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Lord, Bless Every One



I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "O Lord bless every one,
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."

And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long, I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye,

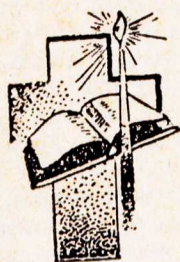
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on my road.
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again, when day was done
I prayed, "O Lord bless everyone."
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered clear;

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,
Who have you tried to bless this day?
God's blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below."

And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, Lord, for I have lied;
Let me live another day,
And I will live the way I pray."

—Annie Johnson Flint



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—Editor

'I'VE DONE REFUSIN'

"I've done refusin'." These were the words of an aged Christian who had been unexpectedly asked by his pastor to lead the special meeting for the evening. In commencing the service, he stated that he had not expected to take charge of the meeting, and so was unprepared to make remarks on the topic before them. "But," said he, "I have made up my mind that when I am asked to do any thing in Christian work by one whom I have confidence in, if he thinks that it is my duty, even if I do not feel that I am prepared, I will try to do it. I'm done refusin'." No better opening for the prayer meeting that night was needed. What better keynote could be found? What a difference would be seen at once in our social meetings and every branch of church work if only each professing Christian could say, "I'm done refusin'."

FELLOWSHIP AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Missouri

As one looks over the history of the church one stands amazed at its marvelous growth from a mere handful in a tiny subject nation to millions scattered over the whole globe. What is the explanation of its growth? What is the source of its power? Can its great outreach be accounted for except by its great upreach. Would there have been any Christian church if those first disciples had not had faith in Jesus as the Christ, and through love and loyalty followed him as their living Lord? Would it have survived the fierce opposition and persecution and grown as it has if they had not followed the guidance of God's Spirit, or if they had left to a few leaders all the outreaching? If our faith and interest are as great as that of those early Christians, do you think other folks can escape the contagion of our enthusiasm?

Upreach, then outreach—that is Jesus' plan for His church. And what finer statement of its outreach can be found than in the Great Commission. But to carry out Christ's marching orders required power. So for ten days after Jesus' ascension some 120 loyal followers met in a close and blessed fellowship, talking earnestly over their problems and praying together. And then the power of God's Spirit came as Jesus had promised. Do you not think we need to realize more fully the importance of cooperative prayer, its power to produce both spiritual and material results. The power of Pentecost first swept like fire through the hearts of those disciples before it reached out through Peter's preaching to win some 3,000 that one day to become Christ's disciples. These are the two great secrets of the church's growth—its upreach and outreach. What about our churches? Are they growing as they might? What about us individually—are we "on fire" with an irresistible enthusiasm?

The church makes possible through its co-operative fellowship the release of powers which isolated individuals could never achieve by themselves. It is a fallacy for people to think that they can be as good, effective, and efficient Christians outside the church as

in it. For one thing, the church furnishes the best soil for Christian growth. It creates an atmosphere in which the Christian virtues come most easily into expression. It furnishes us kindred interests. It shows us what the durable satisfactions of life really are, and how we may co-operate to achieve them. The church also furnishes opportunity for intensive cultivation of "the soul." Teaching is one of the great functions of the church. That was true in the first church in Jerusalem; it still is today. What the apostles taught became later the written Word. Those who would build the strongest, truest character cannot afford to neglect the Bible. But to get the most out of it we need to study it together and live it together. Prayer together mellows our hearts and fuses our powers. Worship together fires us and inspires us. The "breaking of bread" together binds us in a closer fellowship with one another and with Christ. Yes, we need the church, and the church needs us.

The wonderful fellowship of that first church in Jerusalem manifested itself in a generous spirit of sharing. Many of the early Christians were poor; yet these did not lack, for so great was the love and sympathy for one another that those who had property of value sold it, as need arose, to help their less fortunated brethren. One of the secrets of their sharing spirit was that no one looked upon what he had as his own. There was no compulsory sharing. Mary, the mother of Mark, it seems clear, for instance did not sell her house; but she opened it generously as a meeting place for the church (Acts 12:5-12).

Some of us may have very little money, but we have many other things we can share. Peter and John said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee." Are we eager to help one another today?

A church is not a mere social organization or ethical club. It is an organism, a living, growing thing rather than a mere organization. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul shows very clearly the difference between the church and mere human organizations

however fine and uplifting the purposes of these may be. To make his meaning clear he compares the church with the human body. The church has a vital, not a mechanical unity. Its members are to be bound together, not merely by externals; they are to be united spiritually in Christ. The Spirit of God is to work in and through them. They are to work together co-operatively as do the organs of the body for the good of the whole. How different these organs are, and yet they work harmoniously together! Not one of them can say to another in a superior manner, "I have no need of thee." Moreover, just as the various members of the body work together under the guidance of the brain, so the members of the church are to be united and to work together under the directions of Christ, the Head of the Church. The great function of the Church is to do the will of Christ. For this has many duties. Among these Paul mentions evangelization, teaching, preaching, building up Christain character, uniting its members with bonds of love, and safeguarding them against errors. With such a program how necessary is full co-operation among all Christians in the name of Jesus.

IF YOU SHOULD ASK ME WHY

Walter E. Isenhour

If you should ask me why I smile
When others fret and pine,
And why I'm peaceful all the while
And do not fume and whine,
I'd tell you that within my soul
There is a well of grace;
That God holds o'er my life control
And keeps me in my place.
If you should ask me why I pray
When some would curse and swear,
And why my soul keeps sweet each day,
Though burdens great I bear,
I'd tell you that our God above
Has taken out all sin,
And so there is abundant love
That never fails within.
If you should ask me why I give
My talent and my time
To help my fellowmen to live
And seek the things sublime,
I'd tell you that the God I serve,
Who's worthy of my all,
Holds wealth for me in safe reserve
I'll get when He shall call.

SOUND ADVICE TO A YOUNG PREACHER

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(Scripture from American Standard Version)

This sound advice is none of my own, but is that of one of the greatest preachers that ever lived, the Apostle Paul. It is to his young son in the ministry, Timothy. The full account, II Timothy, was probably written from Rome about 66 A. D. and contains the last recorded words of the Apostle. Paul was in Rome at that time. He had been deserted by many of his former associates, and was expecting very soon to be led out to execution. But he must leave this last bit of counsel. If it was good to encourage and instruct this young pastor in his ministerial work, it is good instruction to us in this modern day. It is vitally related to our own lives, coming as it does from the aged apostle who knew what it meant to be fully surrendered and to suffer for his Lord and Saviour.

Timothy had gone along very well so far. He had the unfeigned faith, which dwelt first in his grandmother, Lois, and then in his mother, Eunice. He had had the strong arm and experienced life of his father in the ministry to lean on in times of trouble and discouragement. The protection was comforting to him. Now fifteen years after the establishment of this union, Timothy is about to be left alone. It is probably the darkest hour of his life. His many duties as head of the great Ephesian pastorate, with its many outposts, seem to press him down. Heresies and spiritual declension were on every hand. In this dark hour what could he do? That unfeigned faith must be exercised now. It wasn't easy to do. How could this timid, self-pitying, fearful preacher rise to meet the challenge in the face of such circumstances. "Through Christ," we would say. Yes, but that is so general. How? Paul knew the answers.

Chapter I, Verse 6, "For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee ..." Some believe that Timothy had an unusual gift of some kind, to which he refers. Other believe that it was simply the gift that is given to all Christians—faith and ability to witness in some way. At any rate the

application is easily made. The figure is used here of a fire that is beginning to die down. The fire must frequently be stirred up and fresh fuel added or it will go out. I remember that when I was a boy at home we burned wood in our heating stove. On cold days we constantly had to stir up the fire, turn over the stick of wood, and add new. The fire then would burn brightly for a while. Before long the process had to be repeated. So it is with the gift of God in His people. Stir up the gift that is in you by its usage and it will increase. Let it alone and it will go out and your gift will have been given to you in vain. Use the faith that you have and God will increase your faith. He will not give you more faith until you use what you have. "To him that hath shall be given ..." that is if he faithfully uses that which he has. Isn't it true that many of us need to stir into the flame the gift that is in us, and to return to the zeal and passion of our first love? It isn't that we are doing "big things" against the will of God, but that we aren't doing those little things in life that make a fully surrendered and victorious child of God.

Chapter I, Verse 8, "Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner ..." Timothy was a timid preacher. Paul, therefore, continues to say to him, "Don't be ashamed." Don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord—that is, the gospel in general. In the sight of the world there once appeared to be a reason why a man should be ashamed of this—be ashamed of Him who was crucified as a malefactor. But when the gospel became the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, it was a subject in which to exalt. How often are we ashamed of the testimony, of our Saviour and the gospel! At church or among Christians it is easy to give a testimony for Christ. But among the unsaved often it is different. We are afraid or ashamed. We ought not to be because we ourselves are the living proof of the power of the gospel. The great hinderance of usefulness in the increase of our gifts is this slavish fear. Therefore

the apostle warns the young preacher against this very thing. Stirring up the gift in you will help to overcome it.

Chapter II, Verse 1, "Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Some one has said that no one is saved by struggling, nor is anyone saved without a struggle. If then you are going to struggle (against the Devil, of course) you must be strengthened. The strengthening must be in Christ, too. Peter was strong in his own grace. You remember what happened to him. Be strengthened by stirring up the gift and by being not ashamed. This is what he is saying: "Timothy, we've been together these fifteen years and have been a strength to each other. Now you are alone. Rely the more on Christ. But don't neglect to be strengthened also by committing to faithful men these things that you have heard from me that they might be able to stand and that you might become a strength to them." Be strengthened through fellowship, through prayer, through witnessing, and through the study of the Word of God.

Chapter II, Verses 3 and 4, "Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier." The soldier who faithfully preaches the true gospel of Christ will be exposed to hardships and difficulties. If he is to please the one who enrolled him as a soldier, he must not become entangled with things that are useless. He must "burn the bridges" behind him lest he should be tempted to recross to the place from whence he came. We, as soldiers, need the courage to face the future, knowing that we shall be victorious and knowing that all things work together for good to them that love God and are the called according to His purpose. When Cortez landed in Mexico in the days of early conquest of this continent, with a handful of soldiers, he faced three million hostile Indians. He had to conquer or be conquered. You remember also that after the Lord's death Peter said, "I go a fishing." He had saved back his nets, just in case. So that he needed to do was to unpack them and go back to his old trade. He should have destroyed them. Young soldier of the Cross, if you would preach the gospel thoroughly, and

give full proof of your ministry, you must have no other work. You won't need to have anything to fall back on nor to become entangled in the affairs of this life.

Chapter II, Verse 15, "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the Word of truth." This verse has been interpreted to mean several different things. I think the apostle had no reference of how to correctly interpret Scripture; nor was he referring to the care taken to divide the sacrifice under the Law. This is what he is saying: "Young preacher, endeavor not to cultivate and improve your heart and mind that thou mayest not be a reproach to Him from whom you profess to receive your commission. Continue in the true doctrine and teach every person, finding out the necessities of your hearers and preach so as to meet those necessities. Only by being strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus can you do this." Study? yes; work? yes; pray? yes; witness? yes; fellowship with God and with Christians? yes; but let all these work together that you might be approved by God and not be ashamed:

Chapter II, Verse 22, "But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with all them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." This verse is plain enough. If you want to be a success in God's business, flee not only all irregular and sensual desires, but flee also from pride, ambition, and the lust of power for which most men will sacrifice all that they have. These are the most bewitching passions in the human heart. They prove a ruin in everything. These are the special temptations of older youth. It is not how close you can come to sin and not sin but how far away you can stay. So run from youthful lusts which seek to pull you down.

Chapter IV, Verses 1 and 2, "I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." This final charge is before God and Christ Jesus to proclaim the doctrine (1) that Christ was crucified for the sins of the whole world; (2) that Gentiles are invited

to be fellow-heirs with Jews; (3) that for Jews and Gentiles alike there is no salvation but by faith in Christ; and (4) that "whosoever will" may partake freely. This doctrine is committed to the ministers' trust. It is too great a trust to be betrayed. This is what he is saying: "Timothy, whenever and wherever you meet a sinner speak to him the word of reconciliation. Do not be contented with stated times and accustomed places merely; all times and places are proper for His work. When and where it can be done, then and there it should be done. Satan will omit neither time nor place where he can destroy. Be ye as faithful in the work of the Lord. Neglect no part of thy sacred function and profession. For I am now being poured out as a drink offering and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. So Timothy, you are to carry on. But you must remember all these things if you are to be God's successful servant. I'm counting on you to do it."

There is nothing so near to the heart of this aged apostle, who knew that he was about to depart from this world, as that the faith which he himself had received and preached should be kept pure. So he is committing it to Timothy, who was to commit it to others and to us. Let us faithfully keep it.

A FRIENDLY REPLY TO "NO HYPOCRITES IN CHURCH"

In the March issue of the Gem, page four, appeared an article entitled "No Hypocrites in the Church." I fully agree with the author. She is right.

In John 18:36, Christ says, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom was of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: by now is my kingdom not from hence." The true Church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual Church. We become members by becoming new creatures, for in II Cor. 5:17 we read, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Only new creatures in Christ are in His Church.

In John 3:3 Christ says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." We become new

creatures in Christ by the spiritual birth.

In I Pet. 2:5 we read, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." All true Christians are as lively stones in this spiritual house or church. We speak of hypocrites in the church but we are wrong. There are no hypocrites in the church, not one! True there are hypocrites in all denominations.

In Heb. 3:6 Paul says, "But Christ, as a Son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." We are no part of Christ's house or church, except we are born again, and that of the Holy Spirit. In Rom. 8:9 we read, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." No one can have the Spirit of Christ except by regeneration, or the Spiritual birth. They are then in the spiritual church. There are many baptized church members whose names are not written in Lamb's Book of Life.

Sinners look upon people in whom they have no confidence and say, "I am as good as they are," and no doubt they are. But neither one is going to heaven. In the judgement, hypocrites will not stand in the sinners' stead. In Romans 14:10-12 we read, "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." No one will escape the judgement. Sinners and hypocrites are in the same boat headed for eternity without God or a hope in His Son. In Job 8:13 we read (Bildad's language), "So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish." (Hope: N-Desire of good joined with expectation. Perish: VI-to decay; to die; go to ruin.) This the fate of the hypocrite. He may desire good, but his hope for good dies with him. People who boast of being as good as so and so, are sending their own souls to a lost eternity.

Sinner friends, repent, seek God,

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THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

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II TIM. 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

All Christians are soldiers of Jesus Christ. His warriors must prove themselves to be good soldiers, to be faithful to their captain and resolute in his cause. Rom. 8:37, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." As Christian soldiers we must endure hardness; we must expect it and count upon it in this world. A Christian must patiently bear hardness when it comes, and not be moved by it from our stand.

In Eph. 6:10-18, we find a general exhortation to constancy in our Christian course and to courage in our Christian warfare. Is not our life a warfare? It is, we struggle with the common calamities of human life. We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are governed. A soldier must be stout-hearted and well armed.

The warrior's power is found in the might of his captain, the Lord. Eph. 6:10, "My brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Spiritual strength and courage are very necessary for our spiritual warfare. Our natural strength is pure weakness, but in God's strength we can go forth. For one to be stout-hearted, he must "Be strong in the Lord."

Not only does he need to be stout-hearted, but he needs to be well armed. Eph. 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Paul considers every Christian as having a warfare to maintain against numerous, powerful and subtle foes; therefore they would need much strength, much courage, complete armour and skill to use it. This armour is prepared for us, but we must put it on. A well prepared warrior has on the whole armour of God, that he may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. The devil has different means, plans, schemes, and mechanations which he uses to deceive, entrap, enslave, and ruin the souls of men.

One must have on the *whole* armour, or the devil will use his attacks on the spot or spots not well armed. We see a picture of two soldiers; one is



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fully armed and the other fails to have the full breastplate on. The devil is unable to hurt the warrior which is fully armed, but he has found the weak spot in the armour of the soldier which is partly armed. The devil uses all his methods, forces, schemes and plans as he shoots the arrows of poison at this one spot which is uncovered. He gains the victory and the unarmed warrior suffers defeat because he fails to have on the whole armour. A Christian soldier has to be armed with the complete armour to stand against the wiles of the devils.

Eph. 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Our wrestling or contention is not with men like ourselves, but "against principalities" or chief rulers in first rank and order in their own kingdom. The authorities and rulers of the world are oft times against the warfare of Spirit-filled believers. Eph. 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." That ye may not only stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, but also disomfit all your spiritual foes; and continuing in your ranks, you may maintain your ground against

them, never putting off your armour, but standing always prepared to repel any new attack.

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the "truth of God." Truth may be taken here for sincerity which is our girdle. God desires truth in the inward parts. This is the strength of the loins; and it girds on all other pieces of our armour. Truth is the Christian soldier belt; therefore, it is necessary to use the basic principle, (loins girted with truth). No one can be a successful soldier unarmed with the truth or sincerity.

Another important part of the warrior's armour is the breastplate of righteousness. The word righteousness signifies the principle of righteousness; it signifies the living of a holy life; also God's method of justifying sinners. The breastplate secures the vitals and shelters the heart and lungs, so this righteousness defends everything on which the man's spiritual existence depends. The righteousness of Christ implanted in us is our breastplate to fortify the heart against the attacks which Satan makes against us. I Thes. 5:8, "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love." All Christian graces are included in faith and love. A Spirit-filled believer must have on the breastplate of righteousness to withstand the attacks of the devil.

It is essential for every Christian soldier to have his "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Shoes or greaves of brass are used to defend the feet against sharp sticks, thorns, and stones which were laid in the way, to obstruct the marching. Having the feet protected prevents the foot from being wounded by rugged ways. If one's feet are materially wounded, a man can neither stand nor resist his foe. The apostle has "obedience to the Gospel" in view. Also a readiness to publish the Gospel. Rom. 10:15, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" The "preparation of the gospel of peace" is a preparation and resolved frame of heart, ready to adhere to the gospel and abide by it. Through the "gospel of peace" one will not be easily provoked, not prone to quarrel; but will show all gentleness and long suffering to all men. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good

soldier of Jesus Christ."

In the warfare of Christian believers "Above all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil," Eph. 6:16. Faith is the grace by which all others are preserved and rendered active, so it is properly represented here under the term of a shield, by which the whole body is covered and protected. The breastplate secures the vitals; but with the shield we turn every way. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." John 5:4. We have need of faith in our Christian warfare, because we have spiritual enemies to fight with. It is faith which can quench any dart of the devil. The devil's temptations are darts because of their swift and undiscerned flight, and the deep wounds they give to the soul. Therefore, to avoid the darts of the evil one, we must be armed with the shield of faith.

Not only the loined girted with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet shod and the shield of faith; but the helmet of salvation is a necessity for a well armed soldier. This helmet of salvation is hope. I Thes. 5:8, "And for an helmet, the hope of salvation." The helmet secures the head; therefore, a good hope of salvation will purify and keep the soul from being defiled by Satan.

Eph 6:17, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." The sword is a very necessary and useful part of a soldier's equipment. This is his main instrument to fight with. So in our Christian warfare, we need the sword of the Spirit to fight against Satan and all his forces. Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." The "Word of God" is the revelation which God has given of himself, or what we call the Holy Scriptures. This is called the sword of the Spirit, because it comes from the Holy Spirit, and receives its fulfillment in the soul through the operation of the Holy Spirit. The shield, faith, and the sword are the principal armour of the soul. If the Christian soldier is well armed, he will march forward unto victory through Christ Jesus. Remember that among the different parts of the armour, there is none for the back; if we turn our back upon the enemy, we lie exposed. To be a noble soldier, we

must face the enemy and fight until he is defeated. The Lord is depending on us. May he depend on you?

The warrior's resource is found in prayer. Eph. 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Spiritual warriors must depend on the Captain of their salvation, and pray with all prayer. One should always be in the spirit of prayer, so that they should be ever ready for public or private prayer, always depending on *Him* who can alone save and who alone can destroy.

"Stonewall Jackson," says E. M. Bounds in "Purpose in Prayer," "was a man of prayer. Said he, 'I have so fixed the habit of prayer in my mind that I never raise a glass of water to my lips without asking God's blessing, never seal a letter without putting a word of prayer under the seal, never take a letter from the post without a brief sending of my thoughts heavenward, never change my classes in the lecture-room without a minutes' petition for the cadets who go out and for those who come in.'" Oh! that Christian people might see the need of prayer and supplication in the Spirit. The warrior's resource is found in prayer, so let's pray!

If a Spirit-filled believer is fully armed with the whole armour of God, he can "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." We have enemies to fight against, a captain to fight for, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of war by which we are governed. Let's march forward!

MODERATOR NOTES NEEDS FOR ENTERTAINMENT AFTER VISIT WITH HOST CHURCH

On Friday, May 19, we stopped for a visit with the folks of the Mt. Grove church and for a service with them. That night we visited in the homes of Rev. Homer Smith and Rev. George Scott and enjoyed a splendid service at the church with Bro. Scott and his people. We spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vandervort. On Saturday morning we spent some time with Bro. Scott at the church consulting with him on plans for entertaining the State Association. While we were at the church discussing these plans, Rev. Roy Jones, pastor

of the Sunny View church where the Association was held last year, drove in with the dishes, cups, etc., that belong to the State Association which shows God is moving in the hearts of his people to make preparation in the material for the entertainment of the coming session.

I would like to take this means to remind each church and its pastor of our obligation in helping finance the entertainment. For several years now the cost of entertaining the Association has exceeded \$800.00, which might look like a large sum to raise. However, if each church will send in a liberal offering, and I have confidence in our people and believe they will, if we pastors will present this matter to them in a way that they will know we are ourselves back of the work. I would also ask that you join with me in praying that God will give us the best Association yet at this session. Send your offering to Rev. Marie Hyatt marking it, "State Association Entertainment Fund." She will then send it to their Associational treasurer, Rev. H. B. Smith, Mt. Grove. Thanking you in advance.

Yours in Christ,

O. T. Allred

A Friendly Reply, (from page 5)

kneel at the mercy seat, which may be any where, pray through to salvation. In John 10:9 Christ says, "I am the door." In John 14:6 Christ says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." The only way to get in the church is by the way of Christ, the door; by being born again. In John 3:3 Christ says, "Except a man be born again, he can not see the Kingdom of God." In I Cor. 12:13 Paul says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." Also in Gal. 3:26 we read, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." All one in the spiritual family or church of God, with not one hypocrite; one fold, and one shepherd. John 10:16—the good shepherd, whose watchful, loving care is over all.

The Bible is like a mirror. It makes a man face himself.



From The Editor's Desk



SUNDAY BASEBALL

Dear Editor:

The whole question of professional baseball on Sunday may come up soon. Let's don't be asleep. Some church members like baseball and others do not, but one and all we should be against it on Sunday. If all church people would make their sentiments felt by hundreds of letters and telegrams to the baseball commissioner we might do something about it. At least we might do something about the Sunday night games. This is almost certain to come up. Minor leagues play on Sunday night but major leagues do not. A game was scheduled for July 16 in St. Louis but apparently has been called off because the baseball commissioner did not feel "it was in the best interest of baseball." He gave consideration to church people. The St. Louis team that scheduled the game said that they had not received one protest from church people. They felt that if it is not best for them, then it is not best for the minor leagues. So the proposition will probably be to either forbid all Sunday night games or let all play. What we say might have some effect. Let's write Commissioner A. B. Chandler, Cincinnati, Ohio, and protest playing both Sunday afternoon and Sunday night games in both major and minor leagues.

Sincerely,

George W. Waggoner

The foregoing article was directed to your Editor with encouragement to produce an editorial on this situation. Since it is excellently presented we give it to you and merely endorse it. Also, may we encourage you to do more than just a meager "Amen."

Though never a proficient athlete your editor has long enjoyed baseball as a means of relaxation and for the skill displayed. During the past number of years our several duties have prevented us from attending any week-day games. As a result we have just not seen any contest though there have been countless times we might have attended Sunday schedules. This we have always been against. We feel it would only be a compromise and would

deliver another healthy passtime into Satan's hands to be used toward the downfall of God's children.

We fear there has been much compromise through rank and file from minister to all people everywhere. Crafty business men have been quick to use the situation to fatten their purse. The players have yielded in order to continue their chosen profession. Since heroes of the sport are constantly before the attention of fans everywhere the natural tendency is to soon forget that there is any serious wrong in Sunday ball. Thus, by our silence, baseball is fast falling into Satan's instrument bag along with swimming (especially mixed), movies, scanty clad basketball, and other such things appealing only to the "un-renewed mind" and the soul not yet "born again."

All this results in your boy or girl attending ball games, not Sunday School. Many can tell you the home run king, the highest batting average, or a pitcher's won-lost record long before he can say John 3:16. It is a unanimous disgrace to church people everywhere, Free Will Baptist NOT excepted. Read the above letter again. Then write your own letter at once. Whether you enjoy baseball or not you can certainly voice your objection to Sunday games. Why not also discourage broadcasting rights being given to beer and liquor interests? You can do both in the same letter. For only three cents you can vote for God and against Satan in this issue. Don't you think its worth that much? Write right now.

—Editor

"REVIEW" - "ADVOCATOR" NOW OUT OF PUBLICATION

The month has seen two publications for Free Will Baptists go to press for the last time. Both were very fine in their respective fields and will be greatly missed.

The Missionary Review, published by the National Missions Board and edited by Rev. Winford Davis, has just made its last distribution. The Board voted in a recent session to further economize in every way to save every

penny possible for actual expense on foreign soil. They have labored hard to meet all needs and the move seemed advisable. However, this had become a popular quarterly magazine carrying a great deal of mission news and familiarizing our people everywhere with the work and the needs on the field. It cost relatively little, did a good work, and was a help to all. It is indeed a loss to cease the publication though so dictated for absolute economy.

Our brethern of Kentucky have had their official paper under the masthead of "Free Will Baptist Advocate" for some time. It has proved very interesting and was well edited. We are sure our friends of Kentucky will feel keenly the loss of this publication now out of print because of lack of funds.

There are a number of other publications in several states among our Free Will Baptists. Some of these have only small circulations and many obstacles similar to those of the Review and Advocate.

All these things reveal that our people want and need a strong circulation among Free Will Baptist everywhere. We think it may eventually culminate in a National publishing company serving every department among all the people of all the states, backed by and presented by qualified workers over the different areas.

CATALOGS NOW READY

We have received an advance copy of our catalog with an early delivery expected on the rest of them. By the time this reaches you we will be sending out these books. The catalog is a beautiful volume of 64 pages full of as wide a variety of Christian supplies as you will find anywhere. In your own home you can now select your needs in Bibles, scripture text cards of all kinds, New Testaments, novelties, plaques, Moody Colportage library, recorded songs, stationery, children's books, Scripture helps of all kinds, and hundreds of other items. Request your catalog now—free!.

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WE ASK YOUR HELP NOW

The question for many of God's publications today is a very serious one indeed. In other words "how to exist." This has been reflected in our own denomination and revealed in another article in this issue concerning the "Review" and the "Advocator."

Practically everyone today has some working knowledge of religious printing needs and problems. All will agree we must keep the printed page to declare God everywhere and to report the work of His people. Yet financial throes are seriously impeding progress of such publications. Therefore, most of them are forced to operate under one or more of the following plans.

1—A high percentage of paid advertising. 2—Publish only irregularly as funds permit. 3—Gifts, endowments and underwriting. 4—Large radio advertising and solicitation.

None of these plans have been used in behalf of the Gem prior to this year. The one privilege now true has not been used as a direct result of the current year's operation. We hope we shall not have to do so. With your full support we will not.

Beside the above disadvantage you will be interested in a different article herein setting forth a falling sub list. This, too, adds to the problems of a close budget and needs your help.

Last July and August brought a six-week slump at the office that left us momentarily crippled. All personnel have labored hard since that date to overcome this. They have contributed many extra hours and some in cash. We have held our own. Now we are entering the same crucial weeks again with no reserve. A similar experience would be serious indeed. We need help and need it now.

We are sure there must be at least 100 servants of God over the field who will give at least \$10.00 each to furnish us this working margin. Still others can help with the next largest gifts possible. We promise that we will not waste one cent but apply it to the good of the Gem and God's work. We are believing God for upwards of \$1,500 to \$2,000 to lift the load here. Remember, we have no radio audience, no gift fund, no endowment, virtually no paid advertising, and have managed to publish on schedule. Now you must contribute—either materially to our strength or

by your non-support to our weakness. Which will your contribution be? May God bless you and your gift as you give as liberally as you can.

BEST YOUTH ENCAMPMENT AFTER LEAGUE—S. S. MEET

On June 20 your Editor and Mrs. Jeffreys enjoyed the day at the State League and Sunday School Conventions held at the State Camp Grounds. Both sessions showed much growth and progress. A fine spirit of Christian fellowship was evident throughout the sessions and the business was transacted in a manner befitting such congregations. It was a pleasing day indeed. The sessions ended in a joint evangelistic service at the evening worship hour. This was followed by the opening of the Youth Camp session the next day. As we go to press we have been furnished the following information concerning the encampment.

Sixty-seven students enrolled for the course. Forty-four became eligible for certificates. A definite standard of achievement was required and examinations were given on all work. There were eight conversions at the session and one in D. V. B. S. Faculty members included: Rev. LaVerne Miley, Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Wm. Reeves, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Eunice Edwards, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Miss Lucy Wisheart and Miss Wanda Edwards. The D. V. B. S. was directed by Miss Betty Cooper and Mrs. Ella Dotson. Rev. Sterling Tucker, a young man from the First Church of Flat River, was the evangelist and delivered some stirring messages from God's Word.

The spirit of fellowship and cooperation among the students was classed as wonderful. The session has been called "the best yet." The Missouri Youth Camp sessions are growing.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FALL OFF

For more than a year the trend has been toward a gradual loss in subscription at the Gem office. Taking it by the month it has not been too drastic a loss, though we highly regard each friend and subscriber. One or two months have about been even with as many or more new and renewal

subscriptions as these dropped. A few months show only a negligible loss. But over the longer period we feel we have reason to be moderately alarmed.

While Rev. Davis was yet Editor, he worked hard trying to remind friends of this work to renew on time and to contact new ones. We have attempted to do the same. Yet our files show a decline. Perhaps many facts contribute to this loss. You will be doing us a great favor to call our attention to any fault on our part and offer a remedy or solution. We are anxious for God's work to succeed at the Gem office.

In many regions we now have pastors and workers willing enough to help but who are not aware of these not on our list or who have allowed their sub to lapse.

Many, in fact nearly all, who fail to subscribe or renew fully intend to subscribe but merely forget or neglect it.

For these two reasons ONLY we publish the following lists and trust it will help workers and subscribers that our list may soon rally strongly. YOUR individual support is urgently needed.

New or Renewals This Month

ALABAMA: Rev. I. K. Boyett, Hamilton; C. L. Blankenship and Geo. T. Jones, Chelsea; Roy Harper, Boothton; Rev. M. D. Harper, Marvell; J. W. Isabell, Huey Town; Rev. J. T. Quick, Eden; Birel Shirley, Acmar; J. Alton Hodges, Bessemer.

CALIFORNIA: Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Los Angeles.

ILLINOIS: Mrs. Geo. Guiley, Schellert.

KENTUCKY: Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith, Ashland.

MISSOURI: Rev. Ezra Butts, Huggins; C. A. Crooks, Worthington; Rev. Frank Linton, Branch; James Odom, Elk Creek; Samantha Fowler, Green City; Wm. Pirtle, Farmington; Ethel Thompson, Greentop; Allison Newton, Hartville; Timothy Ewing, Mattie Filkins, Oscar Peterson, Cyrus Sevits and Janetta Vanlandingham, Kirksville; Mrs. G. E. Wade, Liberal; Rev. Noel Greenway, Monett; J. R. Deckard, Mrs. Coy Rader and Freda Sell, Nian-gua; O. A. Gates, Novinger.

NORTH CAROLINA: Robie Strickland, Goldsboro; Ida E. Valentine,

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NEWSY BRIFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SOLICITS AID

Following is part of a recent correspondence from Rev. Nall of Benjamin, Texas. If you can support this good work you are asked to direct your offering to Bro. Nall.

Benjamin, Texas
June 12, 1950

Dear Editor:

We are a struggling to build a new church building at Memphis, Texas. We need help from all our people. We are a small band of Christians working together to serve the Lord. Our present building is svery small and old so we must do something about it. We are asking Free Will Baptists or any one who can and will to send us an offering to help us build this new building. Send all offerings to:

Rufus Nall, Pastor
Benjamin, Texas

RAISE THE MERCURY ON YOUR MISSIONARI CHART

You will please raise the mercury on your missionary charts according to the following figures. These figures given as of June 1, 1950.

North Carolina	\$10,873.30
Missouri	5,705.92
Michigan	4,095.08
Tennessee	3,749.97
Oklahoma	3,739.72
South Carolina	1,827.81
Georgia	1,430.61
Virginia	1,078.20
Illinois	992.86
Texas	857.54
Alabama	799.26
Ohio	725.75
West Virginia	587.41
Arkansas	437.00
Kentucky	291.70
Florida	273.14
Mississippi	164.06
New Mexico	70.00
California	58.85

Many thanks for your cooperation with these charts

Winford Davis,
Promotional Secy.-Treas.
Monett, Missouri

THE APPLICATION OF MISS WILSON APPROVED

The application of Miss Volen Wilson of Marion, N. C. has been approved by the board and Miss Wilson is now making preparation to get out to the field. It is not yet certain which field she will go to; but very likely it will be India. We understand the F. W. B. Church of Marion, N. C. has guaranteed her support, and she is now doing itinerate work to raise the funds to cover her expense of getting to the field. Miss Wilson is a very fine lady and stands very highly among her friends and those who know her. She is well educated, very deep in the Lord and seems to be well qualified for the mission field.

Following is her brief testimony:

June 5, 1950

Dear Mr Davis,

For many years I have been looking forward to the day when I could go to the Mission field. Now it looks as if in the very near future I shall have that wonderful opportunity for which I praise Him. My chief aim and desire is to know and make Him known. As I make further perparations to go my heart is filled with the consciousness that "When He putteth forth His own Sheep, He goeth before ...," John 10:4a.

Prayerfully,

Volen Wilson

--From the Review

CUBAN WORK NOW ON HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL FILM

Mission Visualized Inc. of Portland Oregon, which organization is an arm on the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association to which our board belongs, has during the past winter photographed our entire work in Cuba. Our board has things in motion for the approval and acceptance of the film, which film is to be paid for by setting aside a percentage of all offerings received as a result of the films showing out over the field. This is a very fair plan, and will enable us to own the film and at the same time our people will

be deriving the good from its showing. It is reported to be a very splendid piece of work. We should be righteously proud to know that the men who did this work for us in Cuba made the statement that of all the work they visited over South America and the West Indies they found our Free Will Baptist work in Cuba to be at the top of the list. We say thank the Lord.

Rev. Riggs, the Chairman of our Board, was appointed to complete negotiations with the organization for the reception of the film, and in a recent communication from Rev. Riggs he says, and we quote: "I have an appointment with Missions Visualized Inc. on July 10 for completion of the film. It is necessary to go to their sound studios in California for this job, thus I plan to take care of it enroute to the National Association."

This film can be reproduced for the cost of \$130.00. It is hoped that every state in the National Association will avail themselves of one of these films and see that it is shown over the state.

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH HAS 2-WEEKS BIBLE STUDY

We have just closed a very successful Bible study, where both saint and sinner was stirred. Eighty two enrolled in our study. Every night, even though it was a very busy time for farmers, we had extra good attendance. In our two weeks of study souls were blessed and moved by the Spirit of the Lord. I believe it surely is a time when God's Word really needs to be studied and taught, as Satan has so many snares set to entrap all of God's children. His Word says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Rev. Callie Achord

FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE

Price Post Paid.....30cents each



REV. BEN HENDERSON

Benjamin Franklin Henderson, son of Andy and Nancy Henderson, was born August 7, 1874 on the same farm on which he died June 20, 1950 at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 13 days.

He was married in 1896 to Lau Emmer Smith who died in 1900. In 1902 he was married to Gertie Inmon. To this union was born eight children. One child Chelsie preceded him in death. Surviving are the wife, five sons, Erskil, Chester, and Ralph of Monett, Oren of Kansas City, and Alva of San Bernardino, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Orville Robinson of Exeter, Mrs. Ross McNeil of Kansas City; two sisters, Mrs. Riley Thomas of Purdy and Mrs. Janie Cramer of Monett, twenty-three grand children, and one great grand child; several nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was converted early in life and united with the Bethel Church, later moving his membership to the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member until his passing.

Some years ago he answered the call to the ministry, and was very active in this work until his health began to fail about two years ago. He was instrumental in leading many souls to Christ. He was a loving and devoted father and companion, and will be greatly missed in the home and community.

The funeral service was conducted in the Macedonia Church by Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. Columbus Marbut in the presence of an unusually large audience. Interment in the Bethel cemetery.

To look around is to be distressed. To look within is to be depressed. To look up is to be blessed.

—Raymond Becker

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH ENJOYS BIBLE SCHOOL

Springfield, Mo.
June 28, 1950

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It is with thanks to God that I report the wonderful way He blessed our Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo. during the Vacation Bible School held June 5 to 14.

We are happy that our average attendance for the eight days was 106. We had 145 pupils enrolled and 42 attended every day with 18 teachers and helpers present. Our Junior class had the largest enrollment of 63 pupils, 18 were perfect attenders. The Intermediate class had 25 enrolled and 10 with perfect attendance. The Primary class had 57 enrolled and 14 with perfect attendance.

We thank the Lord for all His blessings to our church and the way the other churches helped in our Bible school by sending their children. We had 14 churches represented and several children came that didn't attend church anywhere. We are praying for the Lord to touch the hearts of their parents so these dear little children will soon have Christian homes.

We are planning for a revival meeting soon. We ask the prayers of everyone that our church might continue to grow in the service of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Sis. Mildred Kensinger

C. W. MISSOURI LEAGUE MEETS AT HICKORY GROVE; NEXT SESSION AT WAGONER

The regular Fifth Sunday League Rally of Central Western Missouri met with Hickory Grove Church on April 30. Rev. Marie Hyatt was host pastor.

The program started with Sunday School at the regular hour. Following the lesson Rev. Lowell Martin led in a devotional and praise service. Rev. Roena Thomas delivered the morning message from Judges 7:21 and Eph. 2:10 speaking on "God's plan for every life."

The afternoon session called to order by the President, Rev. Lowell Martin. Congregational singing lead by Kenneth Mason of Kansas City Church. Psalm 19 read by Rev. R. L.

Nutting. Prayer by Lorene Bowman. A number of solo and quartet numbers were enjoyed. The host League presented a play.

Churches represented included Kansas City, Verdella, Hannon, Wagoner, Mt. Olive, Carterville and Hickory Grove.

The group voted to meet at Wagoner Church near Stockton, Mo., on July 30. The morning speaker to be arranged for by that church with Rev. Alice Bickley selected as an alternate. The offering was \$30.70. Motion carried that morning speaker receive one half of offering each time and other half to be directed out as needed. This portion was directed to the Youth Camp Cabin fund. Motion carried for Executive Board to purchase beds or bunks for the cabin.

Rev. Marie Hyatt gave an interesting talk concerning the Woman's Auxiliary Conference to meet at the Youth Camp.

Dismissed to meet with the Wagoner Church July 30. This church was recently reorganized and has shown considerable growth. They are anxious for you to meet with them in this service and are planning an interesting and helpful program.

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Alcohol in beer, wine, whiskey is a narcotic, a poison, a habit-forming drug. That's why it is "no good for our children."

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THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

WOMEN'S EDITOR: MRS. EUNICE EDWARDS—DESLOGE, Mo.



1950 SESSION OF MISSOURI REPORT OF FELLOWSHIP STATE YOUTH ENCAMPMENT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Youth Encampment is now in progress, as I write this. Just a few words about it before we go to press.

There are 56 children registered; we are having some real, spiritual, profitable services. The Lord has graciously blessed and we have witnessed 7 decisions for Christ. Harvey E. Hill is acting as General Superintendent this year; Rolla Smith as Principle of Teaching, Sterling Tucker is the Evangelist for the evening services. Teachers for the various classes in John, Personal Soul-Winning, Music, Doctrine, Auxiliaries and Missions are: Rolla Smith, La Verne Miley, John Postlewaite, Lucy Wischart, Wanda Edwards, Mrs. Jewel Campbell, Mark Lewis and Eunice Edwards. W. M. Reeves is caretaker and Mrs. Freda Sells is cook.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is being conducted by Mrs. Ella Dotson and Miss Betty Cooper.

There is a very warm spirit of Christian fellowship being enjoyed and all in all it is a most profitable session.

JUNE 1949, JUNE 1950

Number of members.....	24
Number of new members.....	7
Average attendance.....	16
Number Stewardship study Classes conducted	9
Number of Mission Classes.....	9
Number Bible study Classes.....	12
Number Year Book Studies	12
Manual Studies	2
Number subscribers to Church paper.	15
Financial Report;	
Offerings	\$172.80
Paid Out;	
Miscellaneous	\$163.49
Missionary	100.78
Paid out for building fund	215.00
Special Offerings	90.80
Benevolences	50.00
Christian Education	7.00
Number of Tithers	20

Mrs. Minnie Burcham,
Secy-Treas.

The one hundred and tenth Psalm is very fitting when studying about young people. When we are thinking of how Jesus counts on His young People, we see He used this Psalm in His controversies with Jewish theologians and politicians on the last day of His public appearance (see Matt. 41:45; compare Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44). He did it to show how confused and mistaken they were in their ideas about Christ. Peter quoted it in his Pentecost sermon to explain that Jesus, now sitting at God's right hand, had sent the Holy Spirit for power in the Christian enterprise. Hebrews 1:13 uses it to show the superiority of the Son of God to all angles. It is used elsewhere in Hebrews.

The third verse emphasizes especially the reliance of the conquering King upon "His Youth." Here we compare Peter's quoting on Pentecost from Joel to the effect that, when the spirit is poured forth upon all flesh, "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." "Young men shall see visions" for inspiration, planning and leadership, while "old men shall dream dreams," to promote the age long work of God.

TOMORROW'S CHURCH DEPENDS UPON TODAY'S YOUTH

Mrs. Melvin Bingham, Second Vice President, National W.A.

Our Churches will grow as surely as they guide their young people into places of responsibility. Give your young people a chance to win.

In this world of uncertainties, it requires a lot a well planned activities to reach and hold Intermediates. Provide wholesome activities, and at the same time give emphasis to the spiritual side of life. In so doing we hold the Intermediates for the Lord. Spend much time in prayer for your Intermediates of your church. Adopt a theme to work too, for example, "It Can Be Done." Then go to work and reach Intermediate boys and girls for our Christ. Win them, train them and keep them.

Planning Your Program

Rearrange your program each time that you meet, planning them far in advance. Boys and girls crave a change and a pleasant surprise.

Organize a young peoples visitation program. Meet at the church and visit in the homes of shut-ins. Spend at least twenty minutes in each home. Sing gospel hymns and have a scripture reading, prayer and a brief testimony from each of your young people. The testimony of a young person can soften the hardest heart. After the visitation, return to the church and have a short period of fellowship and refreshments.

Study The Word

A Challenge To Leaders

Everywhere we see Nature bursting forth with new life. Flowers are blooming, trees are showing their beautiful green leaves. The same with our youth, there is new life. Shall we cultivate it or let it die? Arise—Awake—Free Will Baptist Youth Leaders! God is calling, not later but now. Do you hear Him in the whispering breezes? Bestire yourselves, you who work with our youth who themselves are throbbing and tingling with new life; let us make this the most glorious year we've ever experienced, with our youth for the name of Christ. By uniting our efforts and certain definite aims, striving together, we will be able to accomplish great things. It can be done.

Mission Minded Youth

We must teach our youth to be Mission minded if we expect a mission minded Church of Tomorrow. Youth

needs missions. Missions need youth. Let us give Missions to youth. Lives of pioneer missionaries as well as experiences of missionaries on mission fields today, should be used in teaching our youth. Provide Missionary periodicals and books for the young people to read. Ask yourselves these questions and answering them by training today's Intermediate for Tomorrow's Church.

"Youth awaits leadership." Who will provide that leadership?

"Youth dreams" Who will guide his dreams?

"Youth Dares." Who will lead to dare the right?

"Youth Does." Who will lead him to do right?

"Youth seeks a rich full life." Where will he find such a life?

"Youth must be devoted to something." Where will he find something worthy of his devotion?

UNION F. W. B. CHURCH W. A. OF THOMPSONVILLE, ILL.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Union F. W. B. Church met Wednesday, June 14, for their monthly meeting. The session was opened with the singing of the hymn "Bring Them In," after which prayer was offered by Sister Beatrice McClerren. The program was in charge of Eileen Ice. The topics on soul winning were given by Mae McClerren, Rose Dillon and Ethel McClerren. The hymn, "Rescue the Perishing" was sang, after which a good talk on the lesson was given by Reathel Jones. A study of the Manual was held under the direction of the 2nd vice president, Myrtle Jones. Prayer was offered by Sister Barbara Read preceding the business session. It was voted to take a special offering for our Missionaries. Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Sister Mae Jones.

Our auxiliary was re-organized last December with eight present. We now have a membership of 24, with an average attendance of 14. We thank God for our Auxiliary and our Church. We have as pastor, Rev. Bill Phemister, who is doing a wonderful work for God. Please pray for us that we may do greater things for the Lord.

Zola McClerren Pres.

Mae McClerren Sec-Treas.

MT. GROVE AUXILIARY ATTENDS CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church met for its regular monthly meeting on Friday night, June 2. Due to the absence of the President the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dennis, first vic-president. The Congregation sang "Bringing in the Sheaves." Mrs. Coffman read Daniel 12:3. Prayer by Sis. Verba Smith. Topics were given as follows: "Soul Winning Our Duty," by Mrs. Rhoda Smith. "Soul Winning a Privilege," by Mrs. Dennis. Solo, "The Ninety and Nine," by Mrs. Scott.

Auxiliary voted to pay expenses for a few of its members who could attend the Woman's Auxiliary Convention near Niagara on June 7. On that day Mr. Raley Hutsell took his car and took Mrs. Geo. Scott, Jr., Mrs. Charley Coffman, Mrs. Ray Dennis, Mrs. Bob Vandivort and Mrs. Geo. Carder to the convention. Highlights of the program were as follows: Lesson on Personal Soul Winning by Mrs. Lucille Beatty. Lesson on Auxiliary Work by Mrs. Frazier. Sermon by Marie Hyatt. Afternoon—Lesson on G. T. A. (Go Tell Auxiliary or Young People's Auxiliary).

The next meeting will be July 7 at which time topics will be given as follows: Newspapers, Periodicals and Church Papers," by Mrs. Ellington. "Rules for Advertising," Mrs. Chambers. "The Radio and Publicity," Mrs. Coffman. "O Zion Haste," by Murrel Hutsell.

The public is invited to attend all auxiliary meetings and help carry on this important part of the church work.

Mrs. George Carder

Subs Off, (from page 9)

Louisburg; Mrs. Clarence Vincent, Greenville.

OKLAHOMA: Rev. W. M. Easton, Cameron; Rev. Irvin Florence, Poteau; Rev. Melvin Bingham and Rev. John West, Tulsa.

WEST VIRGINIA: John Ferguson, Nolan.

Delinquent This Month

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ARKANSAS: Mrs. Mary Burgett, Mrs. Martha Davis.

CALIFORNIA: Rev. J. D. Atkinson.

ILLINOIS: Mrs. James Ballard, Arthur Norris.

KANSAS: Eldon Thomas.

MISSOURI: Mrs. Lee Asbridge, Rev. W. L. Atherton, Alma Baker, Mrs. J. W. Logan, Rev. Cecil Campbell, Emory Coble, Victor Ferguson, Mrs. James Griffin, C. C. Gulliams, Nettie Holland, Leonard Keys, Austin Robertson, W. C. Tucker, Mrs. Tom Quinn, Blanche Matthews, Lucy Murray, Rev. John W. Rogers, Glenn Briddle, B. H. Filkins, H. H. Filkins, John H. Filkins, Herman Miley, Wendell Sevits, Willie Wischert, Florence Filkins, Ava Abbott, Lester Barks, Mrs. Eva Cates, Howard Dobkins, Robie Dobkins, Virgil Griffin, Mrs. Ernest Henderson, Harvey Lester, Herschel Lester, Chas. Miller and Paul Stone.

NORTH CAROLINA: Rev. Thos. E. Beaman.

TENNESSEE: Rev. E. M. French.

TEXAS: Rev. John Newberry.

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ARKANSAS: J. M. Graham, Effie Hammonds, Earl Schuler, Dotty Chapman, Eld. J. E. White and Fred Archer.

CALIFORNIA: Ralph Gregory, T. R. Kampllain, Rev. E. N. Owens, and Rev. Lester Davis.

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ILLINOIS: Rev. George W. Wilson, Mrs. John Underwood, Rosie Conner.

KANSAS: Mrs. Margie Shipley and Glen McCarty.

KENTUCKY: Rev. J. E. Draughn, Mrs. Francis Needham.

MICHIGAN: Mrs. Luther Martin, and Rev. Everett Hellard.

MISSOURI: Mrs. Leon Mann, Jane Shaffer, Elwood Ragsdale, Leo F. Carter, Mrs. Ralph Redford, Mrs. Othel Horton, Darvis Horton, Mrs. Roy Wilfong, Mrs. Wayne Hughes, Charlie Carlisle, Mrs. Dick Harris, Norman Reed, Rev. Edgar Mercer, C. E. Huff, Albert Holmes, Ralph E. Cross, Paul Fast, Mrs. Leslie Henderson, Mrs. G. W. Clift and Rev. Luther Hampton.

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PLAN FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN INDIA

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Bihar, North India

Sonapurhat, Purnea
Bihar, N. India
May 22, 1950

Dear Friends:

As the time for our National Association draws nigh, our thoughts reach across the seas and our work there and here becomes one. The Lord has and is doing great things. We are now making plans to organize the first F. W. B. Church in India in recent years. For some weeks we have been visiting a village some five miles away and conducting services with some inquirers. They were all Hindus but for some time have been dissatisfied with Hinduism. We go or send someone twice a week and some of them come here from time to time. The number of those attending varies from 15 to 25. The leader of the group has heard about us from his brother who became acquainted with the Cronks in Kishanganj where he was working and came to me a few months ago wanting baptism. His knowledge of Christ was meager and he had never heard a Gospel Message or heard the Bible read much less read it himself. However, we soon found that he was an earnest seeker. His grasp of spiritual truths have been something that can only be explained as the working of The Holy Spirit. He is now teaching the people of his village the days we cannot meet with them. We feel that he and at least seven others should be baptized and organized into a church at once—which, God be willing, we shall do before we leave for Kotagiri. The others we trust will soon also have received the first baptism that of the Holy Spirit, and be ready for water Baptism before long. (No, I was not referring to "a definite second work" but to the work of the Holy Spirit in the life and heart of those that have been saved from their sins through the blood of Christ.) There are other groups who appear to be interested along with individuals here and there. Be much in prayer in regards to this matter.

The need for medical workers is second only to that of preaching the Gospel. Sister Barnard has been so kind as to allot us \$15 per month. From



Rev. Paul Woolsey

time to time we get small donations that we can use in this work. During the Month of April we attended to more than 800 patients. Those that could paid for their medicine, including those that made a free will offering to The Mission for this purpose gave Rs315 in cash and produce. This just about took care of what we paid for medicine. We secured the assistance of a young Christian "Doctor" (no formal medical training) part of the time and had some other expenses but we recieved Rs200 from our family and was able to pay some for the floor and furniture of our "new dispensary." The walls and roof will be the tent in which we are now living.

Our young orchard of 24 trees is growing. Every tree has put forth new leaves. During the month we will add about 24 more fruit trees of different kinds. We have had a few vegetables from our vegetable garden and have planted more and plan to plant even more ere long. We have been cleaning for our flower garden and hope to begin planting it by the end of the week (yes this is the hot season but God still over rules). Before we leave for Kotagiri the first of July we expect to be located in our new property. This property will soon be worth

from Rs30,000 to 50,000, about \$10,000. This will be Mission property although the Mission Board has not paid a cent either for the land or construction of the buildings or anything else. Of course they have given indirectly through the Indian budget which was sorely needed elsewhere. You may well ask how this has been accomplished. We do not know. It is the doing of our God. We have had the little mite. This we have given. We have had some rather nice gifts from relatives and friends. Miss Barnard has all but robbed our Indian treasury risking the entire work to help us to the limit of her ability. In the first place when the owner of the land found out our program he gave us the land for almost half price. We have had various kinds of assistance from different people. To God be all the glory. The Indian Director can not be praised too highly. The Cronks sent us their first convert to help us in our work here. They were indirectly responsible for the new group.

In addition the Mission owns a yoke of oxen, some lumber for Mission furniture (apart from our personal house furniture) and some other things. We will begin a small Indian house to be used as a girls school the first of next week.

We wish to thank you for your prayers and assistance. We will continue to remember you in our prayers. We hope that the National Association will be the best yet.

Yours for Christ,

The. Woolseys

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VICTORY AMIDST HARDSHIPS ON CUBAN MISSION FIELD

Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

In my regular round of visits over the field I touched at Martines de Remates where Pepe Romeu is doing an excellent work. The house was packed with interested people and fully forty people stood outside. There is a great amount of interest in the Gospel, but very limited space. We must have more ample quarters.

On my way back while on the train, I met one of the faithful members of Brother Hipolito Pina's congregation from Alta de Guane. I have always had a great desire to be a help and blessing to our dear friends and wished for a better or closer tie of fellowship. I have had for some time a deep sense of the leading of God to go as far as Dimas. How marvelously God does work. We can be and we need to be in all our plans directly led of the Spirit of God, then we make no mistakes.



The results were that an invitation came at once from Brother Pina to accompany him. On Saturday morning we left for Alta de Guane and went on that afternoon to Mantua and Dimas. We met a precious group of believers. The public school teacher, a very fine cultured man, invited me to have dinner with him. After dinner we had a wonderful service. I have never seen people so hungry for the Gospel.

Explaining the plan of salvation step by step, I gave the invitation to those who wished to accept Christ, repent and follow Him. One of the grown sons stepped out saying, "I want to be converted." His brother and another man came with him. What a time we had! Before the meeting was over there were eight surrendered their hearts to the Lord. This was one of the most unusual meetings.

There was an invasion of mosquitos. They were so thick that I could not preach and fight mosquitos at the same time. One dear brother thoughtfully

fought and killed the mosquitos on my face while I preached earnestly. While I slapped the devil, the brother slapped the mosquitos on my face.

After the service we returned to Alta de Guane over one of the worst roads I have ever seen in Cuba. We arrived at 2:00 a.m. That afternoon Rev. Robert Wilfong preached and then we returned to Montesuelo to visit with these families that we have known for several years now.

That night we had one of the greatest meetings since I have been in Cuba. A great and very fine crowd, mostly young people, were present. During the preaching of the Word there was wonderful attention and conviction. We were laboring under the same difficulty of an invasion of mosquitos. When I called for seekers it seemed like they fell upon their knees to pray. There were about twenty fine young men and women came forward. In the midst of the seeking the mosquitos suddenly left us. This meeting has lingered with me all this week and the faces of those dear ones have come back to my memory many times.

Brother Pina very clearly expressed his desire that we have a more close cooperation with the work. The work was founded by the old missionary, W. W. Jaffer, and knowing his background I can more fully sympathize with what has been an example of great faithfulness on the part of Brother Pina and his wife. These are people of prayer. They pray till corns are formed on their knees. I have a great hope for a people who pray much. Brother Pina and his people can count on our cooperation.

These fields represent a challenge. Our hearts go out to those yet unsaved. There is one predominant heart cry, "Lord, give us souls." We exist only for this.

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C. F. Bowen

The recent action of the Foreign Mission Board relative to all gifts sent to the mission treasury being placed in the general fund and not used for designated purposes, certainly meets the approval of many of us who have long since hoped for just such a settlement of this problem.

Too long we have handicapped the work of the Board by earmarking our money for certain projects and persons, which has resulted in some areas of our foreign mission work having to undergo hardships for lack of sufficient funds with which to operate. However, it should be quite clear to see that everyone cannot have a voice in the expenditure of mission money, else the whole program suffers.

As for me, I am quite sure the men on our Foreign Mission Board have done the best they can to meet all obligations—as far as our cooperation and support have allowed them. While they might well have done better in some respects, the chances are none of us could have made very much improvement. The least we can do is to give them every support in good faith.

On the other hand, if we feel that their methods have been poor and if we think others could do better, the proper procedure is to elect new members to the Board or get an entirely new one at the next session of the National Association in California. But as long as we retain these men in this position, it remains for us to stand by them and give regularly and consistently of our money to the foreign mission cause—and to give it to them to be used as they see fit. I am willing to risk the judgement of a group of men closer than I am to the heart of our mission work.

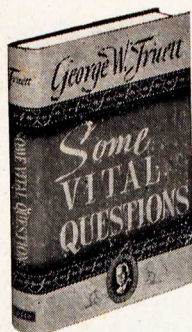
So, I am glad to see this step taken. It will not be approved by some. A few will find it hard to comply with the request of the Board, but I believe those who are most interested in the work and those who give most consistently to the cause will welcome this mature attitude and contribute more freely in the months to come.

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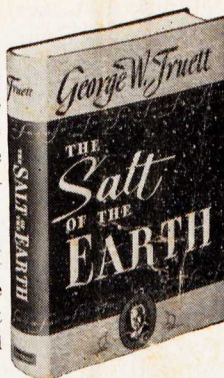


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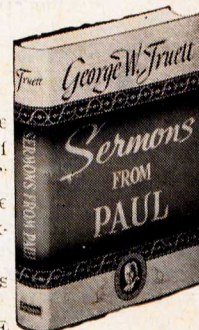
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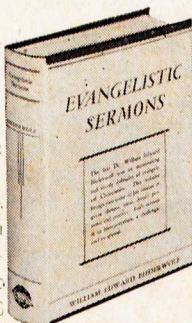
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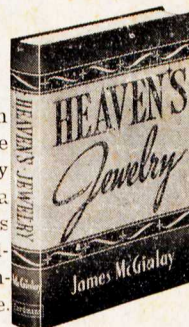
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