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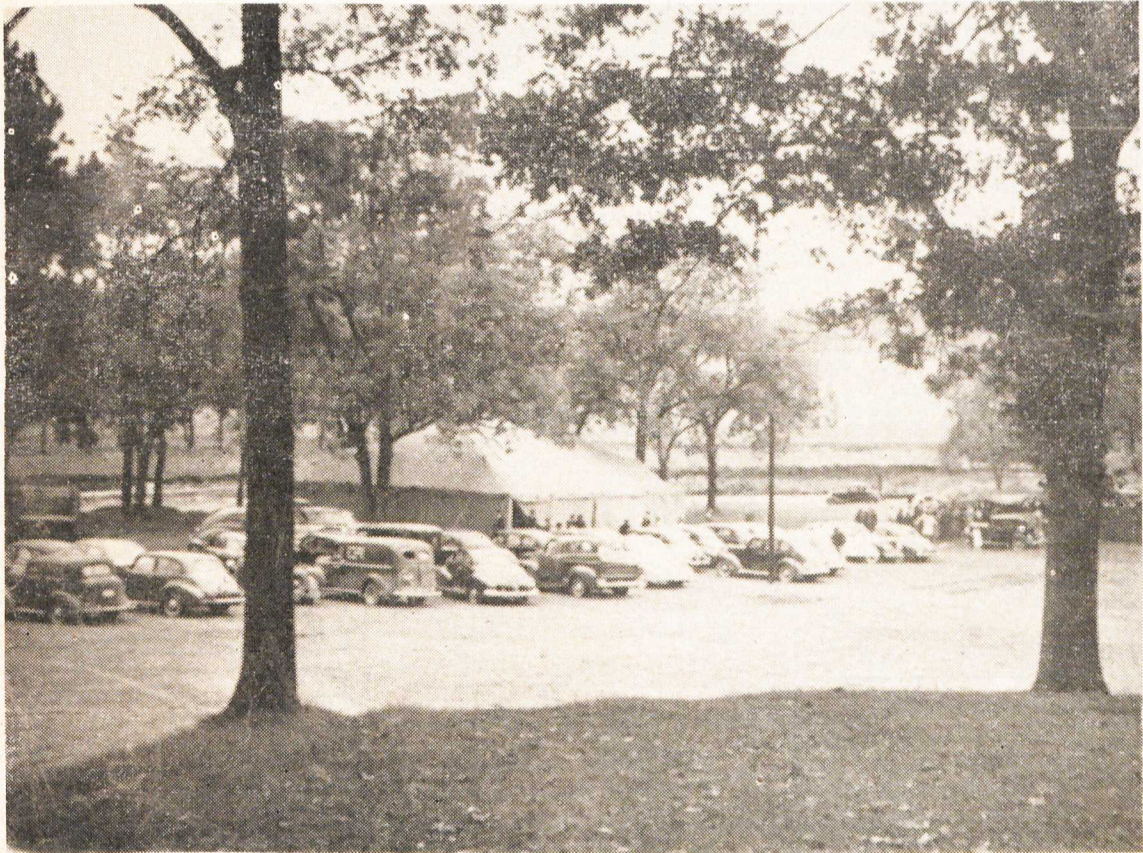
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EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

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

(Continued from September)

THE SEVEN SEVENS

I. The Seven Days of Creation Week—No doubt these were 24 hour days, but evidently they are typical of the prophetic week of seven days of one thousand years each, making a total of seven thousand years, the total span of time to be covered by the history of the earth.

Notice that with each of these days except the seventh, it says, "And the evening and the morning were the first (second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth) day." So God called these periods of time "days," and we learn from 11 Peter 3:8, that "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day;" so each of these thousand year days must represent one thousand years of earth's history. Then these seven days of creation week are a pattern of the Hebrew week, also of the week in this dispensation, except that the day of worship and rest has been changed from the seventh day to the first day.

The seventh day was the Sabbath Day, a day of rest (Gen. 2:2, 3), and is typical of the seventh one thousand year day, the thousand years reign of Christ on earth, as described in Revelation 20.

The first six days of both creation week and earth's prophetic week constitute man's work day; and the sixth day of prophetic week is now near its close; what man does, he must do before the day closes, for he will have no time to buy oil after his day closes. This is the sixth day: the seventh day will dawn soon, and will be the Kingdom age.

II. The Seven Dispensations:

1. Innocence (Gen. 1:28). In this dispensation man was innocent, his environment was perfect, and he was required to be obedient unto God; but man failed under the test and the dispensation closed with his expulsion from the garden of Eden.

2. Conscience (Gen. 3:23).

Under this dispensation man must gain his living by the sweat of his face, battling with the earth under curse. He now had an experimental knowledge of good and evil; and was required to choose good and reject evil, and to worship God through sacrifice. The result of this test is stated in Gen. 6:5, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." The dispensation ended in the Judgment of the Flood, 1656 years after the creation of Adam.

3. Human Government (Gen. 8:20-22). This was the government of man by man. Man was responsible to govern the world for God, and the responsibility rested upon the whole human race. Man again proved a failure, and the testing ended in the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel, but the dispensation continued under the Noahic Covenant until the call of Abraham, B. C. 1917, or 2083 years after the creation of Adam.

4. Promise (Gen. 12:1-3). This dispensation began with the call of Abraham, 2083 years after the creation of Adam, and lasted 430 years (Gal. 3:17), half of which time (about 215 years) was spent in Egyptian bondage. The dispensation ended at Sinai, but the Covenant of Promise made with Abraham, being unconditional, is still in force.

5. Law (Exo. 19:8). This dispensation extended from Sinai to Calvary—from the Exodus to the Cross, a period of 1520 years. The testing of Israel under Law continued for about 900 years, and ended in the judgment of the Captivities, but the dispensation itself continued under the Messianic or Law Covenant to the Cross, when it was suspended.

6. Grace (John 1:17). Here law, which was connected with Moses and works, ends; and grace connected with Christ and faith begins. The law demands righteousness, but cannot give it (Rom. 8:3): under grace God gives

righteousness. The test under grace is acceptance or rejection of Christ, with right living and fruits unto righteousness following. This dispensation has now lasted about 1900 years, and we must be near the close of this sixth dispensation, the sixth day, for we see practically all the signs the prophets and our Lord and Saviour said would be manifested at the end of this age. This dispensation or age will end with the coming of the Lord at the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:15-18).

7. Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, or the Kingdom Age (Eph. 1:10, 11). This dispensation covers the seventh and last day or age of the span of time allotted to earth's history; it will continue for one thousand years. This means more than the "fulness of time" (Gal. 4:4), when Christ came in His first advent. It includes all the Gospel times: "The ends of the ages" (1 Cor. 10:11); "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24); "the times the Father hath put in His own power" (Acts 1:7); "the times of refreshing" (Acts 3:19); "the times of the restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21); all these and many other "times" God will "gather together in one all things in Christ."

God's purpose to have a people and a church on earth existed in the mind of God from the beginning, long before they existed in creation; and God before ordained, or predestinated, that all who by faith and obedience become His children shall be led by the Spirit; and being children, they shall be heirs of God, equal with Christ as heirs; "if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8:14-17).

Yes, the Lord's obedient children have an inheritance in Him, being "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnest (first payment) of our inheritance" (Eph. 1:13, 14), and the Lord's inheritance is in His saints (Eph. 1:18). This will be fully realized when the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Christ (Rev. 11:15).

(To be continued)

PERSONAL WORK

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, Richwoods, Mo.

We cannot over estimate the great importance of personal work. It was the method the apostles used and it is the work most needed if the sinner is to be reached.

We are living in a heart to heart age; woman to woman and man to man reaching people in every line. The Holy Spirit convicts people of their sins, but He needs human help in reaching human hearts and inducing them to act after they are convicted. Nearly every one we know or come in contact with are convicted or convinced that they should be Christians. The great difficulty is to get them to repent now. This is your part and my part.

In this day of great activity and stern living there are so many new things and old, too, that are continually coming up that prevent people from desiring or even thinking of their spiritual life. Never was it more essential for us Christians to go out into the highways and compel them to come in.

In revivals too much is left to general results and the general is overworked. We should have the motto the Gideons had back in their day: "And they all stood in his place round about the camp." Are we standing in our place in the church and doing our best for the salvation of the lost?

We say we are anxious to see our loved ones and friends saved, but are we helping God answer our prayers? Are we helping Him win them one by one by doing personal work?

To be a personal worker, certain qualifications are needed. (1) A definite experience is needed. We must be able to say with Paul in II Timothy 1:12—I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. One who would have real success must himself or herself be truly converted and live the holy life. Our life must be insulated from the old life just as an electric telegraph wire must be insulated to carry its electric message. (2) A love for souls must be needed. Paul yearned for his

(3) A realization that souls are lost and we may be held responsible for them. We read in Ezekiel 33:8, 9—"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man thou shalt surely die if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the wicked from his way to turn from it, if he do not turn from his way he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul." (4) A working knowledge of the Bible is needed. It is God's Word that is used by His Holy Spirit in the saving of a soul. Paul says, "I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to the Jew first and also to the Greek." And he tells us to study the Word in II Timothy 2:15.

Through the use of God's Word you are to seek to accomplish the following things: (1) To show men their need of a Saviour. (2) To show them how to make this Saviour their own. (4) To meet the difficulties in the way of their accepting Christ. (5) The one who would have real success must live a life of prayer and be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Proverbs 11:30—He that winneth souls is wise. But we have to be filled with patience.

Christians let us all join in prayer and fasting that God might take us and use us as instruments in His hands, and that He might burden us for some lost soul and lead us out to the lost that we might plead and beg them to come to this Christ of Calvary who died to save all. We are our brother's keeper. We are responsible for his lost soul. Consecrate yourself to the work because the fields are white already to harvest. Are we proving faithful? God help us to be faithful to that trust. God is encouraging you to listen to Him, to do His will. If we fail, it will not be God's fault. It will be our own. "O Lord, help us that every Free Will Baptist Christian will stand in his place round about the camp."

HANDIWORKS OF GOD

In studying the Books of the Psalms we learn of the glorious handiworks of our great Creator. In the 19th, the 65th and the 104th chapters we find that God is exalted through His creative works and His marvelous plan by which nature showers blessings upon mankind. The sun, moon, stars, clouds, planets, and even the rainbow are handiworks of God and declare His glory. The all-wise Creator made each day and night. Each day has power, goodness and brilliance. Each night has beauty, rest, vastness, and a profound silence which is beyond man's power to understand. "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." (Psalms 19:2).

God's glory penetrates every spot on the earth. God's glory is not only found in sunny California, mild Florida, or in the majestic beauty of the British Isles, but His glory is universal. The earth is circled by the sun, moon and stars, and they testify of the vast greatness and glory of our Creator. God's plan of the universe is indeed a marvelous one and was organized in a way that would benefit mankind. The scope of the human eye can only wonder and be amazed at the great work of nature. The splendor and brightness of the sun is beyond the imagination of man.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" Gen. 1:1. When God created the heavens and the earth, the fowls of the air, the beasts and every living creature, His plans were also made whereby man was to benefit by it. I believe that everything on the earth could be used to the honor and glory of God. Materials and substances are being used in such a sinful way that men make them a dishonor to the true and living God. In the same way so many precious lives that could be used to the glory of God and the upbuilding of His cause, are in the clutches of Satan.

When God created the earth He also provided for us to have rain and sunshine to promote the growth of the various forms of life. All forms of life depend upon

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HISTORY OF F W B CHURCH AT MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

On Tuesday night, January 25, 1949, a few families gathered at the residence of K. R. Adkins for a cottage prayer meeting; about forty souls all together. Most of these folk were members of the Turlock Free Will Baptist Church some 14 miles away, the majority of which had originally migrated to California from Oklahoma.

Charles Ferguson, a deacon, conducted that first meeting and Rev. Sweeten, a young minister from Turlock, preached. God blessed this service in a great way. For some time these folk had been considering trying to start a F. W. B. Church work here, but they went out from this service determined to do something about it. Grady Henley, another deacon, and K. R. Adkins, with help from some others, namely L. H. Adkins, E. L. Floyd and Charles Ferguson, all deacons, hunted until they found an empty store building which they could rent for \$50.00 per month. An offering was taken up from among these folk and something over \$100.00 was raised and two months rent was paid on the building.

Then Tuesday night, February 1st, another cottage prayer meeting was held in the home of Charles Ferguson. Rev. F. A. McCage, from Orange Cove, Calif., conducted this meeting. The blessings of God were great in this service. The decision was made in this meeting to organize the church on February 3rd. Thirty-three present, manifested they would become charter members. On Thursday night, February 3rd, 1949, we met at the store building, 1001 Herndon Road, Modesto, Calif., to organize.

Rev. F. A. McCage was in charge of the service. After song and prayer, the Executive Board of the Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptists, who were present, investigated into the proposed organization according to the Treatise of the Free Will Baptists and reported that everything was in order to organize. The board consisted of Rev. Truman Huddleston, Rev. A. E. Downs, Rev. Pete Connor. Deacons J. Z. Moore and L. H. Adkins, who were members of the board, didn't serve as they were to be members of the organization. Rev. F. A. McCage then proceeded with the organization in the order prescribed by the Treatise.

There were thirty four charter members. Prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. J. L. Waltman, one of

the Free Will Baptist Church in California.

Officers were then elected. Rev. F. A. McCage was chosen by a unanimous vote as the first pastor of this new church. Rev. McCage and family, consisting of his wife and one boy, Farrell Gene, 12 years old, came to California in October, 1946, from Oklahoma, coming from Oklahoma City where he was pastor of the Central Avenue F. W. B. Church. He was reared in Eastern Oklahoma in the Eureka Association, where he was ordained to the ministry September 5, 1931.

Sis. Evelyn Adkins was elected church clerk. She is the wife of K. R. Adkins. They came from the Canadian Association of F. W. B. in Oklahoma.

Bro. E. L. Floyd was elected treasurer. He and his family came from the Mission Association of F. W. B. in Oklahoma.

Brothers J. Q. Moore, Charles Ferguson, L. H. Adkins, J. A. Roberts, Grady Henley, John Wood and E. L. Floyd were accepted as deacons of the church having already been deacons in the F. W. B. Church for some time. Bro. Moore came to California from the Dibble Association, Bros. L. H. Adkins and J. A. Roberts from the Canadian Association, Bro. Charles Ferguson from the First Oklahoma Association, Bros. Grady Henley and E. L. Floyd from the First Mission Association, and Bro. John Wood from the Center Association, all in Oklahoma.

The charter members were about all from Oklahoma.

Regular services were scheduled to begin February 13, 1949.

On Sunday, February 13th, the church met for its first church service. Sunday School was organized with 69 members. Bro. J. A. Roberts was elected superintendent. Sis. Joetta Wood was elected secretary.

The church and Sunday School began to grow from the beginning February 27th. A revival meeting began with the pastor doing the preaching. God's great power and grace was manifested in a marvelous way in this meeting. Truly God gave us an old time revival. Twenty six souls were saved and 54 members were added to the Church throughout the meeting. The Lord blessed until there was shouting and rejoicing in the camp. Since the revival fourteen more souls have been saved and 26 more members added

to the church making a total membership of 114 at present, July 14, 1949.

A Board of Trustees has been elected of five members: Brothers J. Q. Moore, R. B. Elam, L. H. Adkins, Oble Creeman and J. A. Roberts.

Two lots on Sam and Leo Avenues were purchased on April 1, 1949, on which we plan to build the church. A Building Committee was elected: Brothers J. Q. Moore, L. H. Adkins and E. L. Floyd.

We have decided to build a frame stucco building 36 feet by 74 feet. Fourteen feet will be cut off for the stage with two small rooms, one on each side of the stage and the baptistry in the back at the center. On the front 12 feet will be cut off, a hall with one auxiliary room on each side and a rest room on each side. Blueprints are being drawn for this at the present time, and work will begin on it within the next few days. The church plans to add Sunday School rooms later.

The various committees and the church as a whole are to be commended for their work. We are going forward under the banner of Christ. We are conscious the Devil is our adversary and will do all he can to destroy. But we also know God is more than a match for the enemy and by His Grace we shall be victorious. We believe that God has great things in store for the Modesto Church. We are praying God to help us build the church here and dedicate it to His name that it may be a living monument to His amazing grace, a light house to souls on the black mountain of sin, a place of rest to weary pilgrims, a refuge for souls in time of the storms of life, where the salvation of God can be found, which salvation will bring men and women, boys and girls to the inheritance of the saints in light, even unto eternal LIFE.

Note: Work on the Church building was begun on Monday, August 15, 1949. We hope to have the building completed by December, 1949.

We solicit an interest in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
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FIRST IN DECLAMATION

Note: The following declamation was given by Miss Lucy Ellen Wisheart of Myrtle, Mo., at the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in July at Columbus, Georgia. She was awarded the medal which was presented to the winner of the Stewardship Declamation Contest. This declamation was compiled by Miss Wisheart.—Marie Hyatt.

I heard a story a few years ago that went something like this. A young man lay in a hospital very close to eternity. Some of his friends were seated by the bedside awaiting the end, which seemed to be drawing near. Suddenly the boy started talking. "Listen! Can't you hear those people weeping and wailing? Do you know what it is? Human cries coming from the depths of hell. How hopeless their cries are. What would they give for one more opportunity to escape this horrible place. But it's too late, their souls are doomed forever and ever to burn in the lake of fire. I wonder why they are there? Perhaps someone failed to warn them of their danger. Maybe I could have done more to keep some of them from going there. Who's voice is that I hear? It can't be, yes it is, one of my school mates. What are you doing here? You surely had been told about the Saviour. Then my school mate's answer: 'Why am I here? You should know. You who claimed to be a Christian and saw me every day; but not once did you stop to speak to me about my soul or warn me about the judgment.'"

"Yes, what he said was true. I claimed to be a Christian. Didn't I go to church every Sunday? I really didn't do anything so bad, but it seemed there were always other things to talk about when I was with friends at school. Why hadn't I spoken to them about their soul instead? The Bible does say in 1 Peter 4:10, 'As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.' That's what we as Christians should be: good stewards for the Master. Winning souls is the most important job

we have. When the plan of salvation was completed Jesus left His work in our hands. The lost sheep are now our responsibility. We must seek them out and show them the way into the fold. I guess I haven't been a very good steward for the Lord. Oh! God let me live a while longer that I might help those who are on the broad road headed for destruction to find that strait and narrow way that leads to eternal life." God heard and answered that prayer, because the young man got well and through the rest of his life he had a vision for lost souls. This incident in his life gave him a picture of eternity without God.

That story was a sermon I needed too. After I heard it, it kept coming back to my mind. How terrible it would be to know someone had gone into eternity, lost, without hope, because you failed to point them to the saving grace of Jesus. I uttered a prayer to God that I might be a good steward in winning souls for the Master. That His Kingdom might be larger, and that not one soul would be eternally lost through my neglect. I wonder how many so-called Christians are neglectful? How many of us give our tithes and offerings to the Lord's work, and how many of us give our lives completely to the Lord? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). Through the tithe you can find God and have the witness of His Spirit in a more wonderful way. God said you have robbed me in tithes and offerings. Do you avoid reading Malachi 3:8? For those who find it difficult to maintain interest in life; for those who find it hard to sleep well at night; and for those who are really unhappy and want a new experience in their life, I certainly recommend tithing. Most of the texts in the Bible concerning tithing gives a clear command followed by a most

gracious promise. When we obey the command we put ourselves in the position where God can fulfill His promises. Tithing is a means of grace and rich has been the experience of those who practice it. God blesses the tither not only materially but with the true riches of life, such as love, peace, happiness, hope, faith, and courage, and to have these is to have His best gifts. The dedication of substance is but one step along the way to the dedication of all to our Saviour. We must give our best to the Master—our all. One needs only to give to know "It is more blessed to give than to receive." To give is to Live. We must be a steward of our time, talents and abilities, as well as money.

I cannot bear Thy Cross, O Lord, as Simon bore it there.

I cannot taste Thine agony, or yet the thorn-crown wear.

I cannot fall before thy feet, with ointment there outpoured,

As Mary gave the choicest gift to Christ, her matchless Lord.

I cannot show as John, his care, nor Peter, fearless love.

I cannot Lord, for Thou has gone to dwell in realms above.

But I can show my trust in Thee, thru nights of bitter tears.

I cannot break the spikenard, but Lord, I e'er can give,

My talents few, my time, my love, a life for Thee to live.

I cannot walk on moving seas as Peter, when Thou spake,

But I can walk o'er seas of doubt and ne'er Thy faith forsake.

I cannot wear Thy crown of thorns, but as a banner brave,

Be yielded so that earth shall know, my all to Christ I gave.

Connie Calenberg

We must not neglect the stewardship of possessions, but there are other things to be considered. How many souls have you helped find the Saviour? That should be our primary purpose in life; to win souls for the Master. I wonder how many of us give up our luxuries to forward the work of Christ? Have you ever thought, "I'm a pretty good person. I sing in the choir, or teach a Sunday School class, or serve on the Auxiliary Executive Board?" Those

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From The Editor's Desk



ANOTHER GREAT SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASS'N.

The 36th annual session of the Missouri State Association was recently held 12 miles east of Lebanon, Mo., with the Sunny View Church in the bounds of Laclede County local association. Your editor has not missed a session of our State Association since the fall of 1926. I have experienced and observed some wonderful times in many of these sessions, but I have not seen a greater one than just held. I would not say it was the best, but truly it ranks among the best. The Spirit of the Lord was there in power, and love and fellowship seemed to prevail throughout. The location for the meeting was a most beautiful place. However, the weather was very bad through the week, but it did not seem to hinder a great deal. The people of the community entertained us royally. We shall never forget them.

Some great and progressive moves were made in a business way of which you will see more about elsewhere in this issue. In fact, it has been a long time since we have had a more progressive session than this year. Among the most outstanding things done was the receiving of one new association, and the underwriting of the Free Will Baptist Gem printing establishment by the State Home Missions Board. All of our work was ably discussed which proved very helpful and enlightening. We also heard some powerful preaching of the Word in the preaching sessions.

The power of the Lord was present in a most wonderful way, and the session closed Friday at noon under a downpour of the Holy Spirit marvelously gladdening the hearts of His people. The next session, that of 1950, will be held in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

THE GEM OFFICE PLACED ON A STRICT BUSINESS BASIS

For the first time in the history of this enterprise the Free Will

Baptist Gem Printing Establishment is placed on a sound and strict business basis, something which has been needed for many years. The Home Mission Board, which is also the State Executive Board, has underwritten this enterprise by vote of the State Association, and now the responsibility is purely upon the Home Missions or Executive Board. The Editor-Manager will be placed on a regular salary, which amount is to be agreed upon in the near future. After all expenses are paid the net profits will be turned into the State Home Missions treasury. This is one of the best moves this state has made for many years. I verily believe the time is not far distant when net proceeds from the enterprise will begin to turn into the Home Missions treasury, and they in turn can take these proceeds and begin to build up the Free Will Baptist work over the state. Remember now when you turn your printing to the Free Will Baptist Gem, you are helping build up the State Home Missions treasury. You will not be just helping to build a profit for the editor of the Gem. He will get his stated salary and no more. The net proceeds will go for the state work in general. This is business and it makes the Gem enterprise secure. I think our people over the entire state will be happy to know of this splendid move.—The Editor.

IMPORTANT ITEMS OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

In our late session of the State Association, the following resolutions were passed, which were presented by the Publications Committee. We want you to take special note of these resolutions, and please act accordingly. You can be of tremendous help to this good work if you will adhere to these two resolutions.

1. Resolved, that each church in the State make a special drive for subscriptions to the **Free Will Baptist Gem** before November 1,

1949.

2. Resolved, that each pastor urge his or her people to continue to give liberally to the Gem Office Equipment Fund.

Concerning the first resolution, I should say that we have no more subscriptions in our entire mailing list than we should have in the state of Missouri alone. In fact we should have 2,500 subscriptions in this state alone. Our entire subscription list is only about 1,700, and the greater majority of these come from other states. Certainly we need to build our subscription list. The **Gem** needs the price of your subscription, but it does not need it as badly as you need the paper. You by all means should have the paper.

Concerning the second resolution, it is so very needful that you continue your donations to the Gem Office Equipment Fund. We are increasing the needed equipment just as fast as we can. There are many other things needed. We are looking forward to the day this publishing house will rank among the first in the country. We are much nearer that standard than we were this time two years ago. If you will continue your liberality to this work we will continue to climb. Please do not forget these two resolutions.—the Editor.

SIX POINT S. S. RECORD SYSTEM OUT OF PRINT

The Gem is discontinuing the handling of the Six Point Record System S. S. supplies because we cannot afford to handle them longer at a loss. They have been printed and sold here at the Gem office ever since the Six Point System was inaugurated several years ago, and they have always been handled at a loss. We cannot afford to do so longer. However, we will continue to fill orders so long as our present stock lasts, but as the various forms are sold out, there will be no more printed. We have considerable stock of some forms on hand, and of others we are out already. We are out of Forms 10 and 11, but still have

some of the other forms in stock. We will be glad to fill your order so long as the stock lasts, but no more will be printed.—The Editor.

F. W. B. PRESSES SHOULD DO F. W. B. PRINTING

Some of our national officials have been having some of the national printing work done at commercial printing offices. Such is a vote cast for the closing of the doors of all Free Will Baptist printing establishments. When there is printing to be done which is definitely beyond the ability of either of our publishing houses because of lack of equipment, then taking work to other concerns naturally is permissible. But so long as it is work which our own printing offices can do then they should have the work. Free Will Baptists have two printing enterprises which own their own equipment, the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina, and the Free Will Baptist Gem, at Monett, Missouri. Taking denominational printing to any other printing concern other than one of these should never be considered so long as your work is of such a nature that these concerns are equipped to do. Furthermore, if you expect our publishing enterprises to ever be any better equipped bear in mind they will never be so long as work is kept from them and taken to the commercial world.—The Editor.



MISS GERTRUDE BOWE NOW EMPLOYED AT GEM OFFICE

Miss Gertrude Bowe, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, has lately been employed by the editor of the GEM. She began

work on Monday, September 5, after having been contracted since March.

Gertrude is a very able and efficient secretary and is well-known over the denomination. She worked in the office of our own Bible College as a stenographer and bookkeeper for four years, three years of which she was a student. She is not only well known but she also knows the denomination and is vitally connected with it. She was recently re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, which position she has held since 1944.

During the recent setting of our State Association, she was elected Educational Director for this state and also chosen as one of the delegates from Missouri to the next National Association. She is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, where she received her degree, B. A. in Biblical Education, July 29, 1949.

Her employment here at the GEM office also includes service to the Foreign Missions Department. She is working for both the GEM and the Missions office. Gertrude will surely be a great help to the work here.

IN MEMORY

In memory of Dorothy Davis who passed away one year ago, August 30, 1948.

*Dorothy, our daughter and sister,
Has gone to her eternal rest.
We wanted so much to keep her,
But our Father in Heaven knew best.*

*We feel that He chose our darling
Because she was pure and sweet;
And now she lives with the angels
And sits at the Master's feet.*

*Here on earth we find it a comfort
to know that she lived in the light
Of God, the Great Creator,*

Who cares for us day and night.

*She was ready to meet her Maker;
She died in His merciful love;
With a song on her lips she was carried
To that wonderful Home up above.*

*Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loveliness never dies,
She lives in the land of glory
'Neath the blue and gold of the skies.*

Sadly missed by Daddy, Mother and Sisters.

NOTICE

Item No. 1 of Business Committee (State Association):

"That a notice be given at this setting of the Association, and a written notice be published in our State paper of an added amendment to the Constitution to permanently authorize the establishment of a Youth Camp Board, and has been set up to be Article No. 10 which shall read as follows:

"A Youth Camp Board be elected, whose terms of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. At the expiration of these terms, one shall be elected for five years, and if any vacancies occur, shall fill such vacancies until the next association, and shall perform the following duties: Superintend and control all activities of the camp and any other business that shall be deemed necessary."

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things are painless, but it's excruciatingly painful to pass up a new permanent or a pleasure trip, a baseball game, a new piece of jewelry, a few cokes a day, and other things we could do without and return the money required to purchase these to Him from whom it came.

Ah, when I look up at the cross where God's great steward suffered loss

Of life, and shed His blood for me, a trifling thing it seems to be,

To pay a tithe, dear Lord, to thee,

Of time or talent, wealth or store—full well I know I owe Thee more, a million times I owe Thee more.

But that is just the reason why I lift my heart to God on high

And pledge Thee by this portion small, my life, my love, my all in all.

This Holy token at Thy Cross I know as gold, must seem but dross.

But in my heart, Lord, thou dost see how it has pledged my all to Thee that I a steward true may be.—Bishop Ralph S. Cushman.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ



AUXILIARY WOMEN

Greetings:

I would like to take this opportunity to bring a word of greetings to all Auxiliary Women, and to those of you who were unable to attend our State Auxiliary Convention. I can say you missed an inspirational service.

I enjoyed this session very much and am looking forward to a good future for our woman's work. We must keep pressing on in the good work of our Lord. Each such session as we enjoyed at the State Convention should certainly inspire us to "Go Forward With Christ."

Following are the newly elected officers elected to serve you through this coming year:

President.....Mrs. Lucille Beatty,
Fredericktown, Mo.
1st Vice Pres.Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Desloge, Mo.
2nd Vice Pres.Mrs. Agnes Smith
Kirkville, Mo.
3rd Vice Pres.Mrs. Jewell Campbell
Wheaton, Mo.
4th Vice Pres.Mrs. Burnice Davis
Monett, Mo.
5th Vice Pres.Mrs. Georgia Hill
132 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
Sec'y.-Treas.Mrs. Evelyn Alyea
Monett, Mo.

Will you Auxiliary Women pray daily for our work, and that your staff of officers may be led by God to advance in our phase of His work.

Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.

REPORT STATE AUXILIARY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, your Business Committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Co-laborer plan of support be continued as a means of financial giving to the National work.

2. That an Intermediate be selected from each local auxiliary to represent in each District Auxiliary Convention; the winner to compete at the State Auxiliary Convention with her necessary expenses paid by the State Convention. That each local auxiliary send \$5.00 to the State Treasurer by June

1, 1950 to cover the above expense.

3. That we petition the "Gem" for two pages of space each month to be edited by an editor selected today. All manuscript to be submitted to the Women's Editor by the 15th of each month. (Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo., was elected Editor.)

4. We urge that each auxiliary send at least 10 subscriptions to the "Gem" within the next month.

5. That each local auxiliary appoint a member to be responsible for promoting interest in a Woman's Auxiliary monthly magazine and to secure subscription pledges to be brought to the State Convention next year.

6. That the first Tuesday night in June, 1950, through Friday noon be set aside as conference week for the Missouri Women's Auxiliary with Mrs. Marie Hyatt appointed as Director and to be held at the Youth Camp.

7. That an offering be taken this afternoon for current expenses. \$10.00 to the clerk, \$8.00 for printing of minutes, and the balance of the offering to be given to Lucy Wisehart to finish defraying her expenses to the National Convention last year.

Signed,

Eunice Edwards

Mildred Gilliam

Lucille Beatty

MISSIONARY PRAYER BAND F. W. B. BIBLE COLLEGE

One of the most potent and least-heard-of organizations within the bounds of our denomination is the Missionary Prayer Band. This group has had a great part in the development of our missionary program and in sustaining our missionary force on the field as no other group anywhere has done. The Missionary Prayer Band majors on praying and working for the cause of Missions and for those who have given themselves to serve as missionaries.

This organization had its origin in the closing weeks of the first year of our Bible College. Members of a class in Missions began to labor under a burden to do something tangible for

the cause of spreading the Gospel. Some had already expressed a willingness to go but everyone wanted to do something, even if they could not go. So the Prayer Band was organized. Those were the war years and missionaries were not being allowed to leave for their fields of labor. The first real prayer undertaking of the band was that Miss Barnard, who was home on a forced furlough, be enabled to return to the work in India. These prayers continued to bombard the throne of Grace for over a year and a half. But never for a moment did they let up. One group of students left the college by graduation and the new ones coming into the college family took their place and carried on the ministry of prayer. And then the answer came. In the very midst of what seemed to be impossible circumstances a wire reached Miss Barnard telling her to make plans to leave for India, that arrangements had been made for only a few missionaries to return to their stations and she had been one of the fortunate ones. Everything would be easy except arranging the passage and as yet there was a shortage of transportation and there was still the danger of floating mines in the waters of the oceans and many of the lines would not run the risk of taking passengers. Again the Missionary Prayer Band was called into action and again they prayed. Sooner than anyone realized would have been possible, word came that transportation could be had on such and such a date but the cost was more or less prohibitive. However, lest she should be left entirely without transportation, this offer was accepted but the Prayer Band continued to pray that better facilities could be had. And then came word for which we had waited. A Canadian boat was to leave from a certain port which the traveler was not to divulge and the date was to remain secret only to those who were traveling. The facilities on the boat were much better and a sizeable sum was to be refunded to the Missions treasurer, inasmuch as the passage was to be much cheaper.

Now someone who did not know the details might say that all these things simply were the result of good planning. But if you will recall the status of things during the war years and the years immediately following the war, you will know that arrangements did not mean much. We who had the privilege of praying about this matter in the Missionary Prayer Band marked it up definitely as an answered prayer and we gave the praise to the Lord God for removing the barriers and making it possible for our missionary program to be re-established in India.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd

WHAT THE F. W. B. COLLEGE PRAYER BAND MEANS TO ME

This Prayer Band was founded by Miss Laura Belle Barnard when she was teaching here, before going to India. In my estimation this is a wonderful organization. Miss Barnard surely realized the need of prayer, since she had been working in India as a missionary.

During the short time I have been privileged to attend this prayer band, I have received many wonderful blessings. It is a period of the day that we all look forward to. We meet every day at one o'clock. There we pray for our missionaries on the field and those who are preparing to go. Not only this, but we have a list of all the countries of the world and each day we pray for certain countries. Sunday is the day for our own United States. Yes, missionaries are needed here also. Each day as we meet and all pray together, we are made conscious of the missionaries and their burdens and disappointments. We feel closer to them because each day our prayers ascend to God in their behalf. I'm sure the missionaries have been blessed and strengthened by our prayers, because in James 5:16 we find that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

As we pray for these different countries each day, requests are made for persons whom we know are called there. Last year I had many wonderful experiences with the Lord. I knew the Lord had called me to Greece and I answered the call. In my estimation I was living a Christian life and doing my best for the Master, but there had to be some changes made in my life before the Lord could use me. One night I had an experience with the

Lord that I shall never forget. The Lord showed me that I was holding on to some things that to me were not sins, but perhaps might offend someone else. It was a sacrifice to give some of them up, but it was a blessing also. I was closer to the Lord than I had ever been before. That night I felt as if someone had surely been praying for me. Later I learned that a friend at the college had requested prayer for me at their Prayer Band. I believe that God was answering prayer in my life. I'm glad that one day this little prayer band was organized, and that someone remembered to pray for me.

Every student gets his turn leading the devotion, therefore everybody acquires practice work. I can't express in words exactly what the Prayer Band does mean to me. Surely the Lord has blessed in many ways because of this Prayer Band.

We would like to invite everyone of you to join with us at this hour, in praying for our missionaries. When one o'clock comes, remember that we are on our knees praying. Surely the missionaries need our money, but more important to them is our prayers. Would you not join with us? Prayer Changes Things!

Lucy Ellen Wisehart

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Northeast Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention met Saturday afternoon, September 3, 1949, with the Sublette Church. The president, Sis. Alta Mikel was in charge. The service was opened with the congregation singing, "The Solid Rock" and "I Shall Not Be Moved." Sister Rolla Smith led us in prayer. We then sang "Love Lifted Me," and we were again led in prayer by Sis. Gladys Cooper. The president read for the Scripture lesson I Corinthians 13th chapter, and gave a short talk on Love, after which she led in prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

Letters from Hazel Creek Union, Green Grove, Sublette, and New Harmony Woman's Auxiliaries read and accepted. The treasurer's report read and accepted.

We then had the election of officers with Sis. Agnes Smith elected President, Sis. Mildred Gilliam Vice-President, and Sis. Leona Thompson Secre-

tary-Treasurer. Mrs. Dora Fugate then led us in prayer.

The following program was then rendered: Solo—"In the Shadow of the Cross," by Wanda Gregory. Solo—"You Never Mentioned Him to Me," by Betty Cooper. Reading—"His Offering," by Louise Vanlandingham. Solo—"Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord in Thee," by Sis. Agnes Smith. Song—"Joy Unspeakable," by Green Grove Church. Reading—"Too Busy," by Laverne Ditmars. Solo—"Nailed to the Cross," by Velma Wellman. The congregation then sang, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee." Prayer by Bro. Orval Dobbs.

The service was turned over to the associational moderator.

Leona Thompson, Sec'y.-Treas.

FLAT RIVER AUXILIARY

Greetings:

Due to the polio ban on public gatherings we have not been privileged to meet for some time, but we have not been idle all together.

We have been contributing regularly to the mission fund. We've been sending flowers to the elderly people of our community. Also, we have sent a nice box of linens and personal things to the Willeys in Cuba.

We have invited Mrs. Eunice Edwards to meet with us this week and speak for us, at which time we plan to begin our new year's work. We do invite your prayers for us as we seek to do His will.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Gussie Hambien, Sec'y.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY July, 1948—July, 1949

Number of members.....	23
Amount of National dues.....	\$6.90
Number members subscribing to church papers.....	13
Amount of missionary offerings	136.15
Amount for Building Fund....	\$914.71
Amount for General Offering....	\$275.17
Value of commodities for Youth Camp	\$25.00
Number Bible studies conducted....	13
Number Year Book Programs.....	12
Number Stewardship studies conducted	8
Number Missionary studies conducted	7
Mrs. Minnie Burcham, Sec'y.	

NEWSY BRIEFS

REPORTS - LETTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS - OBITUARYS

HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Marie Hyatt—Clerk

"And who knoweth, whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14. This text formulated the introductory message of the 36th session of our beloved work of F. W. B.'s in the State of Missouri. This message, as well as all others of the entire association, admonished our church to accept the Great Commission as their mission in life. Then as we serve, to be true to the Word of God and stand for it's pure and unadulterated truth.

Our State Association is composed of eleven district associations. There was a delegation present from each of our eleven conventions. We are happy for the addition of the Mission Association to our work. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

The State Unified Program was thoroughly discussed. It was voted to allocate the Fund 50% to our National Program and 50% to our State Treasury. The portion in State Treasury to be allocated as follows: 70% to State General Expense, 15% to Youth Encampment Fund, 10% to Superannuation, 5% to National Headquarters Fund. We are urging **each** of our churches to support our State Unified Program. By doing so, you support the various phases of our National Program (Foreign Missions, Home Missions, F. W. B. Bible College, Superannuation, National F. W. B. League Board and Board of Publications), Missouri State Youth Encampment, State Superannuation and all State Expense (Gem Office repairs, etc., insurance payments, State Treasury Expense, etc.). "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the

windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

Item No. 7 of the Business Committee was unanimously passed. It reads as follows: "We recommend that the State Executive Board take the responsibility of control and management of the Gem press, to be underwritten by the Home Mission Department and that they place the Editor-Manager on a salary to be agreed upon by the editor and board."

Also, Item No. 8 of the Business Committee was adopted. "That the Executive Board will investigate, plan, and work a program to print our own Sunday School, League, and all other literature that we will require as the need arises."

Won't you please remember our State Executive Board as you pray? We feel that they are truly competent for the responsibility given them, but they need your prayers. Above all, they need wisdom and guidance from above. As you pray, grace and knowledge from the Lord Jesus Christ will be theirs. We are truly glad for the forward steps F. W. B.'s are taking in the Lord's service, but forward steps increase responsibility; responsibility increases spiritual blessings from God. "And who knoweth, whether F. W. B.'s are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

The Missions Committee recommended that our Association instruct every active pastor to teach the church or churches of which they are pastor that to be a missionary church, is not only to support the missionary on the field, but to support by prayer and financial support the instructions that help prepare the missionaries for the work which God has called them. This recommendation was adopted. The support of Missions is to be continued on the basis of the 70-30% arrangement. It was also voted that in December we help raise funds through a special

love offering to help defray the expense of Miss Barnard's return home for furlough in the spring of 1950. Also, in view of the fact the National Board of Foreign Missions has increased the quota from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 for the State of Missouri, it was urged that the support of our churches be increased. "If your church is not a missionary church it will soon be a missing church."—From F. W. B. Missionary Review.

Item No. 3 of the Educational Committee was adopted. "We recommend that this body elect an Educational Director whose duty it shall be to advance the cause of our F. W. B. Bible College by any means necessary for the successful promotion of this cause; said Director to work in conjunction with the Business Manager of the College." Miss Gertrude Bowe was elected as this Educational Director. We urge our churches to support the F. W. B. Bible College—also, co-operate with Miss Bowe as she assumes this responsibility.

The officers elected are: Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Ass't. Moderator—Rev. Harvey E. Hill, 210 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.; Clerk-Treasurer—Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.; Ass't. Clerk—Rev. Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo.; Statistician—Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

The State Body was royally entertained by the Sunny View Church, as well as other churches that assisted in Laclede County Association. Everyone appreciated the kindness of all during their time spent at the State Association. It was a blessing to be in the midst of our fine people near Lebanon, Mo.

All in all, our State Association was a real blessing to everyone. The Spirit of the Lord was made so precious real to all. The shouting and praise of Christians were heard throughout the entire setting. The last service was climaxed by a Christian fellowship handshake and rejoicing of all

manifested through various types of shouting. It was a mere taste of heaven being at the recent setting of our State Association.

NATIONAL S. S. CONVENTION

The National Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists met in its seventh annual session at the Bryan Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, August 16-18, 1949. The Bryan people, together with the whole Central Texas Sunday School Convention, did a splendid job of entertaining the convention. There were 13 states reporting and 52 out-of-state delegates present. Although the out-of-state delegation was not large, the convention was well attended and proved to be a blessing to all in attendance.

The program of the convention followed the theme: "Lifting Up a Standard for the People." By means of some very inspirational messages and departmental sessions which featured actual teaching demonstrations and problem discussions, we feel that in reality there was lifted up a standard which will prove beneficial to those present. One of the highlights was the program presented on Wednesday evening. Two very timely and interesting panel discussions were given by young people of the Bryan Sunday School on the subjects, "The Bible" and "Worldly Pleasures."

Perhaps the most outstanding item of business of the convention was a resolution which placed the direction of the convention in the hands of the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board elected by the National Association. The following officers were elected to work with the board during the coming year: President—Rev. LaVerne Miley; Vice-president—Rev. T. G. Hamilton, and Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Gertrude Bowe.

At a later date the National Sunday School Board is to announce the time, place and program for the next national convention, so begin making plans now to attend.

WANTED!

Superintendent and Matron for Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Louisa, Kentucky. Contact Rev. W. M. Moore, Louisa, Kentucky.

MT. ZION (ARK.) ASS'N.

The 108th Annual Session of old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists in Northwest Arkansas convened with Rose Hill Church on August 12, 1949, with all churches represented by delegates and letters. It was a wonderful session and one new church was admitted to the association by delegates and letter, which makes 15 churches.

We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Sixty-five took part in the foot-washing services and on Saturday in the Memorial Services. I don't know when I have experienced a greater spirit than was demonstrated there. A precious father and a dear girl were wonderfully blessed in that service. So I am glad that Jesus will still meet with us and bless our loved ones any where we meet in the true spirit of worship.

We shall never forget the kindness of the Rose Hill Church and community shown us during this session. May God continue to bless them with His richest blessings is our prayer.

Elder Cecil Garrison,
District Evangelist
Mt. Zion Association

REVIVAL IN ARKANSAS

Huntsville, Ark.
August 30, 1949

I have conducted one revival since the association, at York Town Church in Saline Association near Star City, Arkansas, where Bro. J. E. White is pastor. It is a wonderful little church. They wanted a revival so they paid the price in every way and God blessed seven precious souls, had eight additions to the church, and baptized six.

Truly it was a pleasure to work with this church and community for the salvation of lost souls. We were with them eight nights and we had good day service. Three souls were blessed and saved one day.

We, as Free Will Baptists, are losing a lot of rich blessings from the Lord by neglecting the day services. May God bless Bro. White and this church with His choice blessings is our sincere prayer.

Eld. Cecil Garrison, Evangelist

FELLOWSHIP F.W.B. CHURCH

Flat River, Mo.
August 31, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

Greetings from the Fellowship

Church. We are happy to report the wonderful way in which God is blessing our church. How thankful we are for the goodness of God and for the many blessings we have received since the origin of our church in 1946.

Since the beginning of our building program, we have received manifold blessings only by stepping out on faith and through much prayer. We have been made to realize that a successful church must be a growing church and one that will step out and claim the promises of God.

The Woman's Auxiliary has had a great part in the financing of our church. At the present time they are working on the new hardwood flooring project, which will be under way in the very near future. The Lord has blessed the Auxiliary in their work, and they enjoy every effort they put forth for the advancement of His cause.

To add to the beauty of the new church the Leagues have purchased a Spinnet piano for the auditorium and they are beginning another project soon. Our Leagues are rapidly increasing in number and the interest of all is prevalent in every meeting.

Our Sunday School is departmentalized and the growth is through the goodness of God, for which we are very thankful. From our Sunday School we have organized a Junior Chorus Choir robed in black and white. Their singing is impressive and inspirational and is certainly an added attraction to our regular services.

We are planning and praying now for our fall revival which will be held in November. We solicit your prayers as we go forward in the service of our Master.

Sincerely,

Berniece Ragsdale,
Correspond Sec'y.

HUNTSVILLE, TEX. REVIVAL

Huntsville, Texas
September 4, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

We had a grand and glorious revival in the latter part of August conducted by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. There were no additions to the church, but Bro. Dodd brought wonderful messages and the church body was greatly revived.

We want to thank Sis. Dodd and Sis. Dodd for their help in the Bible school. The children enjoyed it im-

mensely, and there were five conversions in the junior and intermediate class.

We are all praying for another visit from the Dodd party in the not too distant future.

Mrs. Opal Koehl, Reporter

BRYANT (OKLA.) CHURCH

Purcell, Okla.
August 28, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

I want to give a report of our church, Bryant Free Will Baptist Church, 17 miles southwest of Purcell. I believe we have the record broken as far as I can find out in keeping the same pastor for 15 years. We have called him for another year and he has accepted it, which makes 16 years. Bro. Clay Richey, of Blanchard, is this faithful pastor. When he first began pastoring our church, we were meeting in the Bryant school house. In 1937 we built a church 28 x 40 feet.

We have just closed a two-weeks meeting in which seven were converted and nine baptized, two having joined before the meeting. We have approximately 100 members, some having moved away.

Bro. W. A. Hearron organized this church around 1908. We are to entertain the Dibble Association September 8 to 10. We ask the prayers of God's people for us.

T. O. Dunn, Deacon

AURORA CHURCH REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

I want to give a report from the Aurora Church as we have not reported in a long time. Our church is progressing fine. We have a good Sunday School and prayer meeting every Thursday night. We have called the Rev. Bert Hall as pastor for this year. He is delivering some wonderful sermons each Sunday morning and night, which is food to our souls. We want to thank him and his family for their splendid work here.

We are looking forward to a real revival here at the church in the near future. We want your prayers that God will bless in a wonderful way and that many souls will be saved.

Mrs. Bessie Haley, Clerk

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SHAWNEE, OKLA.



This is a picture of the group attending the Daily Vacation Bible School held at the Shawnee Free Will Baptist Church. This school was sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary, with 40 enrolled and 21 with perfect attendance for the 10 days. There were eight teachers and four classes—beginners, primaries, juniors, and intermediates. Mrs. Irvin Tate is secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Shawnee Church.

SCUTHSIDE CHURCH REPORT

St. Louis, Missouri
September 20, 1949

Dear Gem Readers:

It is with joy that I report the activities of our Southside Church at 5418 Idaho, St. Louis, Mo. We held our Rally Day Sunday, September 18. We had a record attendance of 188. Our pastor, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, brought the morning message.

In the afternoon there were messages by Rev. Hampton, Rev. Brooks, Rev. Charles Miller, and Rev. Bob Hill. Brother Bill Hill led the prayer service and made a very good speech. Also the Brooks Quartet and Bro. Paul Murdock's band presented beautiful songs. We covet the prayers of the Christian people that God will continue to bless our church and that we will grow and prosper for His honor and glory.

We are having some good services and souls are being saved. Our Wednesday evening prayer meetings are enjoyed by all. We want to again thank God for our Woman's Auxiliary. They are truly a blessing to our Church. God is blessing our League work and we desire prayer for our newly elected officers who are trying

to make our League a success.

In closing, I again ask God's blessings on our church.

Dorothy Beard, Correspondent

HOMER JACKSON CANTRELL

Homer Jackson Cantrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cantrell, was born December 14, 1893 and departed this life September 15, 1949, at the age of 55 years, 9 months and 1 day. He was married to Agnes Walgamott January 5, 1931. To this union was born three children: Homer, Jr., Carol Leon, and Carolyn Ruth, all of the home. Besides his wife, Agness, and his three children, he leaves to mourn his passing two brothers: Vernie, of Purdy, Mo., and Delmer, of Exeter, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Otis Eden, of Exeter, Mo., and Mrs. Orville Vineyard, of Donna, Texas; a stepmother, Mrs. Grace Cantrell; one half-brother, Abe Robert; and three half-sisters, Mrs. W. B. Garrett and Mrs. Paul Todd, of Texas, and Mrs. Ray Spaulding, of Montabella, California; also one stepbrother, Ewell Lansdown, of Purdy, Mo.

He was a kind companion, and a loving father and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Homer enlisted in the U. S. Army on May 28,

1918, and received his honorable discharge on December 2, 1918, with an excellent record.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Cecil Campbell, assisted by Rev. Clarence Bergen, in the Granby First Baptist Church. Burial was made in the Granby cemetery under the direction of Pougé Funeral Home, of Wheaton, Mo.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT August, 1949

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Leadington S. S.	\$ 5.17
St. Louis 3rd Church.....	50.60
Carterville	14.89
Mine LaMotte	4.00
Monett	26.83

Total\$101.49

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 15.98
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CO-LABORER BAND FUND

W. L. Powell, Monett.....	\$ 1.00
Mrs. Thelma Hilton, Monett....	1.00

Total\$ 2.00

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines.....	\$ 1.00
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TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 5.33
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STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Merl's Chapel.....	\$ 10.00
Mt. Olive.....	10.00
Pleasant Hill.....	10.00
Desloge	15.00
Hannon	12.50
New Prospect.....	5.00
Mountain Grove.....	10.00
Mission Association.....	25.00
Rock Chapel.....	13.40
Hickory Grove.....	5.49
Hazel Creek Union.....	16.00
First Kansas City Church.....	5.00
Chapel No. 2, Plad, Mo.	10.00
Hickory Grove, Haddam, Kan.	2.50

Total\$204.89

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND

Hickory Grove.....	\$ 4.63
New Harmony D V B S.....	20.64
Central Western Mo. 5th Sunday	4.65
Hannon	5.00
Amity	11.75
Twin Oaks.....	5.78
Union Light.....	11.03
Hazel Creek Union.....	21.30

Total\$ 84.78

MISSIONS FUND

Independence	\$ 12.66
St. Louis 3rd (S. S.).....	22.73
St. Louis Southside.....	14.50
Carterville	13.96
Shiblby's Point S. S.....	9.10
Flat River.....	35.31
Monett	8.53
Stahl	9.00
Morning Meditations, Archie	
Cooper, Director.....	10.00
Mt. Olive.....	7.66
Golden Oak.....	4.65
Independence	16.32
Copper Mines.....	8.00

Total\$172.42

STATE GENERAL EXPENSE (Budget Money)

New Harmony Church.....	\$ 3.15
Mountain Grove.....	13.93
Mission Association.....	15.00

Total\$ 32.08

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the earth or existence. God knew what we would have need of and made provisions for such before any creature was brought into being. God blesses the earth with the seasons and gives man skill and knowledge to make his livelihood. He has so provided that there is an abundance in His storehouse.

On this earth of ours,
God has made so grand;
The wonders of nature
Were made by His hand.

All the flowers and trees
Are handiworks of God;
The rivers and mountains
And the rich fertile sod.

God sent His precious Son
To dwell among men here;
He was perfect and came to save:
This, our Saviour dear.

But the beauties of earthly things
Do not at all compare

To the grandness of Heaven
God has made for us up there.

The home He has prepared
Is a holy, perfect place.

When earthly life is over
We shall see His face.

I'm sure that in God's heaven
There's splendor and beauty galore:
In that vast Celestial Home
We will live for ever more!

Wilbia Sell, Stockton, Mo.

NEW INDIA

Continued from August Issue

India is yet a land where by far the largest per cent of its inhabitants are illiterate and the majority of its families are under nourished and have not sufficient clothes and shelter. However, plans to remedy these evils are already under consideration. Even today most of the burdens and labor are carried and done by coolies and other laborers. Many of the tools are similar to those used in the days of Abraham and David. India has a long way to go educationally, economically, socially and politically; but she has started—a wonderful start.

In the face of these difficulties and hardships one would hardly expect that India has been able to take any appreciative part in World affairs. But the exact opposite is true. Already, in many quarters, she is the recognized leader of the Asiatic Countries. She has able statesmen at every important capitol in the world to represent her and her interests. She was easily among the first ten countries in last session of the U. N. O. In spite of troubles at home, the New India has received such recognition throughout the World as is seldom given to newcomers into the family of Nations.

The question that is uppermost in all our minds is what will be the place of Christianity in New India. During the past decade more people in India have been brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ than during the entire previous history of Missions in India. It is our opinion that Christian teachings and Christian principles have paid a tremendous part in the great awakening of India. And we must add here that whatever may be said against British Imperialism, her rule has educated and brought about a national feeling that has made a United India possible. When the British came to India there were hundreds of small and despotic states, she has left two large and flourishing Democracies. Christianity is in India to stay until Jesus comes. The India Church has suffered many severe blows since the early Apostolic age when the Apostle Thomas was reputed to have brought the Gospel to India. But she is on the march. Days of persecution may be ahead but a zeal for lost souls is beginning to seize the members of the body of Christ in India.

There does not appear any signs of persecution or discrimination against Christians on the part of the present government. But there are groups throughout the country who will take advantage of every opportunity to persecute and destroy the Church. However, the Church has always thrived and grew on persecution. It is only in the days of Her worldly prosperity that she has failed to grow. We are looking for a new and "Spirit-filled Church" in New India. May God bless and keep both.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR MISS BARNARD'S RETURN


During the recent setting of Missouri State Association, the Missions Committee presented a resolution designating the month of December as a special month for the taking of love offerings to help defray the expense of Miss Barnard's return home from India for furlough in the spring of next year (1950). The resolution was duly passed, and Free Will Baptists of Missouri are asked to bear this in mind. With the approaching of December, the month when so much is usually spent on Santa Claus, you are asked to please prepare for a special offering toward this worthy purpose of bringing our dear missionary home from the India field. It will be a great saving to the National Foreign Missions treasury if you will do this. Miss Barnard has now been on the field another five years, and the ruling is that they shall come home for one year furlough after five years on the field in India. Miss Barnard must have this rest. Her body needs it, and we must bring her home. The Missions Board of course intends to bring her, but your love offering to this end will be of great saving to the treasury. Just send your offering to Marie Hyatt, Missouri State Treasurer, Centerview, Missouri, stating what it is for and it will be sent to the National Treasurer for this specific purpose.

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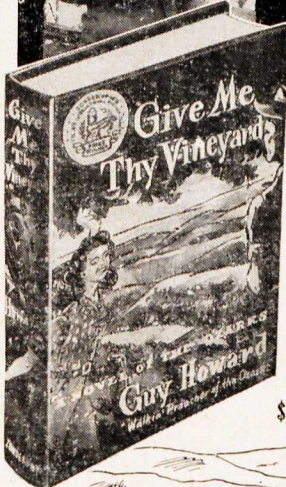

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Wed., Nov. 2, night.....Cartersville
Thur., Nov. 3, night.....Verdella
Fri., Nov. 4, night.....Hannon
Sat., Nov. 5, night.....Neola
Sun., Nov. 6, morning...Independence
Sun., Nov. 6, night....Hickory Grove
Mon., Nov. 7, night.....Kansas City
Tues., Nov. 8, night....Pleasant Ridge
Wed., Nov. 9, night.....Hope Well
Thur., Nov. 10, night.....Buffalo
Fri., Nov. 11, night.....Green Ridge
Sat., Nov. 12, night.....Mt. Calvary
Sun., Nov. 13, morning.....Mt. Tabor
Sun., Nov. 13, night Union Chap. No. 2
Mon., Nov. 14, night.....New Hope
Tues., Nov. 15, night.....Sunny View
Wed., Nov. 16, night.....New Home

Thur., Nov. 17, night....Cross Roads
Fri., Nov. 18, night.....Happy Hill
Sat., Nov. 19, night.....Liberty
Sun., Nov. 20, morning.....Amity
Sun., Nov. 20, night.....Cuba
Mon., Nov. 21, night.....Little Vine
Tues., Nov. 22, night.....Niangua
Wed., Nov. 23, night.....Black Oak
Thur., Nov. 24, night....Rock Chapel
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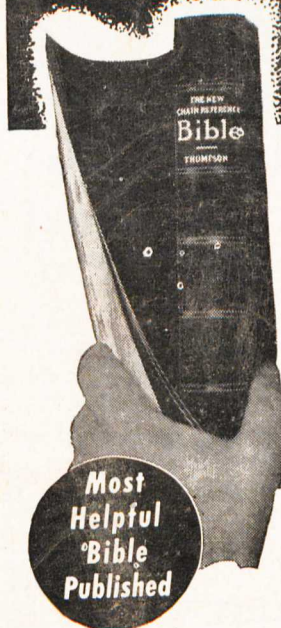
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