the first coming of Christ; but much more is written about His second coming in the same books of the Bible. All the prophets foretold the first coming of Christ; and all the prophets tell us He is coming again.

And how important that we should give earnest heed to the words of the prophets! But, alas, many of us, because of our indifference, inaction, or even unbelief, have merited the Lord's rebuke, like as He spake to the two on the way to Emmaus: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."

Then, if we really care, we will take with us that competent Helper, the Holy Spirit, and search the

scriptures for things concerning our Lord, and find out what He would have us know and do.

"And of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and saviour" (v. 2). The apostles had been in school for three years and more under the greatest Teacher that ever taught among men, and had learned many things that Christian men, even today, should know of the Lord, and of things pertaining to Salvation, which they should teach to others, and teach others to observe (Matt. 28:19, 20). And were the apostles constrained to minister and teach as they were commanded? Let us see. Peter and John, when on trial, said to the Sanhedrin, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). And after this seven deacons were appointed to have charge over the business of the church, so the apostles could devote their whole time to prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6:3, 4). While our Lord was on earth He ministered unto men and said, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). This is the key verse to Mark's Gospel. And before Jesus left this earth (after His resurrection), He said unto His apostles, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (Jn. 20:21). And even now they that believe on Him must carry on the work He left to be done. All God's work on earth is done through men and women who have come to Jesus and learned of Him.

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers" (v. 3). But how did Peter know what would come in the last days? And how do we know what shall be in the last days? How do we know that Christ is coming for His saints, and that seven years later He will come to rule and reign on the earth? By studying what the prophets have written, as the Lord commanded we should. Then perhaps Peter received things by inspiration as did Paul and the holy prophets, and he was taught of the Lord. Well, Peter was right about the scoffers; they are here now, lots of them, and

their number is increasing as the end of this age draws near. And from Peter's time even until now many men have appeared, who, "professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:22; Jude 1:10).

"Walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" (v. 3, 4). These are men whose own pleasure is their only law, and having no reverence for God, they are unrestrained. Men who spend their time dealing scientifically with natural and material things generally accept the Evolution lie and reject the Genesis account of creation, and this lie is being taught to millions of our boys and girls in our present day schools. This of course leaves God out; and to such men there can be no miracles, no miraculous change in the earth, nor in the works of nature. They therefore reject the story of the Flood, and the Bible in general; and become scoffers, saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?" In the minds and hearts of such unbelievers, the light they have is turned into darkness, and they dare not think on the precious promises of the Bible, the second coming of Christ and the day of the Lord, but do their best to forget, ignore, and deny them.

Setting nature and its so-called laws above God and what He revealed, arguing that since all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation and saying there can be no future change, was the sin of the antediluvians and will be that, or is that of the scoffers in the last days. "The world continues on through time," say the scoffers; "there has been no change; there will be none."

Peter says (v. 5), "They are willingly ignorant." How can these men speak of a creation and say there is no Judge? They claim a constant law in nature, and willfully forget the law implies a Lawgiver, and that He who made must have power to unmake.

Peter's answer to the scoffers (vs. 5-7) is short, but it is sufficient to prove that all things are NOT the same. He states that the heavens and the earth which were of old, which came by the word of God, were by the same word over-

flowed with water, and perished; and that the present heavens and the earth are "kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

In our study of these first seven verses of this third chapter of II Peter, we have briefly estimated the value he places on the words spoken by the prophets, by the Lord, and by His apostles; we have observed that the scoffers that shall come in the last days are willingly ignorant of these things; we have noted Peter's answer to the scoffers; and we have considered the advantage to those who accept the inspired word of God and look for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour, and know that the day of the Lord is coming, and coming soon.

But scoffers and mockers who make fun of and deny the promises and the prophecies of the Bible are by no means all outside the church; but many belong to the church, some of them preachers.

The following is taken from "The Pentecostal Herald," a quotation taken from a book, "Jesus Through the Centuries." This book was written by Professor Shirley Case, President of Divinity School, Chicago University. Prof. Case said, "That he (Jesus) was not such a model of perfection that we could not equal it in our own lives. Indeed, it is not even correct to accept Jesus' teaching as an infallible rule of conduct. In fact, his religion is probably not best for America today. At any rate, were Jesus living in America, we should not elect him President or deposit our savings in a bank under his management, or employ him as an architect. Perhaps we might feel hesitation in calling him to the pastorate of our family church." "The modern man," says Case, "will not make Jesus an object of worship, nor do we need to ask him to tell us how we ought to worship or what to do."

Prof. Case is not alone in his attitude toward our Lord and the Word of God: for there is a multitude with him, such as Bishop McConnell, Fosdick, Cadman,

Jenkins, and a host of others, besides a multitude of lesser lights (?) who fill many pulpits of our land. Yes, they reject Christ, but dote on the social order. As Prof. Case says, people of this class "will not make Jesus an object of worship," though many of them pretend to. These Christ rejectors advocate the Federated church, and they have many followers; and now boast that the Federal church has over 22,000,000 members in America.

Peter had said the scoffers are ignorant, now, as if to warn the beloved brethren to whom he writes, lest they, too, might forget, he says (v. 8), "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that ONE DAY IS WITH THE LORD AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY."

The scoffers of the last days say that God is so slow about keeping His promises, that they will never be fulfilled; but Peter says (v. 9), "The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Now it was only yesterday Peter said these things. He spoke early yesterday and this evening we are considering what he said: it is only two days since he spoke. Yesterday was the fifth day, today is the sixth day, and tomorrow will be the seventh and last day of time. Today is man's work day, and in it he must finish his work and make his preparation to meet God; for tomorrow is the Lord's day.

Some take this eighth verse to mean that a twenty-four hour day in the Bible may mean one thousand years, and one thousand years may mean only one day; and they say we can't tell anything about dates and time as expressed in the Bible. But these things were written for man, and in language that man can understand; and God means just what He says. Peter does say that with God a thousand years are as one day, but that is with God. God is not limited with time, but man is limited, so must take account of the hours, days and years, etc.,

but our limitations in this respect will cease when we get to be creatures of eternity.

I believe that Peter means that God has ordained that the history of this earth shall be a Week of Seven Days of One Thousand Years Each. And we find in the Bible, that in terms of thousand year days God has indicated that the history of earth shall cover a period of seven days of one thousand years each, and has thus dated both the first and the second comings of His Son.

When Peter gave us this key to the interpretation of prophetic time in the Bible, he referred back to the account of creation in the book of Genesis. He also mentioned the Flood in which "the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." And Christ said, "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37). He thus showed how closely the story of the Flood is related to the promise of His return.

In studying the Bible we find that, among the divisions of its great body of truth, seven themes or subjects with seven parts each are prominent, and that by closely following these themes through the Bible, we are able to see the Bible as one Book, of which the one true and living God is the Author, and that the one great theme is the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ: and at the same time, following these themes will greatly help us in understanding and rightly dividing the word of truth.

(To be continued)

PRAYER

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, Richwoods, Mo.

There is so much said in the Scripture about prayer that it makes it a very important subject and a long one, too.

I think many of us fail in our Christian life when it comes to prayer. Prayer is a great link that pulls down the Power of God and blesses us and everyone around us.

What glorious promises we have through prayer, such as is found

in Matt. 21:22, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." Let us search our hearts and see if we are worthy of all the blessings and see if we really believe in answered prayer.

With all of God's promises there are certain conditions we have to meet before God answers prayers. (1) We must ask, Matt. 7:7. (2) We must believe. (3) We must have a clean heart. (4) We must be unselfish, James 4:3. (5) We must do His will, I John 5:14. (6) We must be guided by His word. (7) We must ask in His name.

Then comes victory through prayer. Remember prayer is not just a mere petition, but is communion with God, pouring out our whole heart and soul to God. Prayer is a golden key opening the storehouse of God's grace. They are opened by faithful men, women, boys and girls on their knees. There is little danger of too much time spent in prayer. The only thing that will bring our America back on her knees to God is much prayer by those who know the real value of prayer. Mr. Spurgeon once said that prayer was a great bell that rang in the ears of God. The harder we pull the large rope the louder the bell rings. Bad habits are overcome through prayer. Evil tendencies are rooted out through prayer. A midnight of prayer brings noon-day and victory.

There is no certain time to pray. The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing," which means to have a prayer upon our hearts at all times. We are told to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation.

Daniel went into his room and opened his window toward Jerusalem and kneeled down and prayed three times a day and gave thanks unto God. We should always give thanks to God. We should be continually in prayer. "I will therefore that men ought to pray everywhere lifting up holy hands."

Prayer brings the lost to Christ. Let each Christian seek the goodness and mercy of God through prayer and faith and by the read-

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Rev. Roy Alyea, Monett, Missouri

John 20:21—Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

I would like to use the last of this verse, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." This shows to us as Christians that we are sent out to do work for the Lord. Have we realized as Christians that we are to take the place of Christ here on this earth? We are ambassadors for Christ. Sailors have sometimes had to use what they call a "jury-mast." This is a temporary mast which takes the place and does the work of the one which has been carried away with the storm. Christ was carried away with the storm of human indignation and hate, and we as Christians have been set up in his stead. Our work is also like the "jury-mast," very temporary, only for a little while. God is not slack concerning His promises, and if we will take our place in the Lord we can have the power that our Christ had as he walked on this earth. Let us see how the Father sent the Son and compare it to us.

He Was Sent As One Who Did Not Belong to the World

He made the world but the world knew Him not. He was born from above. He came as the Son of God, and He said, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." If we have been born again we have been born from above, not of the flesh but of the Spirit, born of God and we also become Sons of God. I John 3:1, 2—"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." Also in John 1:12—"But as many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his

name." Then we have been sent, as our Christ, as sons of God.

Sent in Love to the World

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son..." God looked down upon this old



world and saw His creation doing just the opposite to what He had created them for. He first made them a promise and man failed; then He gave them the Law and man failed again, but God still loved His people and had tried in every way to save them from sin, so through His love He sent His Son. Christ says unto us, "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you." Mark 16:15—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We should have that love that God had for the lost and perishing souls. Is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts? Have we the same motives for serving God as Christ had?

To Reveal the Character of God

John 14:9—"He that hath seen me hath seen the father..." John 10:30—"I and my father are one." One in Nature, Likeness, Purpose. Does not God dwell in us? I Cor. 3:16—"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" II Cor. 6:16—"...God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be

their God, and they shall be my people." Does the world see Christ in us? Can we say he that hath seen me hath seen Jesus Christ? Did not Paul mean this when he wrote, "For me to live is Christ?" Paul also told the Corinthians, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

To Declare the Word of God

When he was a little boy of 12 and was left in the temple he talked and asked questions of the Doctors of the Law, and when His mother came after Him He said "...I must be about my father's business." Everywhere He went He told forth the word of God. John 17:8—"For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me..." Are we declaring the whole counsel of God as did Jesus? Some people may say He was just talking to the disciples, but let us read the 20th verse in the 17th chapter of St. John—"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word."

To Give His Life A Ransom

Mark 10:45—"For even the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Are we willing and ready as He was to yield up our lives wholly for the glory of God the Father? Christ came to die for the sins of the world. He does not ask us to die, but to give our lives in service. What a privilege is ours to give our lives that we might minister the things of God to weary, perishing souls around us. Rom. 12:1—"...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

He Was Sent Equipped With Power From on High

Matt. 3:16—"...the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him." In Luke 4:18 we find the Lord anointed Him with the Holy Spirit that He might preach, heal the broken hearted, restore sight to the blind, and set at liberty them that are bruised. He was empowered by Him who sent Him for the work given Him to do. Acts 1:8—"But ye shall receive

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From The Editor's Desk



MORE EQUIPMENT ADDED

We recently added two more pieces of quipment to the Free Will Baptist Gem printing establishment, a Casting Box and a Saw. These two pieces of equipment have been badly needed for some time. We bought the two pieces, which are used of course but in good shape, for only \$115.00; a very good buy indeed. The man we bought them from said, "Pay for them just as you can and when you can." We recently mailed a letter to a number of our folk out over the field and laid this obligation before them. In this letter we gave them the opportunity to help us in meeting this obligation before the books close for the year which is August 31st. So far there has been a nice response to the letter. Be assured we are deeply grateful to each and every one who have contributed to assist us in clearing these two nice pieces of equipment. Such co-operation is what brings things out to a grand success. More and more, though a little at a time, we are getting the Gem better equipped and the equipment in better shape. We trust you will continue to stay by us in adding the things so much needed here.

Following is a list of all who answered our letter in this recent appeal:

Lizzie Turner, Carterville.....	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Minnie Hunt, Desloge....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and Esther, Kirksville	10.00
Rev. Archie Cooper, Kirksville	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Smith, Hartville	10.00
Alice Dickey, Kansas City.....	1.00
Mrs. Martha Ricketts, Liberal..	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mikel, Greentop	5.00
Georgia McDaniel, Long Lane..	5.00
Ella Dotson, Myrtle.....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Dawson, Anderson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wes Mayfield, Iantha	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Will Thompson Greentop	5.00
Mrs. Wm. Newcomer, Greentop	5.00

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CONCERNING OUR SUB LIST

We do not have enough subscribers to the Free Will Baptist Gem. Seventeen and eighteen hundred is nothing like enough. It really should be that in the State of Missouri alone, to say nothing about all the many subscribers we have in other states. Yes, we do have many subscribers in other states, and we certainly do appreciate them every one. However, we should have many more in every state of our denominational connection.

Do you ever make an effort to secure subscriptions for the Gem? If not why not? Do you like the Gem? If so then you should not be ashamed to ask others to subscribe. Pastors, do you ever bring this matter up before your congregation? Oh, how much it would help if every pastor would make him or herself a solicitor for subscriptions. We can only build the subscription list as you will co-operate with us out there on the field. We just cannot reach everybody in person. I wish I could, but that of course is impossible. However you, who are located out there on the field, can reach those about you if you will. But that IF YOU WILL is a great condition. One certainly must be willing, and if you are willing you will do some good. Come on, let's put the Gem into more homes, and let's do it right away.

LOST — — —

Somewhere between 1910-1920 A. D., **The Ideal Christian Home**. Discription: Foundation on Gen. 2:7-14—composed of three parts; cemented by Matt. 19:5,6. The following clues might lead to its restoration: I Tim. 5:14; II Cor. 6:14; Prov. 23:31; Prov. 31:10, 11, 30; Prov. 23:13, 14; Eph. 6:2-4, and James 3:2. Anyone finding and holding any trace of it in 1949 please report to the world and receive the reward—Prov. 4:14.

Contributed

TO LEBANON SEPTEMBER 13

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists meets with the Sunny View Church, near Lebanon, Mo., September 13th to 16th. It is difficult to believe another year has passed since our last State Meeting, but it is true.

We are hoping for a great session this time. All delegates, both standing and elected, should be making all effort possible to attend. It is important that you be there. You have been chosen and asked by the body to which you belong to be their representative, so please show your appreciation of this confidence by being present if possible.

The people of Laeledge County Association have been busy for some time preparing for the entertainment of this coming session. We are sure they will have all things in readiness and will be looking forward to the arrival of our people from over the state.

The Missouri State Association is composed of eleven (11) different Local Associations, namely: N. E. Mo., N. W. Mo., Central Western Mo., S. E. Mo., Indian Creek, Cave Spring, Niangua, Liberty, Harmony, Laeledge County, and the new Mission Association. We are looking forward to each one of these associations being represented this time by both letter and delegates.

YOUTH CAMP A SUCCESS

All reports of the recent session of the Missouri State Youth Encampment, held near Niangua, Mo., say it was another splendid success. The enrollment was good in spite of the prevailing plague of Polio over the country, and we understand several found the Lord as their personal Saviour during the session. We are very grateful for this. We are glad the Lord sees fit to honor the encampment with His presence and saving power. May the Encampment ever be carried on in a way that the Lord can graciously abide with and among our young people who may gather there from year to year.

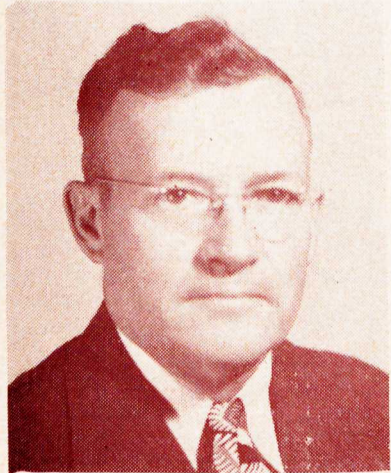
NEWSY BRIEFS

REPORTS - LETTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS - OBITUARYS

36TH ANNUAL SESSION OF MO. STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Beginning Tuesday Night, September 13, 1949, at the Sunny View Church in Laclede County.

Introductory message—Rev. Cecil Campbell; Alternate—Rev. Woodrow Matthew.



Rev. C. T. Allred, Mcnett, Mo.
State Moderator

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional
Receiving of letters and seating of delegates.
Election of officers
Appointment of Committee on Committees.



Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
State Clerk

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M.
Woman's Auxiliary Message—

Wednesday Afternoon

Woman's Auxiliary program.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Speaker to be selected.

Thursday, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional

Reading of minutes of previous session.

Receiving reports of committees.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M.

Speaker to be selected.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotional

Receiving of reports.

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

Youth Rally Night (suggested).

Friday, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional

Finishing all business.

Friday, 11:00 A. M.

Speaker to be selected.

Adjournment

PROGRAM MISSOURI STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

To Meet With
Sunny View Church
SEPTEMBER 14, 1949

Theme—"Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward" Ex. 14:15.

Watchword—"Advancing with Christ."
Convention Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."

Wednesday, Eleven O'clock

11:00—Convention Hymn

11:05—Prayer

11:10—Devotional, "Advancing Toward the Mark," Mrs. Gillam, Greentop, Missouri

11:15—Organization of Convention:

1. Seating delegates
2. Appointment of Committees
Appreciation-Obituary-Business
3. Election of Nominating Committee

11:25—Special Music

11:30—Convention message.....Rev. Marie Hyatt

12:00—Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Convention Hymn

1:35—Prayer

1:40—Devotional, "Facing Mission

Tasks," Rev. Opal Jeffreys, Monett

1:50—Special music

1:55—President's message, "Go Forward," Mrs. Alta Mikel, Greentop

2:10—"Advancing with Christ Through Enlistment," Mrs. Jewel Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.

2:20—"Advancing with Christ Through Our Youth," Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.

2:30—"Advancing with Christ Through Mission Work," Miss Melba White, Flattsburg, Mo.

2:40—Special music

2:45—"Advancing with Christ Through Prayer," Mrs. Burnice Davis, Monett, Mo.

2:55—"Advancing with Christ Through Service," Mrs. Lucy Shaffer, Cantwell, Mo.

3:05—Hymn, "Revive Us Again"

3:10—Committee reports:

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| 1. Appreciation | 3. Business |
| 2. Obituary | 4. Nominating |

3:50—Miscellaneous business:

1. Election of delegates to National Convention
2. Report of National Auxiliary Convention

4:10—Vote of thanks to retiring officers

4:15—Adjournment

Program Committee,

Rev. Marie Hyatt

Mrs. Burnice Davis

Mrs. Opal Williams

DIRECTIONS TO MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION MEET

To reach the Sunny View Church where the Missouri State Association is to be held, you will go twelve (12) miles east from Lebanon, Mo., on Highway 32.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF MISSOURI SUNDAY SCHOOLS

On Thursday August 11, 1949, the Missouri State Sunday School Convention met at the Youth Camp. There was a good delegation from over our state, although there were many who could not attend. Truly you missed a wonderful time, for the presence of the Lord was there. I am writing this because I think that every

Free Will Baptist over the state should know what your Sunday School officers and delegates have decided for the building up and betterment of our Sunday Schools.

The new officers: President—Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta St., Lemay, Mo.; Vice-president—Sis. Lorene Bowman; Secy.-Treas.—Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.; Ass't. Secy.—Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine LaMotte, Mo.

The Promotional Committee's report was received and adopted item by item. Two of the outstanding items in their report were: (1) That we put a promotional worker on the field to promote our Sunday School work. Rev. Wm. Reeves was elected. He is to contact every Sunday School in the State of Missouri and to have a report from each Sunday School or Sunday School Convention next year, and also a delegation to represent them. Sunday School Clerks write Rev. Reeves and give him the name of your Sunday School and where it is located in the State. Rev. Reeves is going to make a map of the state and place a marker for each Sunday School. (2) There is to be within the next year a three-day Teacher Training Course at the Youth Camp, the time to be set by the executive board and the promotional worker. Watch the Gem for this information.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Missouri State League Convention met August 12, 1949, at the Youth Camp. We are sorry to say that the reports and delegates were few, but all that were there had a wonderful time in the Lord. Leaguers, let's get to work this year and do things for the Lord. If you do not have a League at your church get busy young people and organize one. You can get information from Rev. Bill Hill on how to organize and carry on a league. Let us start building up our Leagues and send in our reports to the yearly meetings. Also make it a point to have someone to represent your League at the next state meeting. Our officers for the next year are: President—Benjamin Scott, St. Louis; Vice-pres.—Roy Alyea, Monett; Sec'y.—Treas.—Jewell Campbell, Whea-

ton, and Ass't. Secy.—Mary Ruth Wisheart, Myrtle.

Rev. Bill Hill, 132 E. Loretta St., Lemay, Mo., was elected as Promotional Worker. His duties are to promote young people's work, the compilation of more complete records, to work by correspondence and personal visits. Leaguers, let's get behind Bill and help him to make our Leagues grow. He will need the help of each Leaguer in work and prayer.

The next Convention will be held at the time and place chosen by the executive board in co-operation with the executive committee of the State Sunday School Convention, and we will let you know through the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Roy Alyea

KANSAS CITY ENJOYS GOOD REVIVAL; CHURCH GROWTH

Kansas City, Mo.
August 15, 1949

Dear Editor:

I feel sure our many friends and co-laborers out over the states would like to hear about their new church in Kansas City.

We are progressing slowly but steadily, and feel it is the kind of growth which will last, if not spectacular.

We enjoyed a revival in May with Rev. J. L. Welch of Nashville, Tenn., as our evangelist. His outstanding Bible messages were a feast to our soul. We thank the good Lord for the privilege of meeting and hearing him. At the close of our meeting seven were baptized and joined our ranks.

Do pray for us and send us names and addresses of any friends or relatives living in Kansas City who might enjoy our services.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alice Dickey
3914 Norledge, K. C., Mo.

BERKELEY CITY CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo.
August 19, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

We are happy to report the wonderful way in which God is continuing to bless our church at 8912 Flavia Ave.

The Lord is truly blessing our Sunday School. With so many of our members away on vacation, we still have an average attendance of 60 this

month, with new scholars every Sunday.

God is blessing our League. A good time is enjoyed by all each Sunday night in the work for the Lord.

At our Wednesday night Prayer meetings, the children sing God's praise and enjoy serving Him as much as the adults.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all in our musical program Saturday night, with special singing and music by our church band and special numbers by visiting friends from neighboring churches.

We thank God for such great leaders as our pastor and assistant pastor, Rev. Bob Hill and Rev. Charles Miller. They have been doing such splendid work together for the Lord.

We ask the prayers of all the Gem readers that we may continue to grow in the Lord's work.

Sis. Gusta Barks, Correspondent

C. W. MISSOURI MISSION DAY

Free Will Baptists of Central Western Missouri observed Mission Rally Day with the Independence Church near Stockton, Mo., Sunday, July 31. A good delegation was present from most of the churches and a day of fellowship was greatly enjoyed.

After Sunday School at the regular hour, Rev. Harold Hoover brought the message from John 15:1-11; theme, "Fruit Bearing." Those present enjoyed this good message. At the noon hour a basket dinner was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon program presented a variety of numbers including congregational singing, specials, recitations, and a play. Many of these featured our Christian young people. We are thankful for these young folks and their desire to serve God. In the election of officers Rev. Lowell Martin was chosen president, Rev. Harold Hoover as vice president, and Sis. Theo Bough as secretary. The October meeting will be held with Verdella Church. Rev. Opal Jeffreys is to bring the message.

Following the close of the program the congregation assembled at the water's edge for baptismal service. Six fine souls followed their Saviour in baptism administered by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys. These fine people and two other souls gave their life to Jesus in a revival service at this same church conducted by the pastor Rev. Opal Jeffreys. Some of the delegation were

able to stay for the concluding service of the revival that night. Though very tired in body all were happy in soul for this rich day in the Lord's service.

Contributed

APPEAL TO CHURCHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, LEAGUES

This is an appeal to Churches, Sunday Schools and Leagues for a pledge of support for our Youth Camp for the coming year.

Inasmuch as we are in need of someone to live at the Camp and look after the buildings and other equipment all during the year, and also work on the Camp to improve it, we the Camp Board would appreciate it if we could have definite pledges from a large number of our Churches, Sunday Schools and Leagues by the time of the State Association so that we may know what to promise a caretaker. Also this would help us in laying plans for improvements to be made at the Camp this year. God has definitely put his approval on this work, so come on and keep this good work going.

Yours for a greater work among our youth who will live for Christ.

Rev. O. T. Allred

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PRAYER

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ing and studying of His word. We read in His word, "When the daughters of Zion travaileth then sons and daughters are born into the kingdom of God." Let all of us stay at the foot of the cross begging and pleading to God for the poor lost world. Let's all pray as we have never prayed before for a lost sinful world. Let the life of every Christian be a prayerful, sacrificial life for the lost.

Ere you left your room this morning did you think to pray?

NEW HARMONY DVB SCHOOL

Following is the report of our Daily Vacation Bible School at the New Harmony Church west of Greentop, Mo. The school began June 20 and closed July 8. Because of so much rain and mud we had to miss several days. That made the school last over a longer period of time. We had our program Sunday night, July 10. This was the first Daily Vacation Bible School for our church, but I am sure it will not be the last, as everyone received a great blessing from it.

Sis. Mildred Gillam, our pastor, was the leader of the school. We partook of a spiritual feast each morning as we opened the school with songs, prayer, scripture reading and a Bible or missionary story. There was an enrollment of 45, with a good attendance each day. There were also visitors several days. An offering was given each day by the children for missions. This amounted to \$20.64.

The teachers were as follows: Beginners—Mrs. Flossie Gregory and Mrs. Maxine McBee; Primary—Mrs. Alta Mikel, Caroleta Talbert and Myrtle Lay; Juniors—Mrs. Ina Daniels and Miss Leona Thompson; Intermediates—Mrs. Mildred Gilliam and Mrs. Caroline Lay; Sec'y.-Treas.—Mrs. Alta Mikel, and Pianist—Miss Leona Thompson.

We ask an interest in your prayers that our church may continue to go forward in a way that would be pleasing to the Lord.

Sincerely,

Leona Thompson

N. E. MO. FIFTH SUNDAY

The Northeast Missouri Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Graysville Church July 31, 1949, with Sunday School at ten o'clock followed by the morning worship service. Rev. George Haines brought the eleven o'clock message. The 14th chapter of St. John was read for the scripture lesson, using for his subject "What if Jesus would come?" a very inspiring message was delivered. The service was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Rally Hazelwood. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened under the leadership of the president, Sis. Alta Mikel, with the congregation singing, "Work for the Night is Coming," and "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Prayer by Sis. Lorene

Miley. The congregation sang, "Bringing in the Sheaves." The president read for the scripture lesson Colossians 3:1-18. Prayer by the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Letter from the Hazel Creek Union Auxilliary was read and accepted. Since we just had one invitation the next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with the Hazel Creek Union Church. Sis. Mildred Gilliam will bring the eleven o'clock message, with Sis. Alta Mikel alternate.

The following program was then given: Song, "The Story of Old," by the Primary and Junior classes of the Graysville Church. Reading, "The Church," by Leona Thompson. Play, "The Anybody Family on Sunday Morning," by the Graysville Young People. Reading, "The Amen Corner," by Nettie Pickering. Reading, "The Devil and the Movies," by Alta Mikel (who composed the reading). Special singing by Martinstown. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. Jim McFarland.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.-Treas.

PARTING WORDS TO MACEDONIA CHURCH

Dear People of Macedonia:

Before this is printed I will have finished my year's labors with you and community. On the 3rd Sunday, August 21, Bro. Winford Davis and I plan to have a baptismal service at the beautiful little stream that God has made to flow near the cherished little Community Church. I want to take this opportunity, through The Gem, to say, "The services and fellowship with you have been so very enjoyable for me." This goes, not only for the fine spirit of fellowship at the Church, but also for the fine hospitality in the homes where I have visited. I wish I could have visited in every home, but could not in this short stay. I gratefully appreciate the spirit of co-operation, in the church, manifested by the officials of the Church, by each individual member, by the ministers belonging to the church, and others who have worshipped with us. May I say, too, that I am indebted to Bro. Roy Alyea and his good wife for the services they have given you on each 1st Sunday. I feel this has been a great strength to us all. I do appreciate the friendship of all the unsaved that have so generously re-

ceived me as their minister.

I feel that when I leave the services on Sunday night, August 21, I will have left some of the best Christian and unsaved friends I have ever met. As Bro Davis, your Pastor-elect, takes up his duties with you may you give him your earnest support. Bro. Winford was your former pastor for many years and as a local pastor he will surely be able to lead you to higher things in the Lord.

May I say to the many fine talented young people in the Church and community that God needs your service, and may you look to Bro. Winford as one who has your interest at heart. While we are separated by many miles distance may we ever be near each other in the Lord and in remembrance of the fine fellowship we have had together.

I earnestly solicit your prayers as we go to other fields of labor.

Your servant in the Lord,

Rev. Homer Smith

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT July 1949

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$ 45.00
Flat River.....	176.69
Carterville	26.15
Merls Chapel S. S.	10.00
Leadington	8.59
Mine LaMotte.....	3.27
Fredericktown	131.48
Merls Chapel S. S.	10.00

Total\$411.18

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 12.50
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JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines.....	\$ 1.00
Hannon Mission Circle.....	6.00
Copper Mines.....	1.00

Total\$ 8.00

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hickory Grove D. V. B. S.	\$ 15.91
Hazel Creek Union.....	7.14

Total\$ 23.05

STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Jewel	\$ 5.00
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FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Hickory Grove.....	\$ 2.76
Amity	10.00
Sublette	13.00
Twin Oaks.....	5.19
Hazel Creek Union.....	16.06
Sublette	12.25

Verdella	25.00	Lumber	11.50
Aurora	6.77	Concrete blocks	2.16
Macedonia	25.00	Gem for printing.....	12.00
Eld. Howard G. Barr, Cabool...	5.00	Paul Williams (light	
Timothy J. Ewing, K'ville.	1.00	plant repair).....	5.00
Macedonia D. V. B. S.	11.77	Stigman Lumber Co. ...	151.69
Fellowship D. V. B. S.	50.87		
St. Louis Southside (For Bob			
and Jerry. Wilfong).....	10.00		284.11
Berkeley City.....	30.00	Balance	90.59
Leadington	25.00	Entertainment fund:	
Green Ridge.....	10.00	Received in all.....	\$761.64
Pleasant Grove League.....	2.00	Cost of session.....	589.33
Pleasant Grove	18.00		
Philadelphia	2.32		172.31
Mrs. Grace Lawson, Brashear..	5.00		
Hannon	5.00	Total in Treasury.....	\$262.90
Total	\$219.99		

MISSIONS FUND

Hartville	\$ 10.00
Copper Mines.....	6.40
Independence	15.29
Carterville	15.18
Jewel D. V. V. S.	19.53
Green Grove.....	7.66
Mountain Grove.....	29.70
Stahl	7.50
Fredericktown	13.14
Mine LaMotte	2.45
Monett	20.69
Copper Mines.....	6.50
Flat River.....	38.60
Hickory Grove (Haddam, Kan.)	19.30
Golden Oak S. S.	11.07
Golden Oak League.....	3.15
Neola	9.00
Blue Eye.....	7.95
Rock Chapel.....	24.20
New Harmony S. S.	48.88

Total\$316.19

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Brought forward.....	\$240.87
Receipts: (General fund)	
South Side.....	\$ 10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth	
Allred	50.00
Third St. Louis.....	22.38
Merls Chapel.....	10.00
Earl N. Eichman.....	5.00
O. T. Allred.....	24.60
Desloge	11.85

133.83

374.70

Disbursements:

Wm. Reeves (mileage,	
hauling mattresses,	
lumber, and drayage..	\$ 31.76
Salary (7 weeks).....	70.00

I wish to express the thanks of our Youth Camp Board to everyone who helped to make this session possible; to everyone who gave of their finance, food and otherwise. We also appreciate the splendid boys and girls who came, and the faculty, cooks and all the good help that was given, and for those who came to visit the session.

God gave us nine precious souls and a number of boys and girls dedicated their lives to special service. It was a glorious time in the Lord.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secretary

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

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power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

So as ambassadors of Christ we are sent as Sons of God, and if we have the love of God in our hearts that love will constrain us to help others. Let us let Christ live in our hearts as we go forth to declare the Word of God and in giving our lives in His service. We can do the things God has laid out for us because He has equipped us with power from on high, the Spirit of God, to help us.

HISTORY OF 1949 F.W.B. YOUTH CAMP SESSION

The Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp opened August 1, 1949, with a devotional service at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. O. T. Allred in charge. Miss Lucy Wisehart and Rev. Benjamin Scott led the opening prayer. Rev. Harry Beatty read the Scripture from II Timothy and made appropriate remarks. The Spirit of God was manifested in this service.

Fifty-one children registered on the first day. There were children present from 10 churches of Missouri. There were 24 boys and 27 girls, 11 of whom registered as not Christian.

Rev. O. T. Allred preached the first sermon on Monday night using as a subject "A Purposeful Life."

Tuesday morning devotions was led by Rev. Benjamin Scott who read I Cor. 13 and brought to us some timely thoughts. Visitors for the day were; Mr. and Mrs. John Postlewaite, Miss Naomi Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Archie Cooper. The day was carried out as scheduled on the program. The outstanding event of the day was the conviction that settled on the children that they too, could be tithers and as such, a part of the great program of God. Five dollars was turned in from various children.

Wednesday morning devotions were led by Rev. O. T. Allred. The Spirit of the Lord was much in evidence in the girls evening prayer meeting. Kathryn Boyd acknowledged her call to the foreign mission fields. Lorene Bowman asked that special prayer be made for her that she would be certain of the Lord's will for her life. The evening message was delivered by Rev. Harvey Hill, using Psalms 91:14. At the close two boys held up their hands asking for prayer that they should be saved. An after service prayer meeting culminated in the healing of one woman, one boy won back to Christ and him acknowledging his call to Foreign Fields, and Lorene's requested prayer being answered, she too, was called to Foreign Fields for service. There was much shouting and praising

God on the hillside until way into the night.

Thursday—Visitors for the day were Rev. Glen Jones and four girls from Lebanon, Mo. Rev. O. T. Allred directed morning devotions. The missions class was marked by the testimony of three new missionaries. The evening message was brought by Rev. Harvey Hill who used as a text John 14:1-6. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested throughout the service. At the close of the service there were six conversions and one consecration. Later in one of the girls cabins we witnessed another consecration for missions.

Friday morning devotions were conducted by Miss Lucy Wisehart. Visitors for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peterson and three daughters, who favored us with a song in the afternoon devotion. Rev. Henry Long brought the evening message using as his text John 1:1-5. Visitors who stayed overnight with us were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Francis of St. Louis.

Saturday morning devotions were conducted by Bro. Hughes who read Matt. 6:1-15. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vandervoort and three sons from Cabool were visitors. Three more children registered, bringing the enrollment to 56. Mrs. Eunice Edwards brought the evening message using as the subject "Almost A Christian." There was one conversion.

Sunday—The entire group went into Niangua for Sunday School and worship. Rev. William Reeves brought the message from Acts 1:1-4. Visitors for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Greenway, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powell and daughter Billie Jean, Mr. David Turner, Mrs. Roy Alyea, and Mrs. O. T. Allred. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones, of Monett, brought out watermelons enough for the entire group which was greatly enjoyed. A singing convention was held at 2:00 o'clock. It was opened by a congregational hymn and special numbers followed. Sunday evening the League from the Niangua Church came out and met with the children at camp for the regular League service. Rev. O.

T. Allred brought the evening message using as his text Acts 26:12-29.

Monday—Visitors for the day were Rev. and Mrs. George Scott of Mt. Grove; Carol Rae Demis, Mildred Hutsell, Juanita Altis, Fern Carter, Bobbie Lee Hutsell, and Rev. and Mrs. Noel Greenway from Desloge, Mo., and Miss Belle Greenway. One new student registered bringing the total to 58. Three students had to return home. Morning devotions were directed by Billy Dan Agee from Springfield, Mo.

Tuesday morning devotions were directed by Jo Ann Jones. The evening message was brought by Rev. Harry Staires of Tulsa, Okla. He used as a subject "Come to Seek and to Save That Which Was Lost" from Luke 19:1-10. The Spirit of God was much in evidence throughout the service and at the close there was one conversion.

Wednesday morning devotions were directed by Jim Edwards. Several visitors arrived to attend the State Sunday School and League Conventions. The evening message was brought by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Thursday—The Sunday School Convention convened at 9:00 a.m. The evening message was brought by Rev. LaVerne Miley.

Friday—The League Convention convened at 9:00 a.m. There were 56 certificates issued, 48 being for full time and eight for half time. The noon hour message was brought by Rev. Rolla Smith. The convention was closed at 3:20 with prayer at the altar.

The total enrollment for the session was 61. Thirteen registered as non-Christian. Nine children were saved, four acknowledged their call to definite Foreign Fields, 21 children started tithing, and there were a number of consecrations. This was truly a glorious session for the Lord. We were sad that four of our number went away unsaved, but we are indeed grateful for all these things and a number of blessings too numerous to begin to tell the whole of this encampment.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

A REPORT FROM INDIA

Rev. E. S. Jelle

EDITORS NOTE: Rev. E. S. Jelle is a missionary of long experience in India. He made contact with us by correspondence after reading a copy of the Review. Since that time we have been more or less in touch with him and his work. He labors purely as an independent missionary, representing no particular organization. His work is located in the District of Ahmednagar.

I have done considerable gospel work in the U. S. A., but have seen very little results. Recently I got a letter mentioning the Jones' family. Bro. Jones was a fellow-workman of mine at the shipyard in Portland, Ore. We were not acquainted, but he learned that I had been a missionary. He was not a church member, but his wife was a Catholic and he was thinking of joining them. He asked me, "What faith do you represent?" Instead of saying "Baptist" or other denominational name I said, "I just try to follow the New Testament." He began to inquire, "What does the Bible teach about purgatory, and other Catholic doctrines?" To the first question I replied "The Catholic Bible says there is no such place. 'But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and there shall no torment touch them' Wis. S. 3:1." Also I told him what our version teaches. His wife was a rather bigoted Catholic, but both of them agreed to study the Bible. To my surprise, after reading the American Catholic New Testament in 1941 a little, they bought a nice King James Bible and studied it. Perhaps a year and a half later our pastor baptized them. In 1946 I saw Sis. Jones and she was just like any earnest Christian.

India is one-third the size of the U. S. A., including the Mohammedan state of Pakistan, and has about 400,000,000 population. When I first came to India in 1897 the population was less than 300,000,000 and they reportedly had 300,000,000 gods. As there was often severe famine in all or a part of the country I used to remark that it is strange that with a god or a fraction of a god for each of the population, India could not get rain. I still tell them that famines are due to ingratitude to God who is the Fath-

er of all and supplies all. When I come to India pretty much the whole population hated the British so much that they hated British medicine, even British religion. Now that the British have voluntarily left India they imitate the British largely, and even admire the Lord Jesus.

I was nearly a month in the Modras General Hospital, and our house surgeon told me, "On going to bed at night I read 'Imitation of Christ' and I read it on arising." He agreed to substitute the New Covenant and so I sent him one.

Back in 1897 not all Indians hated the Christian faith—one Brahmin lawyer for instance, had been to a Christian college and he acknowledged Christ to be the Son of God. But he was not baptized however, for he was unwilling to be ostracized for Christ. He said to me, "India has changed religion many times, but the missionaries do not go about it the right way. They send the Parrohs to preach to us, but keep themselves above us. We admire them and see them go out in their carriages and say 'See the grand lord,' but they have no influence upon us." That was in December, 1897, and from that day to this I have striven to keep in touch with the Indians, much to the displeasure of some of the American missionaries. I never went completely Indian as J. Hudson Taylor, head of the China Inland Mission, and the famous Goforth family went Chinese (they brought thousands to Christ), but Indians all realize that I am their brother and now that they are free they frequently show me the highest respect.

In 1911 I baptized a few persons, some Mahars and some Mangs, but most of my converts have been Mangs. The Mangs were a tribe of Aborigines (evidently of the same race as some of the American Indians), who were hated by the government as a criminal tribe and had to go to nightly roll call. They expected no respect and got none. Today they are all Mr. and Mrs. or Miss, and often some of the younger generation can read and write. Between 1911 and 1933 we baptized some 2,000 of them in Ahmednagar District. Their children today, although unbaptized, are proud to call themselves Christian. I could baptize all of them,

but of course the first thing is to convert the individual.

I arrived in India for the sixth time on December 27, 1947, a cripple from an accident on the ship, but in March I went with crutches and baptized 11 at Hiuse. In all 75 were baptized in 1948, some 26 of whom were baptized by an Indian minister.

Our great need now is for Indian workers. An Indian minister needs a missionary back of him. The support of an Indian worker and family costs \$8.00 to \$10.00 per month, for they are used to course Indian food.

The field is truly ripe unto harvest.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

E. S. Jelle, Missionary to India

Address: P. O. Ghodegaon, District Ahmednagar, India.

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION BUDGET FOR YEAR 1949-50

Following is the budget for the Foreign Missions department for the ensuing national year as set forth by the Foreign Mission Board, and adopted by the National Association while in session in Columbus, Ga.

You will notice we have set forth a quota for each state to raise during the year, which when done will enable us to disburse to the field in Cuba the amount of \$1,700.00 per month, to the field in India the amount of \$1,200.00 per month, for the promotion of the work on the home field the amount of \$500.00 per month, and after these disbursements are made there will be left a reserve for the opening of new fields and for emergencies to the amount of \$9,200.00. Brethren our fields on foreign soil are going to have to have fully this amount if they operate successfully through the year, we are going to have to have fully the suggested amount at the home base if we are enabled to hold the ropes at this end, we must dare not be without a reserve, and in order to do all this each state is going to have to fully meet its quota. We are to the point where our foreign mission program is going to be greatly hampered if we do not rally to this suggested budget. If we do not meet this we are going to greatly disappoint the Lord and some of His servants. If we do not meet this

budget somebody is going to be ashamed, and the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be ashamed of us. We are earnestly calling on our people from east, west, north and south; in every state and in every association, to rise up and do your very best for Foreign Missions during this coming year. Please do not wait too long about getting started. We need your help NOW. Our dear workers in the foreign lands are looking to us. They are depending ON us. They are believing IN us. Will we fail them? No, a thousand times no. Please study closely this proposed budget and quota table, and then get busy as you have never done before in support of our great missionary cause.

Proposed Foreign Mission Budget

India\$1,200.00 mo.; \$14,400.00 yr.
Cuba 1,700.00 mo.; 20,400.00 yr.
Home 500.00 mo.; 6,000.00 yr.

Total ..\$3,400.00 mo.; \$48,800.00 yr.

Suggested Quotas for Year

North Carolina.....	\$11,000.00
Missouri	8,000.00
Tennessee	5,000.00
Michigan	3,500.00
South Carolina.....	3,000.00
Illinois	2,500.00
Oklahoma	2,250.00
West Virginia.....	2,000.00
Ohio	2,000.00
Texas	1,600.00
Alabama	1,550.00
Virginia	1,500.00
Georgia	1,500.00
Kentucky	1,200.00
Mississippi	850.00
Florida	800.00
Arkansas	450.00
California	200.00
New Mexico.....	100.00
Other sources	1,000.00

Total

Expected expenditures.. 40,800.00

Proposed reserve for new fields and emergencies....\$ 9,200.00

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

Receipts by States—July, 1949

Brought for'd. from June.....\$2,914.38

Received as follows:

North Carolina.....	\$2,273.52
Missouri	513.33
Michigan	481.78
South Carolina.....	243.23
Georgia	222.31
Alabama	183.86
Oklahoma	163.02
Tennessee	113.53
Illinois	79.30
West Virginia.....	69.89
Virginia	38.50
Texas	37.41
New Mexico.....	15.00
Mississippi	13.69
Kentucky	10.00
Sale of books, "His Name Among All Nations"	2.00
Subs to Review.....	2.00

Total

Grand Total.....\$7,376.75

Total disbursements-July..... 4,275.28

Balance in treasury August

1, 1949.....\$3,101.47

Winford Davis, Treasurer

REV. AND MRS. ROACH TO OKLAHOMA ITINERARY

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice W. Roach, of Durham, N. C., passed through Monett the 19th on their way to Oklahoma where they are to do extensive work in the interest of Foreign Missions. Their itinerary is planned by the Director of Foreign Missions in that state, Rev. Bert F. Rogers; together with the assistance of some others.

\$2,250.00 is the amount Oklahoma has been asked to raise during the national associational year of 1949-1950. We believe they will do it. Yes, we believe they will go above that figure. There are great possibilities in Oklahoma for Foreign Mission support. We have lots of F. W. B. in Oklahoma, and there is lots of money in that state. Oklahoma, as we all know, is an oil state, and of course that means lots of money. God has given us the missionaries, lots of them. Now we need the money. That He is expecting us to give. Come on Oklahoma; do your best. We need your help badly, as well as the help of every one else. Right now our Foreign Mission treasury is getting low. We must rally. We have launched forth on

a program this year that is going to challenge the faith and loyalty of every Free Will Baptist in our entire ranks. We must tighten our belts and meet it with good grace.

We are going to look for a great response to this itinerary.

Winford Davis

DOLLY MAY LEWIS

Dolly May Staley, daughter of Oscar and Olive Cockrell Staley, was born near Freeman, Mo., February 23, 1896 and passed away at Memorial hospital in Harrisonville on July 25, 1949 at the age of 53 years, five months and two days. She had been in poor health the past three years and much of that time was spent in St. Joseph and Menoiah hospitals in Kansas City and the last twelve days of her life were spent in the local hospital.

She was married to Thomas Lewis of El Dorado Springs, Mo., November 2, 1921. After two years residence in Cedar county they moved to the home place three miles southeast of Freeman. In November 1929 she was converted and became a member of the Hickory Grove F. W. B. church and ever remained a faithful member. She leaves her husband of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Carrie Lynn; the son-in-law, Ernest Lynn, and six grandchildren, Theda, Wanda, Bob, Roland, Patty and Larry Lynn; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Jones of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Eliza Climer, Muskogee, Okla., and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Hickory Grove F. W. B. church Wednesday afternoon, July 27, in charge of Rev. Marie Hyatt, of Centerview, Mo. Burial was in Freeman Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis was a faithful member of the Hickory Grove Church. One could always depend upon Sis. Dolly's presence at all services. She will surely be missed, but we realize that our loss is heaven's gain.

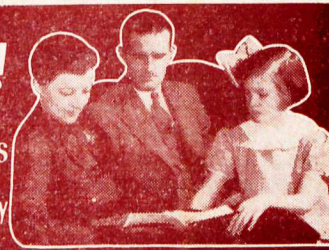
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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wade, Liberal	1.00
Jewell Maberry, Greenfield.....	10.00
Rev. Cecil Campbell, Wheaton..	5.00
Gaston Hyde, Thayer.....	20.00
Mary B. Peck, Hannon.....	5.00
Edna Archambo, French Village	2.00
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