

Thora Arbogast
808 Elkington
Salinas, California

1-50

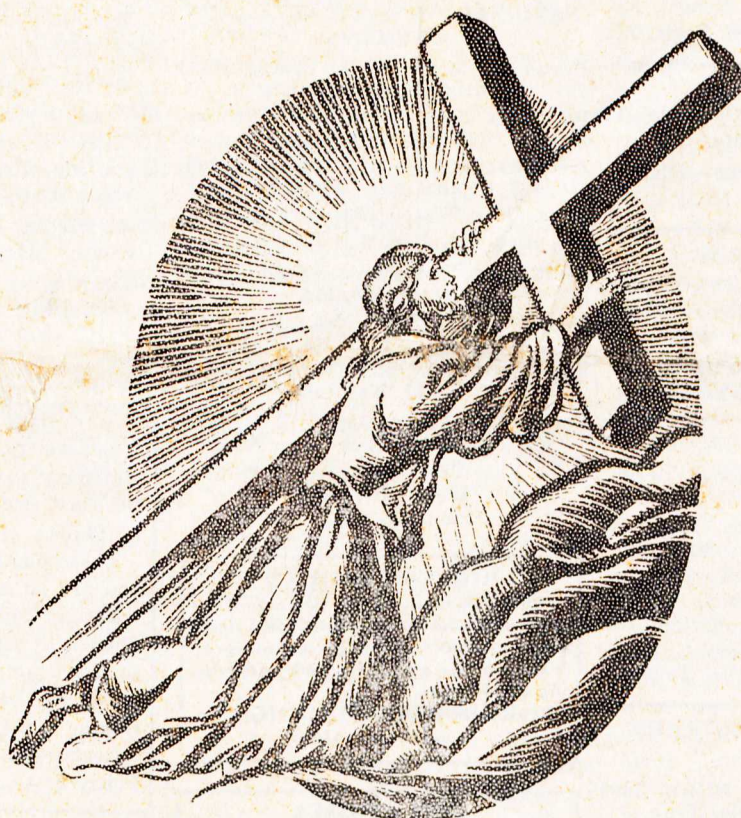
The Free Will Baptist Gem

ORGAN OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Vol. 21—No. 1

Monett, Missouri, January, 1950

\$1.00 per year



FOR 1950—"TAKE UP THY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME!"

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
ORGAN OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASS'N.

Published Monthly at Monett Missouri

EDITOR-MANAGER
REV. LLOYD T. JEFFREYS

Entered as Second Class Matter July 14, 1939, at the Post Office of Monett, Mo., under the Act of March 3, 1879

TERMS

One dollar (\$1.00) per year cash in advance. Paper will be discontinued when subscription expires.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator—O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Asst. Mod.—Harvey Hill, St. Louis, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.—Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri
Director of Education—Gertrude V. Bowe, Monett, Mo.
Director of Foreign Missions—Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Harry Beatty Fredericktown, Mo.
John Bough Stockton, Mo.
F. C. Zinn Flat River, Mo.
Paul Williams Cartersville, Mo.
LaVerne Miley Kirksville, Mo.

NATIONAL ASS'N. DIRECTORY

Moderator—N. Bruce Barrow, Bryan, Texas
Ass't. Mod.—Homer Willis, 921 East Granite, Hazel Park, Mich.
Clerk—Paul J. Kettelman, Durham, North Carolina
Treasurer—E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.
Executive Secretary—Damon C. Dodd, 3609 Richland, Nashville, Tenn.

CHAIRMEN OR SECRETARIES OF BOARDS

General Board—John L. Welch, 1409 10th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
Foreign Missions—Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Home Missions—C. B. Dees, Flat River, Missouri
League Board—Clarence Bowen, 518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
College Board of Trustees—John L. Welch, 1409 10th Ave. N., Nashville
College Business Manager—Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Superannuation—J. O. Fort, Lake Butler, Fla.
Publication & Literature—J. C. Griffin, 1409 N. Pasteur, New Bern, N. C.

ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES

Rev and Mrs. Thomas Willey
Miss Bessie Yeley
Apartado 27,
Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Miss Laura B. Barnard
Miss Zalene Lloyd
"Shamrock" The Nilgiris,
Kotagiri, South India
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey
Mt. Vernon Villa No. 2
Jalepede Road
Darjeeling, Bihar, N. India
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk
"Jackson House"
Katihar-Puine Dist.
Bihar, N. India

NATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President—Mrs. H. B. Sloan, 19404 Havana, Detroit, Mich.
Recording Sec'y.—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Ashland City, Tenn.
Ass't. Rec. Sec'y.—Mrs. Reford Wilson, 1904 S. Central Ave., Oklahoma City
Exec. Sec'y.-Treas.—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Box 965, Nashville 2, Tenn.
First Vice Pres—Mrs. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Second Vice Pres.—Mrs. Verdon Bingham, R. 9, Tulsa, Okla.
Third Vice Pres.—Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, 3609 Richland, Nashville, Tenn.
Fourth Vice Pres.—Mrs. L. E. Ballard, 826 Pollock St., New Bern, N. C.
Fifth Vice Pres.—Mrs. Alice Childers, Lucasville, Ohio

BIBLES REBOUND

Old Bibles rebound like new regardless of present condition. Rare books, magazine and all types of bookbinding. Write for our attractive folder explaining our services.

NORRIS BOOKBINDING CO
Greenwood, Miss.

OKLAHOMA

FREE WILL BAPTIST

ORPHANS' HOME

RINGLING, OKLA.

Needs Your Support

SEND ALL OFFERINGS TO
REV. REX WEATHERMAN
Ringling, Oklahoma

Building boys is better than mending men.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

THE HONOR ROLL

The present Honor Roll was started November 1, 1949, and was designated to run through April 30, 1950. Names of solicitors are placed on our Honor Roll when five or more subscriptions are sent in (one may be your own). At the close of this period gifts of appreciation will be made to first, second, and third highest ranking solicitors. There is yet time for you to get in our Roll, so be a booster for the Gem.

On December 30, 1949 the list was as follows:

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Missouri	10
Mrs. Minnie Burcham, Flat River, Missouri.....	9
Mrs. Lowery Hurst, Newport, Tennessee	8
Madeline McFarland, Fredericktown, Missouri.....	7
Mrs. Helen Rogers, Fredericktown, Missouri.....	5

Thanks to you and to all who are working for the success of the Gem.

—Editor

BLANK FORMS

Ministers' License Blanks 10c
Ministers' Ordination Blanks . 10c
Deacons' Ordination Blanks .. 10c
12 Blanks, either kind 90c
These blanks are 8½ X 11 inches and are suitable for framing.

Letters forms for Letter from a Church to a Quarterly Meeting, Association or Yearly Meeting, also forms for Letter from an Association or Yearly Meeting to the State Association.

Price, 5c ea., 6 for 25c, 12 for 45c.

Fearst sometimes
That Thy Father hath forgot?
When the clouds around thee gather,
Doubt Him not.

Always hath the daylight broken,
Always hath He comfort spoken,
Better hath He been for years
Than thy fears.

—K. R. Hagenbach

Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too tired to lie awake at night.

"FOR WE BE BRETHREN"

Essie Herron, Sulphur, Oklahoma

"...For we be brethren" Gen. 13:8.

If you asked who spoke these words, I would say "A friend of God." One of whom God said, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, ... to do justice and judgment..." Gen. 18:19.

I wish Christian fathers would ponder these words; especially preachers. Do you command your children and household? Do you bring your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Very few do! But it sure pays to do this. If first of all we look to the ways of our household and attend to our own home affairs, we will not have children who will bring shame on us. How do I know? We have raised nine. All are married. Three boys, two are preachers, one an officer in his church, and our girls are raising good children and have good homes.

But this man of whom I am writing was one whom God honored. He ate with him; He walked with him; He listened to him; He loved and trusted him; He knew him. Does he know you? Can He say "I know him?" God knew He could trust him first in his home. God told him "... In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Notice "families."

Abraham was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" Gen. 13:2. His wife was very beautiful. Gen. 12:11-14. She was such a lovely woman that she was taken into the house of Pharaoh who thought to make her his wife. Gen. 12:19. But did it make Sarah any different? No. Peter says in I Peter 3: 5-6, "... in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well..." The adornment spoken of here was "the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." Today what do we see? Noisy, loud women, wearing men's clothes or a good imitation, ordering their husbands around, calling them names, but not lord.

This is just a glimpse into the

family life of the great man who is the father of the faithful, so I will return to our subject. God said "I know him." How did He know him? First, by obedience. He left his native land not knowing where he was going. Heb. 11:8. He was obedient and he went. His faith wrought with his works and he was called the friend of God. Now we have an introduction to this mighty man of faith, "the father of the faithful." Gal. 3:7 says, "Know ye, therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."

Being his child by faith let us study his example of brotherly love. "And he went on his journeys from the south even unto Bethel..." (Bethel means church or house of God) Gen. 13:3. It seems he camped there. He had been there before and had built an altar and there he "... called upon the name of the Lord." We see Jesus telling His disciples in John 16:23, "... Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." Abraham, our father, had taken his brother's son with him on his journey. No doubt Abraham treated him as his own son, for he had no son as yet. Lot prospered and had great herds, as did Abraham. His herdsmen and Abraham's fell out, as church folks sometimes do, and there was strife. But our father in the faith did not help carry on the strife nor get vindictive, nor stir up confusion. How God hates such people!

In Prov. 6:16-19 we are told, "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." God hates one who sows discord among brethren as much as He hates one who sheds innocent blood. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Abraham said, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee (I beseech thee), between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen: for we be brethren" Gen. 13:8. Why can't we do this way in settling

our differences? "Is not the whole land before thee?" A whole world to be won for Christ before us. "Separate thyself I pray thee from me." Now why do we have divisions in our midst? The herdsmen are having strife, but our leaders need not. But "if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left." "Just choose Lot. I'll take what's left." Do we do this in settling strife? No! "You go. I'll take all." We should follow the example of Abraham "for we be brethren."

FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE

Price Post Paid.....30cents each

LIFE A JOURNEY

Life is a journey, the end is nearing. It is a race, the goal will soon be reached. It is a voyage, the port will soon be in sight. Time is but a narrow isthmus between two eternities. You are going surely. How many things you have already left behind! —the old home, friends, parents, scenes of childhood and early years. How much of the way you have passed over! You will never return to the place from which you started. You are going on, and on, and away from all your early years. It is a startling thought, that our business will soon be left behind; that our work will be done, and that we shall leave this stage of being—leave it forever—our homes and cares, and all the interests that engage us here, and never more come back. It is an amazing thought that we, if we are Christians, shall soon be in heaven. Think of it! Time and all its opportunities passed forever! The suns and moons and stars all behind us; springs and summers and autumns all gone; the sights and sounds of earth all passed away! Soon very soon—shall we be in heaven. We shall see God, we shall behold Christ in His glory, we shall look upon the angels. Mothers will be searching for their children, husbands and wives will find each other; and all hands, parted in Christ, will be clasped again. It is like coming into port after an ocean voyage. The shining shore line, how it grows on the waiting eye! The joy will be like that with which the Crusaders first saw Jerusalem.

—Contributed

CHRISTIAN NAME LEADS TO SALVATION IN INDIA

Dear Fellow-Warriors who tarry by the stuff: (I Sam. 30:24)

Moses, "drawn-out," is the name by which the young man was called who chanced to come along one day while I was earnestly speaking to a young Hindu woman, living in sin, about her soul. She appeared more deeply touched than usual that morning, and I was sorry to see the strange young man appear, I thought, just at the wrong moment. However, he had already overheard some of our conversation and so approached reverently, greeting us respectfully but indicating that he considered his errand less urgent than his desire to hear what I was saying to the girl. Seeing his interest, I directed my message to both of them. Moses then proved to be the heart prepared of the Lord, and thereafter it was he, instead of the girl, who drank in the message.

"My name is Moses," he said, "but there is nothing Christian about me but my name." "Then how did you get a Christian name?" I asked. He was vague about it all, saying that somehow or other he had been sprinkled in infancy along with a group of people who had become Christians. His own parents and family were Hindus and he was not sure just how he happened to be baptized. He only knew he was neither a Christian nor did he even understand what being a Christian meant. Having a Christian name, however, he always felt he ought to be what his name signified but he was entirely ignorant of its meaning. If I would explain it to him and show him how, he would be a Christian, he said. At the close of our conversation I promised I would visit his home the following week.

In that little room, to enter which I had to bend very low, and in which, after entering, I could not stand upright, the Lord met us. Perhaps the humbling of the physical frame helped us to humble our hearts and thus give God a chance to work. As we read and explained the way of salvation from the Word, and then knelt in prayer, Moses was "drawn out" of the mire and slough of sin and tradition and born again as a child of the living God.

Moses had a family, a wife and three small sons. As head of the home

perhaps he could have compelled them to be baptized, but the things of the Spirit do not come by human compulsion, and Moses did not wish his family to be baptized and join church without being saved. Time, prayer, and God would work.

Fully three years have passed since that first meeting on a beautiful Sunday morning, and the meeting with God the following week in Moses' humble home. During that time the little wife persisted in a haughty spirit, feeling no need of her husband's God nor of his experience. She was a dutiful wife and mother; that was, she thought, all that God or man could require of her. We visited the home frequently to teach and nurture Moses, and to endeavor to present the beauty of Christ to the wife. A diligent housewife in every land can always find 'reasons' for not attending meetings or giving time to a Gospel worker who visits the home. Moses' wife never had time to listen! Often for courtesy's sake she would sit down and listen for a while, but invariably the rice would conveniently boil over, the neighbor would call to borrow something, the buffaloes would get into mischief, or something would demand her attention before we could get through the lesson. Moses, meanwhile, had put his two elder sons into our school, and later the youngest as he became old enough. They became regular attendants at Sunday School. The father, though able to read very little, did the best he could at reading the Bible to his family and exhorting them. Whether he realized it or not, there was a more able Teacher by his side, taking the Word which Moses was giving in weakness and planting it as seed deep in the hearts of the wife and the boys, to bring forth fruit "many days hence."

A few months ago Salomi the Biblewoman visited this home with a special burden. She felt led of the Spirit to challenge the little wife with a stern rebuke, and she left the house with a heavy heart. Moses' aged father, meanwhile, had come to live with them, and on this last occasion the Biblewoman had spoken a long time with him also, though he presented his objections to the Christian way.

The following week when the two Biblewomen visited the home again, the wife surprised them by coming forward eagerly to greet them and to tell them of an extraordinary dream she had had.

In the night she dreamed she was preparing to take her bath, in the little corner of the yard curtained off by bamboo matting, where they stand and pour the water over them to bathe. In her dream an elderly man, with long beard, a turban, and an exceedingly gentle face, came and stood, peeping over the top of the curtain while she bathed! The woman, confused and ashamed, reached for her garments, but they were not within reach. The kindly, old man still stood, gazing upon her, and she was helpless to cover her nakedness and uncleanness. Then he spoke, "Daughter, be not afraid. I have not come to harm you, but to bless you. Come with me. I will make you clean; I will clothe you; I will make you glad." Then He took her hand (for she knew it was Jesus!) and led her away into a large room radiant with light and filled with happy people who were singing and praising God. Yes, this was what her husband had been wanting to do for her, what Missiamma and the Biblewoman had been offering her. She had not realized it would mean all this to be a Christian.

Waking her husband, she told him of her dream. "These three years you have turned a deaf ear to my pleadings, you have refused to listen to the missionary and the Biblewoman, you have been stubborn. Now the Lord Himself has come and spoken to you. Will you hear HIM?" This was her husband's fitting reply. But the work of grace was not complete. The little woman still needed time to ponder, and God needed further opportunity to reveal Himself to her.

One week after telling the Biblewoman this story, Moses' wife came running to the mission bungalow in great distress. Moses was dangerously ill and she had come to ask me to help. I found our missionary doctor and went with her to the house. The wife's fears were justified. Moses was running fearfully high fever and pneumonia was threatening. Good medicines and careful attention and the blessing of God brought him through in due time. And the all-wise Father used this great trial to clinch His

work. While Moses was still recovering the wife said, "I will no longer resist God, I give Him my heart and my life. Baptize me as soon as possible." This word was just the tonic Moses needed to lift his spirit and speed him on to complete recovery!

While he was convalescing the youngest son, seven years old, fell and we feared had broken his arm. It proved not to be broken, but it was a bad injury and gave considerable trouble. Would this dampen the new faith and ardour of this little family? We listened. But we heard nothing but praise to God for His help in times of need. A few weeks passed, and the wife herself suffered a more serious accident. A heavy beam, dropped by fellow-cool women, fell on her foot, and she was laid up for some days with excruciating pain. But never a word of complaint. When others declared the gods were punishing her for following a strange God, or when questioned in any way, she only answered, "We are happy to have found out how faithful and true God is to stand by and strengthen and help His children in times of need."

Moses then made definite request for baptism for himself and all his family. When questioned about his baptism by sprinkling he said, "I did not understand anything about it then, it meant nothing to me. I was brought up a Hindu and have lived as a Hindu, going all the length of heathenism all my life, and I want to be baptized by immersion as a token of the new life I have found in Christ."

A few days after, as we were returning from a village, an old tottering form with beaming face came hastening towards us. It was Moses' aged father. "I also have received Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I want you to baptize me with my son and his family," he pleaded.

Sunday morning Moses, his wife, three sons, Grandpa, and a friend of Moses' all came along at the close of Sunday School. We had a most inspiring little after-meeting, some of the Sunday School folk remaining behind to join in. Granddaddy's face was radiant—that radiance that I have seen only on the faces of newborn babes in Christ. Salomi had arranged to take them along with her to church, the first time for the wife and the grandfather, ever in their lives. The verse came to me, "I was

glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord," for all of them did seem so GLAD. But through an error in language I told Mr. Mulley the wrong Psalm, and he read the 24th Psalm instead. It must have been of the Lord, for as he read it in that lovely setting an entirely new meaning came into that Psalm for all of us: The doors of these humble hearts being thrown open wide, and the King of Glory, the Lord strong and mighty, mighty in battle, entering with sweeping victory into these lives. Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart! As only the Holy Spirit Himself can portray it, we seemed to see the spotlight of God flashed upon those hands and hearts and show them as cleansed, pure, spotless by the precious blood! We spent only a few minutes in that little service, but it will endure with us in eternity, I am sure.

At 5:00 o'clock in the evening came Moses, his wife, and his father to the young men's Bible class. The lesson was about the man healed at Bethesda, and it was thrilling to see how the old Grandpa, as well as the others, applied each little detail of the incident to themselves. Pharisees stood off and criticized. Yes, there would be many of all classes to find fault with their experience too. But the testimony of the man who was healed was establishing to our young Christians: I only know that the One who healed me told me to do this—I know what He has done for me—I obey Him. That seemed to be what the lesson was saying to them. After the lesson Moses' wife, who was too shy to tell her own experience, said she would like Salomi to tell it for her, and promised to prompt Salomi if she forgot anything or didn't tell it quite right. So the boys heard this witness and were almost bewildered before it. They could entertain no doubt of the genuineness of the experience of these new converts, and inject something lifegiving into their heavy-laden spirits.

Now through the testimony of Moses another young man, Chinnan, and his wife and three children are ready to be baptized along with Moses and his. A few days ago Chinnan brought his young cousin to the bungalow to talk about the Lord. A meeting is now being held regularly in Moses' house,

where friends and relatives gather and hear the Word, and where God is mightily blessing.

Prayer is earnestly sought for each of these new Christians and enquirers, and for the full purpose of God to be realized in their building up and strengthening in the faith. One man "drawn out" of sin and made to taste of the good things of the Lord starts a chain of influence which continues to draw souls, one by one, out of darkness into the light and liberty of the Kingdom of God.

With this little account of God's doings here, I wish to every one of you a wonderful Christmas season with deeper joy and gladness in Him than any of us have known in the past.

Yours in His glad service,

Laura B. Barnard

Note: Received just too late for December issue but glad to publish now.
—Editor

FINANCIAL REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

Dec. 1, 1949—Assets:

Equipment Fund.....	\$540.74
Accounts Collectable	306.38
Cash Balance.....	

Total\$847.12

Liabilities—Bills Outstanding:

Paper Houses.....	\$132.54
Books, Etc.	203.49
Utilities	30.89
All others.....	232.33

Total\$599.25

Dec. 31, 1949—Assets:

Equipment Fund.....	\$542.74
Accounts Collectable	192.40
Cash Balance.....	6.99

Total\$742.13

Liabilities—Bills Outstanding:

Paper Houses.....	\$131.25
Books, etc.	196.85
Utilities	20.65
All others.....	196.00

Total\$544.79

Summary for December:

Received from all sources.....	\$631.67
Paid Out.....	624.68
Cash Balance on hand.....	\$ 6.99

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD..."-GEN. 1:1

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys. Monett, Mo.

Another new year is here. It will be one of varied experiences for most of us. Sometimes we speak of our life as "the old routine" if our activities for a few successive days form a similar pattern. But when these activities stretch into a year we probably should discard any idea of life being routine.

The New Year furnishes a time when most Americans briefly review life's activities, and thus sometimes discover startling facts about their own personalities, beliefs, habits, conditions, vocations, desires, etc. In an honest, and often desperate effort to amend the unpleasant and undesirable features of life revealed in this mirror of time, many will make one to several resolutions to govern their actions during the New Year, thus hoping to live a more useful and happy life in the days ahead. In contrast to this, of course, are those who do not at all care what their lives bring forth; and even more to be pitied are the few who are so permeated by Satan that their resolutions become an instrument guiding them to even more hurtful things.

Whatever the cause or however worthy the resolution, it has been both our experience and observation that resolutions generally lack an influence necessary for the individual to long continue in his new pattern of life. As a result the "list" is all too often soon discarded or forgotten and the life that was supposed to be guided so faultlessly by it has instead lowered itself to a new low plane. Power must be exercised to climb upward or the lack of it will be as the force of gravity and will cause *anything* to descend to a lower estate.

Since we have arrived at a conclusion that "in the beginning" of the New Year we may discover some genuine needs for our lives, and since we also observe that this need is not sufficiently supplied through resolution; then we recognize ourselves as we should—in need of and ready for a Power and Influence that will supply us our need. This brings us to our text of scripture.

The text opens the inroads into our wonderful Bible. I can think of no

more appropriate way for it to be introduced to us. "In the beginning God..." Yes, that is as far back as history will ever take us. Before the heavens and the earth, before the sun and the moon, before man and woman, before everything—in the beginning "God."

God here in the English language comes from a root word revealing two outstanding truths that we shall deal with only briefly. First, that God is uni-plural, or one yet more than one. This is easily confirmed by a comparison of the scriptures and stands out clearly as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—yet all one God-head. The other fact is that this root word means the Strong One or One of Great Strength. To study the rest of this creative chapter certainly enhances this fact. Moreover, the Christian who has been a benefactor of God's mercies and love, asks for no other explanation of creation, but is confident that "In the beginning God," the Strong One, set all in order. Nor does any creature ever attain a plane enabling him to understand such power. Further, no unbelieving critic has or ever will successfully refute this wonderful truth. With this grasp of the text let us now prepare to supply our needs for this New Year.

As we only too briefly consider ourselves at the beginning of the year and come face to face with situations we would like to change, why not give God a chance to animate our purpose and our whole existence and lead us to victory? Are you among those who have recognized a change for the better was needed, resolved to effect that change, only to soon find that a resolution was not sufficient for the accomplishment of your purpose? The discouragement of such an experience often hardens one in the condition they had hoped to abandon. New resolutions are then harder to make and much easier to break. Few are those who resolve and continue therein. Why not have only one great purpose—to let God direct your life and lead you out of your wilderness of perplexity?

God's ways may not be your ways. They may surprise you or momen-

tarly frighten you as you gain faith for your next step in following Him. Whatever your experience in letting God rule your life I am confident of one thing not assured by resolution—that is victory. No doubt you will have many different experiences of joy, sorrow, pain, poverty or prosperity, etc. But Jesus' constant theme resounded with "Come unto Me," "Follow Me,"—and "I will give you rest." To me that means victory if I will only put my Lord "in the beginning" of each day and of every deed and duty in my New Year.

Your editor has assumed what has already proved to be a tremendous responsibility, demanding energy and wisdom beyond our capacity and material aid not yet in view. We are putting every ounce of our energy and all of our training into it. But many serious problems arise that are far above energy and experience. We are just simply asking God to lead us and we expect victory. As we feel clear about needs here in which you, our fellow workers, can supply, we shall make it known. There appear to be many. To any one worker they might seem staggering but to a united group of Christians led of our wonderful Lord, they will be accomplished in a way to glorify God and bless needy hearts.

Together let us work with God "in the beginning" of everything we do. Working under such a plan I am sure that God will supply and lead us in a better year together.

Subscribe to "The Gem"

1.00 per year

ATTENTION W. A. MEMBERS

Send all orders for—

AUXILIARY LITERATURE

And all—

W. N. A. C. OFFERINGS

For All Causes

To the following address:

W. N. A. C Headquarters

Box 965

Nashville 2, Tennessee

We prepay delivery charges to you, so please send money order or check with ALL orders. No charges or stamps or COD's, PLEASE.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
Executive Sec'y.-Treas.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The National Association of Free Will Baptists, while in session at Columbus, Ga., in July, 1949, adopted a resolution approving the appointment of a Commission on Stewardship to serve for a period of five years. The Commission, consisting of Rev's. R. B. Crawford of North Carolina, J. L. Welch and L. C. Johnson of Tennessee, F. B. Cherry of North Carolina and D. C. Dodd of Missouri, held its initial meeting at the Free Will Baptist Bible College on Tuesday, November 22. Rev. L. C. Johnson was elected chairman of the group and D. C. Dodd was named secretary-treasurer. Along with these, Rev. J. L. Welch was named to form an Executive Committee.

Actual work of the Commission was begun Tuesday afternoon with the entire program being analyzed and formulated with a view to causing every member of the Free Will Baptist denomination to realize his stewardship obligations. Four major goals were set up by way of inaugurating the new campaign. They are:

1. Publicity
2. Materials
3. Organizing for teaching
4. Financial

Briefly, here are the plans which were adopted by the Stewardship Commission.

I. Publicity:

1. A report to all our denominational publications on this first meeting of the Commission.
2. Assignment of topics for each member of the Commission to write on, developing the theme "Christian Stewardship." Watch the papers for these articles.
3. Investigation of the possibilities of using the League and Sunday School literature as a means of advertising our program.
4. Seek the co-operation of W.N.A.C. and other auxiliaries of the National Association in this publicity campaign.

II. Materials:

1. An information leaflet will be prepared by the Chairman and Secretary for distribution. These are to be yours free of charge, and will answer your questions about this Commission's work.
2. A series of Stewardship lessons

will be prepared under the direction of Chairman Johnson to be used in the study classes. Thus we will be using our own material from the very outset.

3. Teachers and workers are to be solicited and prepared for a sustained campaign of teaching study classes in Stewardship, using the lesson materials mentioned above.

III. Organizing for teaching:

1. The Groups
 - a. In local churches or church auxiliaries.
 - b. District groups comprising two or more churches in a concerted effort.
 - c. No group will be too large or too small.

2. The Sponsorship

- a. The local associations may organize a stewardship commission to co-operate with the National Commission.
- b. The local church may sponsor its own program in co-operation with the National Commission.
- c. Plans are under way for the reviving of the Christian Worker's Institutes. These sessions will feature Stewardship Studies.

3. The Teaching Staff

- a. Instructors in the Christian Worker's Institutes.
- b. Young people from our Bible College who have been especially trained for the job will be sent out in teams through the summer to teach Stewardship classes.
- c. Qualified and interested persons in the local church may also teach the classes.

IV. Financial:

A few donations afforded us an initial outlay of some \$75.00 with which to start. Other contributions from churches, associations, union meetings, etc., will be appreciated and will help in the carrying on of this work. The promotional department of the National Association will also assist financially.

It is the hope and sincere prayer of the Stewardship Commission that the Free Will Baptist people everywhere will give their whole-hearted support to this worthy venture and that together we may come to realize just what can be accomplished if every Free Will Baptist were to actually become an honest steward.

If you desire further information on

the work of the Commission you may secure it by writing

Stewardship Commission
Nat'l. Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists
Rev. L. C. Johnson, Chairman
3609 Richland Ave.
Nashville, Tennessee

Signed: L. C. Johnson, Chairman;
R. B. Crawford, J. L. Welch, D. C. Dodd, Sec.-Treas.

The Complete Authorized Edition

IN HIS STEPS

What Would Jesus Do?

By Charles M. Sheldon

245 Pages

\$1.00

POSTERS OFF PRESS

Two thousand Foreign Mission posters have just been printed for distribution over the various states which comprise the National Association. Rev. Raymond Riggs had them printed in Detroit and shipped to the office here in Monett, Missouri. They will be distributed to the state directors and they in turn will get them out to the various churches over their respective states. The poster shows a large thermometer and the name of each state with its respective quota. We intend to keep you informed through the state directors and also through the papers as to the standing of your state the first of each month, and upon receiving this information you will please take a red crayon and raise the mercury on your poster in the church accordingly. It will be up to the churches in each state to raise the mercury as fast as possible toward the figure which sets forth your state quota. We ask our various state directors to please give us your prompt co-operation in getting these posters distributed among the churches of your respective states, then we ask the people of the local church to see that the poster is placed in some conspicuous place on the wall in your church auditorium. Furthermore, when you are informed of an increase in Mission receipts from your state please see that the mercury on your poster is raised promptly. These posters are nice and you will be proud of them. Please give us your sincere and thoughtful co-operation with them. We will thank you so much.

Winford Davis, Treasurer



From The Editor's Desk



FROM RETIRING EDITOR

Being keenly interested in the further success of the Free Will Baptist Gem and in its every reader, I take pleasure in writing you a letter this month. Most of you took notice in last month's issue that I had resigned as Editor-Manager. However, that does not mean that I will not still be very much interested in the welfare of the Gem, for I surely will be. When the last month's issue was printed the new Editor-Manager had not been appointed, but immediately thereafter the State Board held a meeting at the office and proceeded to appoint Brother Lloyd Jeffreys to this position. Lloyd is a very fine young man, is capable, is deeply interested and has a fairly good knowledge of the denomination at large. He definitely knows the Missouri State Association and is well known over the state. Lloyd has been employed as Linotype operator at the Gem since February, 1949. We urge everyone to please give him your full and hearty co-operation. We are happy to recommend him as one on whom you can fully depend.

Another good decision we feel the Board made was that of retaining Miss Gertrude Bowe. She will continue to be Secretary-Bookkeeper for both the Gem and the Foreign Mission Office. We are very glad for this decision. When last month's issue was printed she had been officially released; hence, the statement we made accordingly. But when the Board met the matter was reconsidered and it was decided she must be kept on the job.

Our ambition from the time we took charge of the Gem was to get the work built up to where someone else could take over and go on successfully. We feel that was realized for which we are thankful. Seems to me everything at the Gem is now in good shape to go forward. We trust you will look toward the work there with much confidence, and will continue to be greatly interested in its welfare. The Gem is dependent on you and me out on the field. May we not fail the management, but lend our hearty support.

Yours for the continued success of the Free Will Baptist Gem,

Rev. Winford Davis

PAPER ALL IN 8-POINT

This issue of the Gem is almost entirely set up in 8-point type. Several factors entered into our decision to use this standard size type rather than the larger 10-point. Our chief reason is that much more manuscript can be set in the same space and yet it remains easily readable.

FOR YOUR PRAYER LIST

If you will share your hour of prayer with us may we suggest that you include the following:

Manuscript—Our manuscript, and especially the sermons, has been just a little light. We would like to have some good sermons ahead and your other items according to their season or time of happening, etc.

Subscription List—The Subs seem to have fallen off gradually for a few months now. We can't afford to lose subs and believe most people would like to subscribe. A few have written that financial difficulties have forced them to drop off our mailing list. Perhaps you can help a less fortunate friend by subscribing for them. We believe they will be grateful. If you can use sample Gems we will furnish them if we can do so. We appreciate our workers and boosters over the field.

Minute Work and other Job Work—We appreciate your work. Without it we will not be able to continue.

Financial Status—A seasonal slump of unusual intensity last July and August has left us a little inconvenienced financially. We gained just a little ground during the late fall months. Now we are faced with the usual mid-winter slow up in printing. Should it materialize into any magnitude it could seriously challenge our existence. Love offerings to this work would help greatly.

Wisdom—We want to glorify God and help our fellowman through the printed page. To do so we must be definitely led by an all-wise God.

Health and Strength—We find the work a great pleasure but very exacting physically. Do remember us in this need.

These and many more are the needs

of your Free Will Baptist Gem office. We feel sure that if we are stirred in our hearts and earnestly ask God about them that He will lead and will give victory. Will you give some of your prayer life for the Gem?

MRS. ROACH HOSPITALIZED

A Christmas greeting to the office here also brought information that Mrs. Maurice Roach was to enter a hospital soon after Christmas Day for treatment. Rev. and Mrs. Roach are itinerate workers in the interest of Missions, and have made many friends over the states who will join with us in prayer and best wishes for a quick recovery.

GOD CALLS AGED MINISTER

This issue of the Gem carries an obituary of the late Rev. J. T. Williams. Although age had forced Bro. Williams into retirement from the active ministry a few years ago, his interest and influence continued to the end. Central Western Missouri Association will keenly feel the passing of this splendid pioneer minister.

OUR VISITORS

Rev. Frank Linton called at this office earlier this month. Bro. Linton and his family have recently returned from California and Washington where they have lived for some time. He reported one revival in Missouri since their return. The meeting was with Hannon Church in Central Western Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn enjoyed a late Christmas vacation with his parents near Aurora, Mo., and favored us by visiting in the office one afternoon. Bro. Zinn is pastor of First F. W. B. Church of Flat River, Mo., and is also Chairman of the State Executive and Home Mission Board. Both Rev. and Mrs. Zinn are very much interested in all phases of God's work.

We extend an invitation to all the friends of our Lord's work to visit with us as you have opportunity. We are never too busy to enjoy your visit.

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—\$1.00

NEWSY BRIEFS

REPORTS - LETTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS - OBITUARIES

REVIVALS REPORTED

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to all the Gem family. I have been very busy. Beside my pastoral duties here with the church I have been doing some evangelistic work. In October I held a ten-night's revival at the Smyrna Church in Oregon County, Missouri. They are a very fine people to work with. Rev. Dodson is the pastor. We had four conversions and three additions to the church. The first of November my wife and I went to the Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, for a revival. I sure did enjoy working with these good people. They certainly make you feel at home in the Third Church.

I came home and held a ten-night's revival at the Faith and Hope Church. At present we are holding a revival at our church here in Mt. Grove, with Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite doing the preaching. We are having good services and our church is doing pretty good. Sunday School is growing in number. We hope you will pray for us.

Rev. George W. Scott

AULSBURY CHAPEL CHURCH

Dear Gem Readers:

We are happy to report the wonderful way in which the Lord is continuing to bless Aulsbury Chapel Church.

We had the happy privilege of having Rev. Harvey E. Hill of the Southside Church of St. Louis in a two-week's revival in October. His outstanding Bible messages were a feast to our soul. At the beginning of the meeting we made up a prayer list of the persons around the church we were burdened for. The Lord blessed us and we saw several of that number saved, and they then joined with us in praying for other lost. Bro. Hill was with us until Saturday night before the meeting closed on Sunday night. Ten souls were saved. On Sunday and Sunday night our pastor, Bro. Jas. F. Miller, continued the revival, and on Sunday night the Lord blessed us in seeing three more precious souls saved, one a mother of five small children, a father of four, and a high

school boy. On Sunday afternoon nine were baptized, 21 have united with the church in the last three months.

The Lord has also blessed our church with a Junior Choir of boys and girls between the ages of four and twelve. They sang God's praise every night during the meeting and they sing every Sunday night at our regular services. We have an average of 20 in our Junior Choir. Each night during the meeting we enjoyed other special singing and music.

Our Sunday School is growing and we are thankful. Last Sunday we had 86 and several coming later for the morning worship.

The Lord has been blessing us financially also. We gave Bro. Hill \$138.00 in offerings, besides a love offering of food which amounted to about \$25.00. At the close of the meeting we gave the pastor, Bro. and Mrs. Miller, a love offering of \$50.00. The men of the church are digging a basement. We hope to have our furnace in before long. The work was donated, besides money donated for material needed.

We ask an interest in your prayers that our church will continue to go forward in a way pleasing to God.

Mrs. Mabel M. David

NEW FOREIGN MISSIONS DIRECTOR IN ARKANSAS

Rev. Ralph Staten, who has been the director for Arkansas state, has moved to Red Bay, Alabama to take over a pastorate. Rev. Wayne Tucker of Peach Orchard, Arkansas, has been appointed as director in his stead. All F. W. B.'s of Arkansas will hereafter please look to Bro. Tucker as the head of the work of Foreign Missions in your state. We trust you will give him your hearty support and cooperation.

Winford Davis, Treasurer

REV. SHUTES TO GEORGIA

Rev. K. V. Shutes has moved from Leeds, Alabama, to Camilla, Georgia, to pastor the Greenwood Church, eight miles out of Camilla on Highway 97. In writing him, address him at Route 1, Camilla, Georgia.

ENJOY BIBLE STUDY

We have just closed a ten-night's Bible study directed by our pastor, Bro. Allred. We don't have words to express our thanks. Our attendance averaged 20 each night. It was remarkable how the young folks and children took part. We feel this has been so much help to our church, and especially those who attended. We believe the study has just begun in the hearts and lives of so many. We heartily recommend that each church have at least a ten-night's school. We can always find Bro. Allred about his Father's business for which we all are thankful.

Mrs. Harry Bush

REV. DODD TO TENNESSEE

This is to notify all concerned that the National Association treasurer, Damon C. Dodd, is now located in Nashville, Tennessee, and all monies coming to the Associational Treasury should be sent directly to him at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Also communications with the Executive or Promotional Department may be sent to the same address in Nashville.

PASTOR BACK TO MISSOURI

Dear Editor & Gem Readers:

This is to announce our return to Missouri. We have been here in Owensboro, Kentucky, since May, 1949. After January 5, 1950, our new address will be 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo. No doubt you will recognize this address to be that of Rev. Damon C. Dodd. And since you know that Bro. Dodd has accepted the position of National Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of America, I am to succeed him as pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at the above address. Bro. Dodd has done a great work at this church! Pray for us that we may be able to keep it great.

Sincerely in Him,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

**YOUR FRIENDS WILL LIKE THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM!**

TESTIMONY

Gertrude Bowe

NOTE: This is the substance of the testimony given at vespers on the evening of July 28, 1949, at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. This was a service at which all students graduating on July 29, 1949, gave their testimonies.

I have been somewhat at a loss regarding where to begin this testimony. It actually begins when I took Christ as my personal Saviour at the age of 14; but, recognizing that there is not time and you probably do not care to hear of experiences that doubtless duplicate your own in many points, I shall leave out many reminiscences.

The Lord, after eight years of service in my home church—Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church, Catlettsburg, Kentucky—removed me from that church and community, and after working 16 months in Washington, D. C. during the war, sent me to our own Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Even before I left home, I knew God had His hand on me for full-time service. I had already been conscious of that fact for a long time before one morning, while washing dishes by a kitchen window, I was singing to myself, "I Can Hear My Saviour Calling." As I raised my head and faced the horizon beyond that window, I was very conscious of the Lord's definite call, and it was that morning that I answered in the words of the song I was singing, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." I have oft stumbled, but from the moment I first heard that God had a plan for my life I have known He had control. One of the greatest thrills of my Christian life was the time I heard that God had a plan for my life, and if I would but yield to Him, He would show me that plan. Self, as it is accustomed to do, has often raised her head; but if I know my heart this evening, I do want the will of my Lord for my life above everything else in all the world. I am aware that I do not know what having His will will cost me, but when on the other side I review these years here, it will be worth it. So I look to Him for grace to overcome every obstacle that presents itself—it is not too much for Him, and He has control.

After graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College, where I worked

part time the three years I was a student and then worked full time one year, I transferred to Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. These years at C. B. C. were rich years, but the greatest thing I learned the two years I was there was how we can trust the Lord for material needs and for grace to live the Christian life as His Word tells us. I went to C. B. C. on that verse from Proverbs: "As thou goest step by step, I will open up the way before thee." The Lord gave it to me as I debated even after being accepted whether I should work another year before enrolling. I went, and had for the first time to completely trust the Lord for financial needs. At the close of the first year, as I totalled the figures I had kept, I discovered that of the total amount I had needed for the year, I had earned only about one-fifth, but all I owed was \$15.00 which was soon paid off. This was amazing to me for until then the Lord had provided work so that I might meet expenses.

I spent five years getting my Bible college education because I have worked to help meet expenses. For four of those years I did not know where the Lord would use me. Those about me were answering the call to the ministry or to foreign missionary service, but I did not know. I wanted to know, even prayed the Lord to use me as a foreign missionary; but there was never the abiding conviction that that was the Lord's plan for me. It was only last fall in my course in Christian journalism, when the instructor challenged his class to enter the field of Christian writing—a wide-open field, he said—that what I would do became clear.

I have often felt the Lord would doubtless put me where I would use my office experience. I had five years of general office experience before beginning my Bible college training. I used that experience to help me through school, and during that time I had opportunity of adding to my knowledge of office machines and procedure.

As a result of my course in Christian journalism, I made application and was accepted to begin work with the Free Will Baptist Gem Office, in Monett, Missouri, September 1. I have been on the job two weeks, and am certain that through that inward conviction and circumstances, that I am in His plan for me. I know that my

call to secretarial work and to the field of Christian writing is just as definite as those of my classmates who have been called to the ministry or to the foreign field. In the words of the song I was singing when I first yielded to the call of full-time Christian service, I answer again: "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

REV. AND MRS. ROACH HOLD SUCCESSFUL MO. ITINERARY

Rev. and Mrs. Roach have recently conducted a very successful itinerary in the State of Missouri in the interest of Missions. They held 35 services in seven different associations over the state. The entire receipts from these services totalled \$871.76. The associations visited in this itinerary were: Central Western Missouri, Niangua, Laclede County, Liberty, Mission, Cave Spring and Indian Creek. They worked on the 70-30 plan which has been approved by this state; that is, 70% for Foreign Missions and 30% for Home Missions. Each department paid its proportionate part of the expense of the itinerary. From Missouri Rev. and Mrs. Roach went into their home state of North Carolina.

Winford Davis

REORGANIZE AUXILIARY

Your Editor and family spent five days during the Christmas holidays in Southern Illinois with Mrs. Jeffreys' relatives and friends of the Union Free Will Baptist Church community near Thompsonville.

While there the ladies of the church asked us to assist them in the reorganization of their Auxiliary. They had enjoyed an organization a few years ago and wished to re-establish this work. They were very enthusiastic in getting the work revived. The meeting December 26, 1949, came to order with group singing and scripture reading from I Cor. 3. Opening prayer by Mrs. Mae Jones.

A review of the work and officers and their duties was made, after which a special prayer for God's leadership in the election of officers was led by Mrs. Arthur Jones. Mrs. Ocie McClerren was elected president and the rest of the organization completed.

We are thankful for this fine group and glad to assist them in this way.

Mrs. Lloyd T Jeffreys

MEET THE NEW EDITOR

Gertrude Bowe, Monett, Missouri

With the resignation of Rev. Winford Davis as Editor-Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem effective December 1, 1949, the Missouri Home Mission and Executive Board met at the GEM office November 29, 1949, for the purpose of choosing a new editor-manager. We are of the opinion that the Board made a wise decision in the choice of Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, who has been working with the GEM establishment since February, 1949.



Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys

Brother Jeffreys is a Missouri boy, having been born and brought up in Dade County near Greenfield, Missouri. He was converted in August, 1936, in a revival conducted by Brother Davis at Mt. Olive (Neola) Church. His ordination as deacon took place October 30, 1938; and two years later, December 8, 1940, he was licensed to the ministry. However, his ministerial career was interrupted by a call to serve his country at the outbreak of war.

Following induction at Leavenworth, Kansas, January 15, 1942, he was assigned to infantry duty and trained at Camp Wolters, near Ft. Worth, Texas. After six months he went to Officers Training School in Georgia where he received a commission. He served with the 83rd Infantry Division in Indiana and Tennessee, and later joined the 29th Infantry Division in England. Mr. Jeffreys was in the initial assault waves on the famous Omaha Red Beach in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. On the 37th

successive day of action, he was seriously wounded and was hospitalized in England and the United States for six months. On going back to active duty, he was sent to Camp Hood near Temple, Texas. On January 17, 1946, he was placed on inactive status with a First Lieutenant rating.

After his commission expired March 23, 1946, he spent a brief time in California and Illinois. On returning to Missouri, he served pastorates in the Central Western Missouri Association, and was ordained December 29, 1946. He also entered training for newspaper work.

The first Christian Workers Institute accomplished something for which I do not believe it was planned, at least by man. This first Institute was held in Monett, Missouri, and it was there Brother Jeffreys met the girl who was to eventually become his



The Editor and Mrs. Jeffreys

wife. He was married to the Rev. Opal E. McClerren, of Thompsonville, Illinois, on November 11, 1945. Mrs. Jeffreys became a Christian in September, 1935, and was affiliated with the Union Free Will Baptist Church, of the Freedom Conference of Southern Illinois. She was ordained June 10, 1945, and did extensive pastoral and evangelistic work in Southern Illinois until her health forced a period of rest. More recently she has had pastoral and evangelistic work in Central Western Missouri.

The Jeffreys came to Monett in early February, 1949, when Brother Jeffreys accepted the position of linotype operator at the Free Will Baptist Gem. At present he is also clerk of the Central Western Missouri Association and a member of the Executive Board of the same Association.

One of the Jeffreys family has not been included in this write-up, but he is very much alive. He is their two and a half year old son, Marvin Lloyd, who one afternoon on hearing his

mother tell me that he had been having her sing, told me they had been singing about Jesus.

We are confident Brother Jeffreys is the man for editor-manager. You will want to lend him your full cooperation in prayer and business. This new task is not an easy one, but is a real opportunity to serve the Lord through the means of the printed page. One has said, "A drop of ink can make a million think." The field of Christian literature is a real challenge for effective Christian service.

Meet the new editor and his wife whose likenesses appear on this page.

QUESTION TO PONDER OVER

Do you speak of the faults of others unnecessarily?

Do you love to hear others praised when God has worked through them?

Can you rejoice to see another succeed when you have failed?

In every heart there is a supreme place—a sort of throne. Who sits in yours, an idol, self, or God?

Can you pretend to love Christ without exerting yourself for the spiritual welfare of those for whom He died?

Do you give hard judgment on sins to which you have never been tempted, while full of excuses for your own sins?

Do you really seek to see all the good in others, overlooking the things that may be had?

Do you get real pleasure from your prayers, reading and meditation on Holy things; or do you go through them to satisfy the demands of conscience, or are you secretly glad when they are over?

"Search me, oh God"—Psa. 139:23.

—Selected

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

Beautiful Baptismal Certificates, 10 1/8 x 5 3/4 inches, printed in two colors, beautiful border, and suitable for framing. Every Church needs these for a record.

These certificates are in books of 20 and stubbed, check book style. Price, Post Paid \$1.00

Some people think a thirty minute sermon is too long, so they substitute a 600 column Sunday newspaper.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ



ENLISTMENT

Mrs. Myron Hyatt, First Vice President, W. N. A. C.

When Jesus called His first disciples, two things were involved in the call: the invitation to follow and the promise that they would win others as followers. In other words, they were called to become members of His enlistment committee. They were to follow Jesus that they might win others to Him. Every woman who has caught a vision of the necessity of organized missionary work should consider herself a member of Christ's enlistment committee working through the Woman's Auxiliary to enlist every resident woman member of her church in active participation of giving the Gospel to the world through their personal witnessing and giving to His cause.

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: ..." Isa. 43:10. God expects us to be witnesses which will bring the sin cursed souls into His fold and also bring that saved soul into service. We are saved to serve, not sit. Because others all down through the centuries have been faithful in their personal witness, the Good News has come to us. Now the responsibility is on us to be faithful workers on this enlistment committee of Christ and witness personally to those in our church and community who are unsaved and those saved ones not active in His service, that this Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ may be heard "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

We must be true witnesses. Nothing so impedes the power of the Gospel as the comprising lives of Christians and nothing so speeds the Gospel as the Christ-like living of those who are God's representatives on earth. The Christian message coming from people whose lives are not right cannot reach the hearts of the lost nor enlist the inactive members in His service. We must live up to Christian standards of personal righteousness. A spirit to stand for right at any cost is what we need among Christians today. Such a

spirit will win the world's admiration and respect, and put wings on the Gospel message. Such a spirit we must have if we are to enlist and win those in our church, our community and the world to Christ.

In Christian service, no one is drafted or conscripted. We serve out of our love and devotion to Christ. Therefore, we must adopt methods of love to enlist others to serve. The Woman's Auxiliary has its share of unenlisted "prospects" and the task is one of great magnitude. It becomes our duty to seek out and enlist others for Christ. Women of our Free Will Baptist Church—our opportunity in enlistment is unexcelled. The fields are white unto harvest (John 4:35). Will we go and work today in a program of enlisting not only women for our Auxiliary, but servants for our Christ and for our church?

Free Will Baptists have one of the richest heritages which any people could ever have. Our possibilities for a spiritual service as a denomination are unrivaled. Our Ministry still preaches an unadulterated Gospel. We have a group of young people who are preparing themselves for a great Ministry. Our greatest need in service is to enlist our forces.

Christ gave us our best plan of enlistment. As He prayed, He neither condemned nor upbraided but drew men into service through love and kindness. He led others to see, through His life, the blessed rewards that come from serving God; He had no respect to persons but sought out high and low alike; He worked unceasingly at the great task of "saving lives in service" as well as souls to eternal life. "Even so" must we if we serve our Christ.

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into His harvest." Luke 10:2.

ST. LOUIS AUXILIARY

This is the first time we have sent a report of our Auxiliary. Enclosed is the dollar, which we have pledged to send each month hereafter. Indeed we appreciate the space in the "Gem" granted to the work of the Auxiliary.

We are glad to report that looking back over the year our auxiliary has been of great importance in our church. There have been church suppers, hand work made and sold, and we have enjoyed the fellowship of one another. We have been inactive for a while, due to the redeccorating of the church building, and a revival that was held by Rev. George Scott. There was a good message brought each night of the meeting. There were two souls saved and we feel the church was blessed.

Now that we have assumed our responsibilities again, we trust that we have a greater vision to do more for the Lord in trying to make our Auxiliary grow more spiritual. That through it souls might be saved; and we might labor more faithfully together for the cause of Christ. We need your prayers that we might do more in this year ahead.

Mrs. Jerry Bulis, Rec. Sec'y.

REPORT WOMEN'S EDITOR

December 13, 1949

Received:

Nov. 22—Marie Hyatt.....	\$ 2.00
Dec. 7—Flat River Auxiliary...	2.00
Dec. 13—St. Louis Third.....	1.00

Total\$ 5.00

Disbursed:

Postage	\$.25
Rent on Typewriter.....	4.08

Total\$ 4.33

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

—Psalm 100:4.

ENLISTMENT AND PROMOTION

Mrs Eunice Edwards, First Vice President, Missouri State Conv.

MATTHEW 10:7, 8

How about us putting on a united drive to secure new members and to enlist those who have become disinterested or careless about attendance, to become active members?

We sometimes hear this remark: 'I wish we could get our women interested in the Auxiliary. It seems that no matter what we try to promote there is a decided lack of interest.'

Let's analyze some of the things that may be causing this lack of interest. First, whom are we trying to enlist? It is next to useless to try to enlist a sinner to promote the great Cause of Christ. To begin with, there is no love for Christ or His Cause in the hearts of sinners. The world today is still crying "Away with Him!" "Crucify Him!" Then, we must endeavor to win those who have accepted His Atonement and are thereby His children. A child seeks to please those He loves. A Christian seeks to serve because he loves His Saviour.

Second, for what purpose do we desire to enlist members? To raise money? To swell our membership? To promote our social standing? If these are our reasons we are predestined to failure. The primary and compelling reason for the enlistment of each person should be that that person may be drawn closer to Christ and into a more perfect obedience to His will in their life through a more perfect understanding of the same. We must supply through our study courses, meetings, and programs, a constant source of spiritual food. This is as true of the Auxiliary as the church program. Too many are seeking to enlist members with nothing more soul-satisfying to offer them than a social hour which can be had at the nearest club. We are "labourers together with God," not Mammon.

We are not just a money raising organization either. True, we cannot carry on our work without money but that is not our sole purpose. We MUST support our church program. Let's be sure our means of raising these funds are scriptural. Small wonder some women do not respond to any and all methods proposed.

Interesting, informative, inspiration-

al programs don't just happen! They have been very carefully prepared by someone who deems it worthy of more time than a "last minute" assignment. The lesson is apt to be far more spiritual and informative when prepared and planned for beforehand by a prayerful person. So, if your programs have been carelessly prepared, perhaps this has caused some of the disinterest and loss of membership.

We are to enlist members to be soul winners. Statistics tell us that only ten Christians out of one hundred ever win a soul to Christ. I hope these figures will challenge you to be one of those ten.

There is only one way to get anybody to do anything. That is by causing the other person to want to do it. Your members will want to return to the next meeting if their souls are fed and their Christian experiences enriched.

Our text says; "And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give." As we go forward in our good work let's follow Christ's teachings. We Must! There isn't anyone else to do all these things. Those about us will never hear unless we tell them. Neither will they feel the regenerating power of God surging through their lives unless we allow ourselves to be the medium.

If we will seek Christians as members, prepare programs prayerfully, then release that love for Christ through consecrated service, our Auxiliaries will grow and the cause of Christ will be promoted.

HOW TO PREPARE SERMONS AND GOSPEL ADDRESSES By William Evans

A volume of practical help for ministers and theological students, and also Christian laymen who are called to the blessed work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

174 Pages, Cloth, \$1.25

Talk to the Lord about sinners; then talk to sinners about the Lord.

FLAT RIVER AUXILIARY

Dear Gem Readers:

I am happy to report the wonderful way in which God has blessed our work together in a great revival just closed in our church. Rev. Homer Willis from Hazel Park, Michigan, was the evangelist. A number were saved and reclaimed. Our church is on the firing line for God. The devil is fighting mad because he lost some souls that he had in our Sunday School and League. Our Auxiliary is meeting tonight with new members and workers ready to pray for the lost, and for ourselves. He says in His Word, "if He be for us who can be against us." Dear workers, keep in mind that we are laborers together with God; those words always bring joy to my heart. Workers be "faithful in well-doing." Oh! give "thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people."

Gussie Hamblen, Rec. Sec'y.

FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY

Dear Gem Readers:

I don't think we have reported to the Gem in regards to our Fellowship Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary. We have a wonderful time every time we meet. The spirit of the Lord is so real in every heart. We meet every Wednesday night. We have one Wednesday night for Missionary study in Sis. Barnard's book "His Name Among All Nations." The next Wednesday we have Stewardship; the next, Year Book; the next, Bible Study. You can tell by that what a good time we have in the Lord. We have our all-day service the last Wednesday in every month. This month was in keeping with Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful time in the morning service, it ending in a praise service led by Sis. Edwards. The spirit of the Lord was sure there. Sis. Dodd is our president. In the afternoon we had Bible study. There were 20 members, 13 visitors and six children present. As it was Gift Month for Sis. Barnard, we had a special offering for her which amounted to \$28.00, for which we are very thankful. Prayer and trusting in the Lord with faith is the keynote of all of it. Pray for us that we might always be in the center of His will.

Mrs. Minnie Burcham, Sec'y.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM CUBA

The new boys' dormitory has been completed. It is a brick building with eight sleeping rooms, a comfortable reception room, and the shower room. These showers are the envy of the whole school because they are the only ones we have so far. In the future we hope to have a similar arrangement in the girls' dormitory. To say the boys are proud of their new home would not begin to express their true feelings. They give thanks daily to God for His blessings to them, and to you there in the States who have made this building possible by your financial gifts.

Perhaps you would be interested in how we observed Thanksgiving Day here in Cuba. It is not a Cuban holiday, but is always observed here at the school. Our day began with a morning worship service in the temple with Mr. Willey bringing the message. Dinner was served at two o'clock in the school dining room. Including students, workers, and visitors, there were about fifty people present. Mr. Turkey was absent from the menu, but present were roast pig, rice, beans, yucca, and lettuce-radish salad. This is the typical meal for a Cuban fiesta and is delicious. The tables were made lovely with green leaves and oranges from our trees here at the school. After enjoying the food, everyone took part in various games. The program was concluded with a time for testimonies with each one expressing his special Thanksgiving for God's wonderful blessings.

Many of you are already aware that Miss Yeley has had to return to the States for a few months to recuperate from a very serious illness. She writes us that she is much improved now. Let us express for her a special "thank you" to each of you who sent her a word of greeting and remembered her in prayer during those days of illness here.

At the present time we are preparing for mid-term examinations and then the Christmas holidays. The times pass so rapidly that we can hardly realize these months of school work are gone. Also there are preparations for various Christmas programs in our different churches and missions.

This past week we had another Christian funeral. How strange these funeral services are to the unbelievers! It is unheard of to have music over the body of a loved one—this shows extreme lack of feeling—but this one who had passed on had requested service and singing. How God did bless! Numbers came asking the way of salvation after the service.

Mrs. Willey stayed with the women after the men left to take the body to the cemetery. Two men stayed, for they feared what might take place in some of the unconverted relatives who are mixed up in Spiritism, and what a blessing they did stay. Immediately the women began their screaming and one had a most severe attack. When she was quieted down, another started. The very presence of the devil was felt, and the husband called Mrs. Willey immediately to pray.

These women become very dangerous—they will fight and bite or if they could get hold of a knife would do a great deal of damage. God gave strength and grace, and Mrs. Willey leaned over the woman, closed her eyes (while the people warned her to be careful) and prayed. When she stopped praying the woman was in her right mind and perfectly calm. The people stood amazed and could hardly believe what they had seen. God works even in funerals!

This is the best school year thus far in our history. We have twenty-five students, and each one of them are precious blessings to us as we work with them. Each week they return from the fields with word of souls being saved. We do ask you to pray with us for the intensive program of evangelization, that is being planned for these months of dry weather, in places that have never heard the gospel.

The Wilfongs are becoming adjusted rapidly to their new field of labor and are finding plenty to do. How we praise God for this additional and efficient help! Do pray for them that they might quickly get the language and be kept in strength for the task that is theirs.

Another new building on our school farm is the Willey's house. There are many things yet to be done in the

completion of it, but it is livable at the present. We praise the Lord daily for the blessing of having Mr. and Mrs. Willey here at the school. Of course, it makes much more work for them, but that very fact makes it possible to accomplish more.

Benito Rodriguez, the Cuban student who was with Mr. Willey in the States during the summer and whom many of you came to know, is studying this year at our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. He writes us that he is preaching in English now and is making excellent grades in his classes. We miss him very much here, but realize that he is going to be of far greater value to the work after this time of study there.

Another note of praise and thanksgiving is that we now have electric lights in our boys' and girls' dormitories. During his trip to the States this summer, Mr. Willey was able to secure a larger light plant which makes it possible for these buildings to have electricity. I wish each of you could know the joy of the students in their new lighting system. They have had only oil lamps for so long.

We sincerely hope that these bits of news will bring you a small view of the blessings the Lord has poured out upon us in the past few months. We could not begin to enumerate all of His blessings, so may we voice our praise with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us! whereof we are glad."

NOTICE

In sending in your Foreign Mission money will you please address your letters to FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri; or to BOX 377, Monett, Missouri. Either one is all right. However, in making out your check or money order you may make them to my personal name. In fact it is better for you to do so as it makes it easier for me to sign them over; but on the outside of the envelope we will appreciate it if you will address them as stated above. Thanking you,

Rev. Winford Davis
Promotional Secy.-Treas.

REV. J. T. WILLIAMS

Rev. John Thomas Williams, son of John Thomas and Amanda Williams, was born March 6, 1857 in White County, Illinois. He departed this life December 11, 1949 at the home of his daughter north of Greenfield, Missouri. He was 92 years, nine months and six days of age.

Rev. Williams was an orphan at the age of six and made his home with his grandmother. He was converted at the age of 15.

On January 19, 1877 he was united in marriage to Zilpah Hackett at Tamora, Illinois. To this union was born four sons and two daughters: John M. Williams of Turlock, California; Everett Williams of Greenfield, Missouri; Loren Williams, who preceded him in death in 1944 at Watsonville, California; Mrs. Leona Harper of Greenfield, Missouri; Mrs. Dona Upchurch of Felton, California; Lemuel Williams of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

They moved to Newton County, Missouri, in 1878, and to Cedar County in 1881. He spent 17 years there during which time he was licensed in 1890 at Prairie Valley Church and ordained in 1891 to preach the Gospel. He pastored several churches in Vernon, Cedar, and Dade County, and did considerable evangelistic work.

In 1888 he moved to Dade county, settling on a farm four miles northwest of Greenfield. In 1906 he moved to Ernest, northwest of Greenfield. Here his wife, Zilpah, passed away September 28, 1923. On March 7, 1926, he was united in marriage to Martha E. Russell. She passed away January 19, 1931. October 25, 1933, he was united in marriage to Nancy Ellen Cohagen. She passed away April 10, 1936. Since that time he made his home with his daughter four miles north of Greenfield.

He leaves to mourn his departure five children, 25 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren, four great, great grandchildren, and a host of friends and neighbors.

He was a loving father and grandfather whose thoughts were always on the finer things of life. We miss him more than we can ever say. We know his desire is for his loved ones and friends that they meet him on that eternal shore.

Funeral services for Bro. Williams were conducted at Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church on December 14, 1949,

in the presence of a large group of relatives and friends. Rev. Winford Davis delivered a comforting message. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery near there.

FRANKLIN S. EVANS

Franklin S. Evans was born in Illinois, October 12, 1862, and died at Memorial hospital in Harrisonville, Missouri, November 16, 1949, having reached the advanced age of 87 years, one month and four days. His parents were Henry C. and Nancy Evans.

On October 24, 1882 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Moul. Into this home came two children, a son and daughter. His wife and the daughter, Ethel, preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, John H. Evans; eight grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Several nieces, nephews and other relatives survive.

He was a member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist church, having been a charter member of that organization. He also served as a faithful deacon in this church. In its fellowship and to its program he was faithful to the end. He will be greatly missed in the community where he spent a long and useful life.

Funeral services were held in the Hickory Grove church November 17, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Marie Hyatt of Centerview, Missouri. Rev. George C. Monroe, of Harrisonville, assisted in the service.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Rev. W. C. Hill who died January 8, 1940.

Memories are treasurers

No one can steal

Death is a heartache

Nothing can heal.

Some may forget you

Now that you are gone,

But we shall remember

No matter how long.

The call was short,

The shock severe,

To part with one

We loved so dear.

Sadly missed by wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As we go to press we have just received word of the passing of Bro. Ed Wade of the Hannon FWB Church.

REPORT OF MISSOURI MISSIONS SECRETARY

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

As I send this greeting I am aware of the fact that many are disappointed over the postponement of League and Sunday School literature publication.

However, there are two reasons for this decision. The financial part enters in. But the principal reason comes from protests made by the National League and Sunday School boards by correspondence and by personal representative at the State Board Meeting November 4, in which we received some timely advice, with a request that we wait for a time. Desiring to cooperate with the National work, we announced in the following issue of the Gem the postponement of literature publication at this time.

November 27, 1949 the Madison County Quarterly Meeting Board (Rev. John Long, Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Harry Beatty) organized the Lutesville Church in Bolinger County with 11 members. Rev. John Rogers from Fredericktown was elected pastor; Basil Smith, Sec.-Treas.; Bro. Troy Anderson, Melvin Crater and Leo Garner were selected for deacons. A large crowd was present for the organization; several from Fredericktown. When the organization was completed, a grant of \$165.00 from the Missouri State Mission Fund was delivered to the church treasurer. Since this date the church has purchased a nice large church building in Marble Hill, a twin city. The building is fully equipped and they will move in by New Years. The purchase price is \$2,500.00. The families making up the church have already subscribed to the Gem.

We had a good spiritual revival here at Fredericktown in November. Rev. Wm. Buster was our evangelist. There were 12 conversions at the altar and nine additions to the church. Bro. Buster is a worthy minister and delivers a good gospel message. If that's what you want call on him and find out.

The Lord is blessing our work here. We have some of the salt of the earth here and they are grand to work with. Our church tithes to the State Unified Fund. We are behind the Youth Camp and the entire National program.

Rev. Harry Beatty, Secretary

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

November, 1949

Brought forward	\$1,790.06
Received by states:	
North Carolina.....	\$1,003.21
Tennessee	556.56
South Carolina.....	478.17
Georgia	351.54
Missouri	327.38
Alabama	228.00
Michigan	227.14
Texas	209.29
Illinois	132.00
Florida	129.54
West Virginia.....	122.06
Arkansas	52.23
Oklahoma	29.32
Kentucky	24.65
Mississippi	11.00
New Mexico.....	5.00
New Prospect Church	26.20
Cuban Association	
on loan.....	25.00
Woman's National	
Aux'y. Convention.	7.46
Total for month.....	\$3,945.75
Grand Total.....	5,735.81
Total Disbursements	3,457.17

Balance in Treasury....\$2,278.64

Winford Davis, Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to report the activities of the Camp. Every thing is moving along nicely.

The Board met on November 27, to lay plans for the coming season. The following business was transacted:

No. 1. That we have a ten-day session beginning June 21 to 30, 1950.

No. 2. That we cancel the \$1.00 registration fee and continue the \$1.00 per day.

No. 3. Rev. Harvey Hill was elected general supervisor of the session; Rev. Rolla Smith principal of teaching.

No. 4. Rev. Kenneth Turner was secured with his picture projector to do itinerary work for the Camp.

No. 5. The Board voted to go to work on the cottage under the plans and arrangements that were presented by the Secretary. That we pay for the oak framing and decking from the treasury, the remainder to be paid in six months.

At this writing we have the cottage under way. The foundation and sub-floor are completed, the framing and decking on the ground and other supplies are ordered ready to be delivered when needed.

December 27-28 was set for a working, as a number of people from local and surrounding communities have volunteered to come and help on the building. We are anxious to see the walls and roof on before the bad weather stops us.

We are truly grateful to God and our good people who have made it possible for the progress of our Camp program. We feel sure you will do all you can to see it continue to grow and glow. It is indeed a big undertaking that we have planned, but if we will all work and help just a little, try to do a little more this year, we will see great things accomplished.

Our offerings have fallen off this month but I am sure we will be hearing from you soon. If you have a special offering that you would like to give to help on our program, it will be appreciated. We will make our financial report in next issue. Pray for us.

Yours for Christ

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

November, 1949

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Leadington	\$ 17.15
Myrtle	11.40
Mine LaMotte.....	12.91
Carterville	13.23
St. Louis Southside.....	21.00

Total\$ 75.69

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 18.65
------------------------	----------

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Copper Mines.....	\$ 2.00
-------------------	---------

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Hazel Creek Union.....	\$ 6.22
------------------------	---------

MISSIONS FUND

Golden Oak S.S. & League....	\$ 6.55
------------------------------	---------

Copper Mines.....	7.00
-------------------	------

Mine LaMotte.....	15.67
-------------------	-------

Monett	13.25
--------------	-------

Carterville	11.91
-------------------	-------

Jewel	8.57
-------------	------

Stahl	9.00
-------------	------

Rev. & Mrs. Archie Cooper,	
----------------------------	--

Kirksville, Mo.	5.00
----------------------	------

Copper Mines.....	6.50
Freeman Chapel S.S.	3.32
Flat River.....	41.00
New Prospect S.S.	8.00
Niangua Quarterly Meeting....	3.00
Neola	8.10
St. Louis 3rd S.S.	14.92
Leadington	25.00
Ollie Crosby, Anderson, Mo. ...	1.00
Blue Eye.....	7.60
Rock Chapel.....	20.34

Total\$215.73

MISS BARNARD FUND

Flat River First FWB League..	\$25.00
Flat River Church.....	28.00

Total\$53.00

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Union Light S.S.	\$ 9.00
Amity	6.50
Hannon	5.00
Hazel Creek Union.....	24.87
Martha J. Ricketts,	
Liberal, Mo.	5.00
Mrs. Coy Rader, Niangua, Mo.	2.00
Richwoods	17.15
Pleasant Grove S.S.	20.00
Pleasant Grove League.....	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Montgomery,	
Carl Junction, Mo.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Moore,	
Jerico Springs, Mo.	2.00
Gertrude Bowe, Monett, Mo. ..	3.00
Aulsbury Chapel.....	17.18
Faith & Hope League.....	1.67

Total\$130.37

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

SUPPLIES NOW AVAILABLE

Dear Co-Laborers:

After December 15, 1949 the following WNAC literature will be available.

1950 Year Book of Programs.....30c

1950 Go-Tell Program Book.....35c

Standard Wall Charts.....25c

Working With Our Youth.....30c

New Manual of Auxiliary Methods 30c

All orders should NOW be sent to the following address:

WNAC Headquarters

Box 965

Nashville 2, Tennessee

Please do not send stamps, coins, or

COD orders. We prepay delivery

charges to you, so PLEASE send check

or money orders with ALL orders.

Mrs. J. E. Frazier

National Ex. Secy.-Treas.