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AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER: AND
HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE
MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

—ISAIAH 9:6.



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We urge you to be very active in behalf of your Gem. Personal representatives mean very much. We appreciate your help.

—Ed.

UNDER ORDERS

Robert P. Wilder, founder of the Student Volunteer Movement, once said, "When I was working in India, I went one night to a hotel dining room. At the same table with me were a naval officer, an infantry major and his wife. When the conversation started, the naval officer said, 'Why don't these missionaries stay at home, and mind their own business? You can get all the converts you want at a rupee a head.' I replied, 'Suppose you were ordered to take your battleship to Constantinople tomorrow, and I was to ask you why you did not stay here and mind your own business; that there was no use in going to Constantinople.' The man's eyes flashed fire as he said, 'I would tell you to mind your own business. If we are ordered to go, we must go, even if every ship is sunk, and every sailor killed.' I said to him, 'Quite right, my friend; and I have marching orders from the divine government to go and preach the gospel to every creature, and the primary question is whether I am going to obey the last command of my Lord.'"—S. S. World.

Some go to Church to take a walk;
Some go to Church to laugh and talk;
Some go there to meet a friend;
Some go there their time to spend;
Some go there to meet a lover;
Some go there a fault to cover;
Some go there for speculation;
Some go there for observation;
Some go there to doze and nod;
The wise go there to worship God.

NATIVE CUBAN MISSIONARY GRATEFUL FOR U.S. FRIENDS AND F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE

Dear friends:

Just a few lines to say a few things that I have kept in my heart for some time. I have still alive in my mind the precious time I spent in the U. S. in the company and fellowship of many American brothers, especially with our own Free Will Baptists.

For two months, beginning on the 24th of June 1949, I traveled day after day with our leader and father of our Cuban mission, Reverend Thomas H. Willey. It was a long trip, through several states, in which we visited a large number of churches enjoying the best welcome in each one of them.

Words are weak to express the many impressions and experiences, especially in the spiritual field, that I received all along my trip.

Thousands of Christians in these churches approached me with the most Christian and friendly smile, so that they made me feel right at home even when we had some difference in the language and perhaps in the manners. How can I forget such a big experience?

After this two months came the sad moment in which Mr. Willey and I had to separate from each other, for me to go to Nashville and for him to come back to Cuba. On my arrival to the school in Nashville where I spent nine months studying, getting finally the two year diploma with the help of credit for some of the subjects I had studied in our Cuban Bible School. I had the best welcome by the teachers and other workers of that institution.

As the months went by my understanding and comprehension with that nice and lovely group of teachers and students grew up so much until I did not feel any longer that I was a foreigner or a stranger. I was one of the group as some of them told me. Those were nine months of joy, learning and growing in necessary experiences.

Another thing that moved my heart with gratitude was the spontaneous contributions of the pastors and church members of the surrounding churches, to help me through school all the time until I finished. As to the school in Nashville, I received such nice treatment from the faculty and students that I got to love it as much as I love ours in Cuba, so I have the

greatset and best desire for the growing of that institution.

I want to say thanks to the faculty and students of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and to all the pastors and church members that in some way contributed to my stay in the U. S.; with their offerings, kindness, care or any other help. I ask for your prayers for me and our work and promise to pray for you every day.

I married just a short time ago. Now my wife and I are living in the school and ready to start at any moment our task as teachers in the school.

Today is the 23rd of October and our school is still closed for the lack of money. Five or six days ago we received the check for the month of August, but we were so far behind that it was impossible to cover the debts. Now we are in expectation of some more money to cover the debts and have something to start with, but we believe it is already in the hands of the Lord and soon will get to us.

In spite of the economical crisis we can observe that the best willingness in every worker and students and the Lord is certainly blessing the fields. We are praying for the Lord to be glorified in everything.

We, the Cuban workers and Christians appreciate and are deeply grateful for the love with which the American Christians have helped us through in the knowing and caring on the Gospel of Christ. The same would say the Willeys and other American missionaries who are with us here and are such a blessing to us and to our country.

Mr. Willey is still in the States. Let us pray for him and although it is a little bit late for the school year to start let us pray and do our best that this may prove to be the best school year we ever had in the Lord's work.

Thanks again and may the Lord bless you in His service every day.

Benito Rodriguez

NEW CALIFORNIA CHURCH BUYS, IMPROVES BUILDING

We are happy to report we have a wonderful little church here in Exeter, California, not many in number—only 43 members, but we are on fire for God. We are all trying by the help of the Lord to keep on climbing higher and higher each day.

The church was organized a little over one year ago. At that time we were only renting the building and we all wanted so much to have a church home of our own. We just kept on praying that the Lord would make a way for us to have such a church home, and, thanks be to the Lord, He made that way for us. A good man of the Lord loaned us the money to buy this church and how happy we all were. I know the Lord will bless this good man. We made a small payment down on the church and are, by the help of the Lord, making payments monthly. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in making these payments. At each Sunday night service we take up a love offering for this, and not only just the members help, but also the outsiders that attend our services have helped each time. How thankful we are for these. Since we bought the church we have painted it on the outside, part on the inside, painted the floor and seats, and put down a nice rug. We are enjoying fixing up our little church and we thank our Dear Lord for all that has been done.

We have a Ladies Aid. We are quilting and sewing, making different things for our bazaar to be held soon. The women are doing everything we can to help pay for our church. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our work.

Our pastor, Rev. Chas. Findley, is just an old-fashioned preacher from the Ozarks in Missouri, but we all love him and his good wife, and enjoy that old-fashioned way.

Pride has ruined a lot of churches, and preachers too, in our land today.

We are asking all you readers of the Gem to pray for us that our little church will grow and grow and always be a bright shining light in our little town and to all the people everywhere.

We are so thankful for a Christian home and will again ask all of you to pray for us and we promise to pray for you. We'll be looking forward to getting the Gem. May the Lord bless us in our prayer.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ,

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell

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

—Raymond Becker

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
—Luke 2:14.

Before another press time rolls around we will have once again observed Christmas. Your editor is always glad for the return of this season. Gradually we seem to lose any passionate enthusiasm stemming from the customary exchange of gifts among friends and loved ones. When carried on in a practical way it lends a certain pleasure perhaps not otherwise realized. But our real joy is the universal emphasis placed on the real Christmas story and a review of the greatest gift ever offered man—Christ Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Our scripture quotation is contained in the context of the closely related events evolving around the birth of this Saviour. This story is dear to the heart of every child of God and holds much respect among those yet unsaved. It grows more beautiful with the years and really deserves more generous treatment than our ability or space will allow. By way of review let us go back.

In the early history of the human race man fell through his own disobedience and invoked the wrath of God and the penalty of death. We all became the children of wrath—by nature disobedient and sinful. Further history records that man continued in a helpless state—unable to satisfy for himself a need of peace within and his failure in keeping the edicts of God. Thus he continued throughout the ages in his great need. New covenants were offered by our Lord and were broken by man. Unable to rise above his sinful rebellion toward God he therefore stood in need of a reconciliation with God. Our Lord foreknew this and revealed it to some of His devout followers. Isaiah foretold His coming and much about His life, His rejection and His crucifixion. Micah even foretold His birth place.

Here in Luke we find the account of that birth. Apparently normal procedures and circumstances combined to project upon the town of Bethlehem of Judæa the greatest event in the history of sinful man. How the town probably would have hummed with excitement if they had known. But in

this first advent He was crowded out of every home and hostel. His first habitation was in a stable, His first crib a manger, and His first clothes next to a tender skin was rough swaddling clothes. Infant lungs breathed cold air from an infested stable. No praise of mankind and no honour here. But wait! A heavenly angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds out in a lonely field watching their flock in the middle of the night. To them the angel revealed the birth of Jesus and how to find Him. Almost immediately an additional heavenly host joined the angel to praise God. Their recorded utterance was "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Three paramount reasons why Christmas of today is so far reaching and so well loved.

Glory to God in the Highest

The Heavenly Host was praising God for His great gift, Jesus, to the world. They were qualified to know of the glory of God. Through Jesus this glory had now come to earth to walk among men, and they were heralding this wonderful news to a needy world. Splendor, brightness, renown, and honor—it takes all this and more to constitute glory. Jesus qualified in every respect and met every requirement to declare the glory of God to sinful men. Now, some 2,000 years later, as the date of His birth returns at Christmas time, much of the world's attention is arrested from other things and they pause to see anew the Christ of Glory. The born-again rejoice for this greatest of all gifts. The cold and formal give way as at no other time of the year to lifting praise by song and by sermon to the God of Glory. Sinful and stony hearts pause and listen, and tremble from the truth. During this period many hearts are truly inspired to unite with that heavenly host and declare with them, "Glory to God in the highest."

And on Earth Peace

Transposed we get "Peace on earth." What a strange subject to come flashing to us in this day. The world is literally at one another's throats. There is fear and distrust from nation to nation, internal strife within na-

tions, greed and hate almost from man to man. Unity to any large degree seems only to be long enough to obtain a given objective equally desirable to the uniting factors. After success or failure the tendency is to lapse into new distrust. A genuine trust is hard to find. Hope of global peace by a complete cessation of hostilities seems vain. As we go to press the nations united to fight against Communism (anti-God) are receiving a severe beating and crushing. The heads of these combined armies no longer talk of any hope of winning or even going on the offensive. Instead, their every effort is to discover a means that will circumvent complete collapse and the world's bloodiest annihilation. Wherein then do we speak of peace on earth?

Back to the battlefield. A few days ago there came authoritative word that there was a strange desire among the soldiers to read the Bible and there appeared a widespread spiritual fervor in the adverse atmosphere of war. It came also at an unexpected time, when things were perhaps the brightest in the hopes of the military chieftains. Now these same men are being mauled, beaten, scourged, frozen, and left dead or dying on the field of battle. But only a short time ago many of them were looking into the only peace on earth, even Jesus Christ. No one knew then, and few suspected, the tragedies so soon before them. But now they are fortified for it.

Yes, this Man of Galilee who said once to a troubled sea, "Peace, be still," also said in His brief ministry, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Even though a world that once crucified Jesus will continue in turmoil and strife there is still "peace on earth" through Jesus, the Son of God. Let not your heart be troubled.

Good Will Toward Men

"The Lord... is longsuffering... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." "I will pray the Father, and he shall

give you another comforter...even the Spirit of truth." "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you." "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

On and on we could go adding to this avalanche of scriptures setting forth the good will of God through Christ toward men. Yes, men are the children of wrath, sinful and disobedient, and fail largely in their effort to cultivate good will one to another. Distrust is common, and hatred bursts out and wars flame. A 235 pound soldier, captured in Korea, subjected to tortures, cold and hunger, finally with six bullets in him and weighing only 120 pounds is rescued. Horror after horror paralleling this has and will be revealed. They will not foster good will. But Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, through the Holy Spirit, still offers "good will toward men" to all who will come.

Christmas is no small event. It should not be minimized or neglected. The impact of it is important and soul-stirring. Why not join wholeheartedly with the angel and with the Heavenly Host in their joyous and lofty praise of Jesus at this Christmas season.

May you know the glory of God, and the peace and good will of Jesus be your daily experience.

—Editor

THE TELEVISION QUESTION

Dear Christians Everywhere:

I must write this. I must speak my heart.

God's Great Commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Christian people everywhere believe that, and they believe the Bible through and through they say. But I wonder. Let one of our missionaries come home and make a tour through the States from church to church and see what kind of an offering they get. They just barely get enough to travel from one place to the other and hardly that. Well, we say the cost of living is so high we just can't do any more. True it is. I know right now that living

expenses never were known to be so high. But do you know why it is? The Christians of our land have made it so. They have failed to give God what belongs to Him. They have failed our missionaries. What is so disgusting to me is that they can buy a television set and watch that ungodly stuff, but they couldn't give a hundred dollars to help spread the gospel to some poor heathen that is begging for the Word of God. Still they can pay \$250.00 for a small picture show to set in their homes so their boys and girls can learn how to drink, play cards, make love half undressed and, yes, they can learn to dance too. You say, "Oh, I don't let my children see all that is shown on them." You may as well. You have set it in the house, for them and it would be a shame for you to not give them the full benefit of it. I heard a couple of women talking and one said, "My girl is four years old and since we got our T.V. all she wants to do is dance." Well, while people are sitting here in their homes watching such hellish stuff our poor missionaries are over yonder with not enough to eat and wear, struggling to try to get some poor benighted soul saved. You say, "Our preacher doesn't believe in T.V. They preach against it." When and where? I haven't heard one yet. They can't. There's too many have them in their own home, and so many other leaders of our churches have them.

When I was a youngster growing up, after supper my parents would get the Bible and read to us from the Word. Then we would all kneel and they would pour out their hearts to God for us children and ask God to help them to raise and teach us the right way. As I look back at those hours and remember how precious they were, I look into the homes now, and I can see how God has been left out and the Devil has took over. Instead of reading the Bible and praying the family is seated in an almost dark room watching the smokers, drinkers, and every kind of filth on a screen. If they should have one little spark of God in them, have one faint desire to raise their children right, or have one little idea of reading the Word or praying with their child, it's mind is so cluttered up with all the rotten stuff it has seen, you couldn't get it on anything else if you would want to.

Do you have trouble getting your

children to go to prayer meeting? Well, no wonder you do. You have something in the home they like better. You say, "Well, we are living in a different age and you have to give your children something in the home or they will go elsewhere and that's a good way to keep them in." Yes, I will admit we are living in a different age and children are harder to handle. But the parents are different too, they are trying every kind of entertainment for their child instead of God's entertainment. If you are lucky enough to get them to go to church they are pulling at you just as soon as the Amen is said, wanting you to get out and get home so they can see the next picture that is coming on. They don't hear what the preacher says as they are so excited and restless because there is something on right at home they would rather see and hear. You say, "We can't have a revival." Well, they have the kind of stuff at home they like better.

If we could just figure up the money that is spent for entertainment over T.V. alone and take the money that is spent for the thing itself, just by our church people, it would be enough to save the world. Every creature could hear, and the heathen anyway are so anxious to hear of God. The only way they can hear is by our missionaries. The only way our missionaries can go is by God's people giving. I'm asking each individual this question, "Can you meet God with a clear conscious when you have failed to give to God's work, and instead buy such things to keep your girl or boy from the church, and from seeing so much stuff that's not fit to see?" I say, "Can you?" Parents, watch your little girl when your back is turned and there's a program on that's full of rhythm. Watch her put it on to.

This one more thing and I'll stop. I heard an unsaved person speak these words, "It's not any more harm to go to the picture show than it is to watch T.V. The same actors that play on the screen at the show furnish the entertainment on T.V." Free Will Baptist, hold a high standard of Christian living. The "Covenant" does. And some preachers preach pretty straight. That's why we had better watch our step, and live the way we preach and are taught.

Pray for our missionaries.

—Contributed

"LAUNCH OUT"

Eld. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas

"LAUNCH out into the deep and let down your net for a draught." Luke 5:4.

In this text we find our Saviour teaching His disciples a great object lesson which no doubt had much to do in developing in them that sterling character which must be theirs in spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom after Jesus was taken away from them.

They were professional fishermen and no doubt knew how to catch fish. However, on this occasion they had toiled all night and had caught nothing. From Jesus' first suggestion we must conclude that they had been fishing along the shore in shallow water. Yes, no doubt this was so, and may we not very aptly apply this same condition to the great cause of God in this our day? Do we realize that there is entirely too much shallowness in the dissemination of the Gospel today? GOD'S cause is suffering today for want of men and women of vision. The Word tells us that "Where there is no vision the people perish," (Prov. 29:18), and I don't believe that this has any reference to ghostly night dreams or Cataleptic fits either. But it does mean deep thinking, far sighted, Spirit filled men and women who will cut loose from the shore and live a consecrated life for God. Yes, I mean launch out into the deep and fish for the souls of men.

I am persuaded that in this our day there is entirely too much of the program of the world getting mixed up in our church affairs. This can only have one meaning and that is too much shallow preaching. If we have shallow preaching on the part of our pastors can we expect anything but shallow living on the part of his church members? This condition has and only can result in too much shallow conviction and conversion. It is sad to say too many are being taken into the church without either conviction or conversion, just that they may swell the number in some church.

Yes indeed, I am convinced that too often good resolutions are mistaken for the real new birth. Let us not leave the responsibility for this condition at the door of the earnest seeker either. I am convinced that there is a

great number of spurious overhot evangelists, (in fact just trail hitters). It is quite often that we hear their altar workers pleading with the seeker to just accept Jesus as their personal Saviour, and they are saved. Why, sir, that ruler of the Jews, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night for that same purpose and no doubt he would have been only too glad to have accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour on such easy terms. But the narrative does not tell us that he was saved at that time. If he applied to most of our popular churches of today he would be accepted gladly. Oh, we are going it in quite an easy way these days, in fact this seems to be rather an easy age. Men and women can get into the church easy and quite often live at perfect ease while in the church, and in an unguarded prayerless time backslide out just as easy as they got in. This condition can only be traced to this one cause, "shallowness." In the text Jesus was talking to a discouraged soul when He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net for a draught." Simon said, "Master, we have toiled all night and have caught nothing." I imagine I can almost see the look of discouragement on his face as he spoke these words, in fact he was just ready to give up. Yet, at the suggestion of his Master, his discouragement subsided and he says, "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." Luke 5:5.

Now let us leave Simon the fisherman here at this scene for a moment, and in our imagination visit that scene at Pentecost. Here we find this same old fisherman transformed by the Holy Spirit into the first Gospel preacher this side of the law launching out into the deep water and letting down his Gospel net. Oh, what a draught of Jews he caught that day. Three thousand of them born into the Kingdom of our Christ in one day. Simon's discouragement is gone now and we find him a Spirit filled giant for his Master. Discouragement is one of the Devil's most effective weapons and Simon was just like a lot of folks are today in that he was just about ready to give up. This is the greatest "giving up" age that you and I have

ever seen. But Paul told us that this time would come so we need not be alarmed at it. Read carefully II Tim. 3:1-7, then read Heb. 1:1-2, and again II Tim. 4: 3-4. For the conditions that are described in these three scripture references there can only be one general cause and that is slothfulness, shallowness and neglectfulness upon the part of the entire body of the church. This indeed is a sad picture to draw but there can be but one remedy and that is that we as a body or church or as an individual shall cut loose from the environments of the world and launch out full fledged for GOD.

It is true, and we all know it, that there is but one way to live a successful life for God, and that is that we invest our all in it. Too many stay fastened to the shore by some imaginary hindrance and soon become overcome by such conditions and fail. Did you ever try fishing in shallow water? Only small fish and croaking frogs and polywogs are found in muddy stagnant water near the shore. If we are to find the fresh cooling water and the game fish we must get out where the water is deep. I recall with some amusement the time when I would go with the big boys down to the old swimming hole. They would try to teach me how to swim but I was afraid of the deep water. Yes, I really wanted to swim but fear held me back, and I would only wade the shallow water. I am persuaded that that same fear that possessed me at the swimming hole has kept many an earnest soul from enjoying the fullness of God in their Christian experience. Experienced swimmers tell us the deeper the water the easier it is to swim in. Now the disciples had spent the night fishing in shallow water, and the Master said, "Launch out into the deep and let down your net." The moment they obeyed the Master's command they enclosed a great multitude of fishes. So it is with us. The sooner we find out the will of God and adjust ourselves to it the sooner will we realize good results from our labor.

Let us get this one idea firmly fixed in our minds that as large fish are not found in shallow water neither are hardened sinners to be brought into the church as a result of shallow preaching and living of the present day. We hear the question asked often, "Why is it that there are not more

sinners being saved in our revivals today?" One great reason is that the entire church is camping too near the shore and are busy with a lot of things that do not pertain to a spiritual life. Too much frivolity, too much gaming too much catering to the entertainments of the world. "Our young folks must have entertainment," says one. To this I must agree. But I am contending that our young folks are today in far greater need of warning than they are of entertainment. Sad to say a lot of this spurious stuff is getting a lot of encouragement from the church. The prayer of my heart is that God will send into the field preachers who will pull the cover off the glaring sins of our day and win souls to the blessed Lamb of God with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for nothing short of the Gospel of Christ attended by the mighty power of God can ever bring them in. No large fish nor game fish can be caught in shallow water, neither are they to be caught on pin hooks; nor are the hardened sinners of today to be convicted of sin and brought to Christ by the little two weeks cut and dried campaigns conducted with thirty minute programs with special features and enlivened by a tirade of humor, side splitting jokes. All such evangelism leaves the church farther from God than they found it. God send US men and women who are truly consecrated to God, separated from the world, and filled with the Holy Spirit, who will really launch out into the deep and preach the unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ straight from the shoulder, that without fear or favor from any source, and let down the gospel net which alone can catch the hardened sinner and keep him caught.

My dear friend, can we not see that sinners are going down to eternal night without God while you and I are just playing along the shore and dealing with the religion of Jesus Christ as if it were some trivial toy? The great need of our time is the strait gospel from the pulpit and a general re-consecration of the church. Both preacher and people need to cut loose from the shore, really launch out in the fullest sense of the word, cease to compromise with the world, and be out and out for God seven days a week. Now in this launching out we shall encounter fierce storms. The waves may roll mountain high as on

Gennesaret that night, but if Jesus is in the boat with us we may hear His voice as then rebuking the wind and the waves and commanding that they be still. No water can cover the ship where lies the master of ocean and earth and skies. Yes, it is entirely true if we have Jesus in our lives we can stem the tide and ride the waves and really be more than conquerors through him who gave himself for us and made it possible that we might have victory through His name (I Cor. 15:57).

Oh let us launch out on the ocean so broad
Where the floods of salvation o'er
flow;
Oh let us be lost in the mercy of God
Till the depths of His fullness we
know.
Launch out into the deep, oh let the
shore lines go;
Launch out, launch out into the ocean
divine,
Out where the full tides flow.

FROM THE FIELD

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Promotional Secretary
F. W. B. Foreign Mission Board

Dear Brother Riggs:

May I speak, sir?

Spasmotic giving and special drives can never bring us financial security in our Mission Endeavors. We must settle upon some specific and definite plan of giving and stick to it. The quicker we get to a regular monthly income from our churches, the sooner the headaches will be relieved.

While the Board is planning to go along with you in promotion of a monthly system of giving, and we are working with our churches in that direction, we know it will take time to develop it, and in the meantime the work must be financed. You can count on us. Gifts, will of course, go through our State Office.

We are going all-out, in-so-far as it is possible, to develop a penny-a-meal, plan among our churches. We will subscribe to support a part of the students, and a part of the Native Missionary Workers. It will take us a few weeks to get it set up, but we are going after the job.

One Native worker at minimum of \$30.00 is subscribed. It is a definite certainty. Send us please the name

and address of the native worker assigned to pledge.

How many more do you think you could assign us, and how quick could you furnish us with the names and addresses?

We are advocating a little sticker on small glass jars and placed on the tables. Would it not be fine if you could furnish such stickers?

Yours in Calvary's Bonds,

/s/ Thos. E. Beamer

Dear Mr. Riggs:

We would like to help support a Cuban Student, Native Worker in the amount of \$5.00 per month.

Our Sunday School class decided to do this after a few of us saw the moving picture, "Letter to Melitino."

We are glad to help. I thank God for this interest my class has in Cuban missions.

/s/ Cora Wells, teacher
Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to support a Cuban Student in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) a month for the time of one year.

Twenty members of The Woman's Auxiliary from the Kinston F.W.B. Church have joined a mission band to pay the amount each month.

/s/ Mrs. J. E. Harris
Kinston, N. C.

Dear Bro. Riggs:

You will find enclosed a money order of ten dollars. This was our Sunday School offering last Sunday for foreign missions. The Sunday School offering on every first Sunday in each month is going to be given for missions. I hope the amount will be more from here after. However I promise to always make the amount to be ten dollars or more.

/s/ Milton Crowson
Benton Harbor, Mich.

It is regular contributions like these that we need.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

Foreign missions is Christianity with her sleeves rolled up.



From The Editor's Desk



SEASON'S GREETINGS-1950.

YEAR AS EDITOR OF GEM

With all the evident duties and apparent difficulties generally associated with editing a paper we assumed it to be a very interesting and challenging vocation. Sometimes we wondered what it would be like. Then somewhat to our surprise and against our real desire "the ax fell," so to speak, just one year ago. After a series of fast moving events that saw some changes at the Gem office, including the decision of the editor to resign to lessen his very heavy load of divers duties, we found ourself selected to try to fill this post. But any change in assignment of duties and in personnel does not reduce the tempo of interesting events, usual or unusual, with any given position. In keeping with all expectations the past year has been one we will long remember. We would like to pause and look back at some of the joys and some of the less happy moments of this period.

First of all, we had not considered ourself as ever being in such a position. This alone was quite a challenge to us. When the experienced and quite capable editor bid us his best wishes, offered us his continued support, and left us in charge, we suddenly felt as if the world had mysteriously vanished from beneath our feet. We felt very little and extremely helpless within our own strength. Though the duties of the position are now more familiar and the fact of our responsibility is no longer new to us, it is nevertheless still keenly felt. For us it is an extremely large responsibility. We thank our Lord for the way He has answered our prayers and has undertaken for us. His has not always been the way we expected, but it has always been the best for us and for the office, because it was of the Lord who doeth all things well.

Financial affairs have been a constant worry to us. We have not suffered any extremely hazardous condi-

tion in this and we do pause to thank God for it. It has been, and still is, a hard thing to "make all ends meet." As a result we have been unable to branch out as wisdom would dictate. We have been unable to add badly needed help because we cannot meet the very high wage scale predominating in the printing arts. Rising costs in materials and utilities has been staggering. Finance has been one of our chief concerns. We are not alone in this difficulty. Many departments of our church and of others have suffered badly in prosperous times. Every religious publication, that we know of, carrying the message of salvation has the same difficulty. Most of them are forced to resort to heavy paid advertising. To do this they must have large circulations. To get and keep large enough circulations most of them have had to use radio and other advertising in their own behalf, this time and means paid for from other sources. After all this their subscription prices have had to be constantly raised or irregular and infrequent issues, and the operation of their press in some way subsidized to meet this deficit that seems to harass religious publications, even though some have passed the 35,000 circulation. However, we find no fault in subsidizing such publications. Indeed, they are agencies of the church and should be assisted if assistance is needed. The Gem has always been mission minded. We now have the testimony that it has been a direct means of bringing lost souls to Christ. This alone, we feel, makes the Gem worthy of your support. We invite you to pray and then give as God directs you, being honest with Him and with yourself. Regular giving, though it may be small, is greatly needed.

Qualified help has been virtually non-existent. Almost every shop in this region has been hit by a shortage of help. We are no exception. The

armed forces took a prospective employee, a Free Will Baptist and an experienced man. Others were proselytized away with offers of larger wages at distant points or went elsewhere to what seemed to them better positions. Hence, the remaining force has had to work long past the scheduled hours. Your editor often hits 70 hours per week in the shop. We have been fortunate and God has blessed us abundantly with the strength to do this. We have never been considered very strong or very healthy. Yet we have lost only one-half day due to our own illness in the past 3½ years.

A real joy has been that, generally speaking, there has been enough manuscript. Only once or twice were we short and not drastically so. Also, most manuscript has been well suited. This has been a great help and has made the position of editor more enjoyable. Thank you so much for your articles and reports. Please continue to send them in. We are frequently asked about some preacher or leader and why we never publish anything from them. So please send us your manuscript. Most critics have been very generous with their praise of the content of the Gem. Only a few times have we received adverse criticism. The proportion has been just enough to help us remember we are indeed trying to serve God through the printed page and cannot be given to anything else.

There are other things that have made us rejoice and other things that have caused much anxiety. However, the above is a brief review of our first year as editor. Above everything else we have enjoyed serving you in this capacity. Why not visit the office soon and become better acquainted with your Gem. If you cannot come please drop us a card or letter with your articles and suggestions—and your offerings. Our genuine thanks to you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Listed in the catalog which many of you have is a box of 21 scripture text cards for Christmas for only \$1.00. These are as fine a card as we have seen and above the average for this price. You still have time if you will hurry with your order. Since scripture text cards are never designed for personalizing we have made no offer to print any cards this time. These cards are assorted in design and colors and do not lend themselves to printing. They are beautiful beyond description. You will like them when you see them.

PLEASE SIGN MANUSCRIPT

We must ask you to be sure to sign your articles in an identifying manner. If you are an appointed reporter, clerk or secretary you may so indicate. It is necessary for us to KNOW WHO contributes all articles. This is a cardinal fact in journalism. If so desired we can withhold the name of the writer or reporter from an article when published. We publish a fine article in this issue that carried no return address and no signature. By the postmark and a comparison of handwriting and materials we were able to know who furnished the article. It is a good article and would be tragic to have to throw it out. Also, this would not serve to make firm friends among our contributors. Sign your articles and if you desire to have your name committed when published please state this and we will oblige.

LIVE BY THE BIBLE

If the shoe fits, wear it,
But if it pinches so,
Brether, get down on your knees
And to the Lord go.

If the preacher, with the Bible,
Hits you in the face
Get down on your knees
And ask your Lord for grace.

If the preacher, in his sermon,
Treads upon your toes
Don't get offended, brother,
Just change the way you go.

Line your life up with the Bible:
Live according to His Word.
The preacher then can't hit you
Or the shoe won't pinch so hard.

Wilbia Sell, Stockton, Mo. God.

PERONAL "LIBURTY"

"WINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Proverbs 20:1.

To the Editor:

You seem to take a good deal of delight in telling other people how to live and perhaps that is your business, but it seems to me that you exceed your duty when you arrogate to yourself the right to inform all of these who may happen to enjoy an occasional drink of "Scotch" on occasions.

I have been presented a fine bottle of Scotch whisky for Christmas and it is before me as I sit at my typewriter and indite this letter to you. It bears the label of Sandy MacDonald—a good, fair well-bodied liquor which I am assured was bought before the war and has been in my friend's cellar ever since. What right has any form of law to make me a criminal if I partake of this gift as it was intended that I do by the giver?

I claim that any such law is an invasion of my personal liberty. I notice that you have referred often in your excellent column to the so-called Bill of Rights which secures to all men and women certain inalienable rights to their personal liberty, which, as you say, are not inconsistent with the rights of others. How do you reconcile your statements?

I have just tasted of this bottle of liquor. I will confide to you, and I cannot see where or how I am invading the rights of any other person on earth. I find it excellent. It warms my stomach; it inspires my thought. I cannot feel, Mr. Editor, that I have wronged the community or added to the lawlessness of the general society

in so doing. It makes me tired to be classed as a criminal for any such occasion, and I notify you that before long there will be a revolt against the sort of stuff that you are writing.

Just to show my independence of such truck as you are writing, I have taken another drink of the aforesaid most jubilant Sandy MacDonald, and I will say to you that it is about as smooth a drink as a criminal ever put into his system.

The second drink which I shall soon follow by a third, makes me more certain that those who feel their systems require a stimulant, should band together; organize, and start a campaign to floor this anti-liquor business if it can be done.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am no bum and you can't make me a bum. I like a little drink now and then and I have taken a third or maybe it is a fourth and I am more than ever convinced that any man that doesn't is a big idiot. You say that this invasion of the law is producing a state of affairs in our Great and Glorious Country. You are wrong. This country is just as good as it ever was and was and is a great deal better and I will leave it to you if it wasn't, when we had free rum.

I want to say to you that this Scotch is all right. A lot of it wouldn't do me you and us harm. When we need stimulatory we need it. My grandfather was, he, brought up on rum. They had it in the house all the time. They drank it freely and even the minister drank it when he came when he came to our house. It's a pretty kind of a country when a gardson is better than his grandfather. I can drink this sort of Scotch all day and not be no worse a citizen than I was before. I could drink this whole quater and never get an etelash.

But whay I want o' fydous is to remind you once again and again that you are dead wrong in condemning every body who drinks as a bum. We ain't criminals. I want liberty is what I want. You can't take my liberty away.

I will sat in closing, that I wish you a 2merit Chrlywax" and a happy New Year.

Respectfully Ylodydx OSBdt Swrv-&T.

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OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOYAL CHAPEL CHURCH COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

Monday night, October 30, Rev. J. B. Bloss, pastor of Loyal Chapel Church, was greatly surprised when he answered the door of his home to be greeted with a chorus of voices singing, "Happy Birthday." The throng of people who flocked to his house to celebrate his sixty-sixth birthday were but few of the many who love this humble man of God, with his concern for the lost and great love for humanity.

God has blessed Loyal Chapel Church by putting Bro. Bloss in it's midst and our prayer is that, in the years to come, God will give him more abundant physical and spiritual strength to lead the souls who seek refuge in the wisdom of his teachings and guidance.

Loyal Chapel Church celebrated its traditional Home-Coming Day, Sunday, November 5. The church was organized November 9, 1938, by a small, but zealous group of people. God has blessed in a mighty way throughout these years and it has grown abundantly. The usual morning services, Sunday school and the eleven o'clock message, conducted by Rev. Bloss, were followed by dinner, which was served in the basement. The Maury County Singing Convention met with us in the afternoon. There were numerous quartettes and special singers from various parts of the country. The church could not hold the hundreds of people who came to hear the praise of God ring out in joyful song. We can but humbly thank God for this place of worship for what it means to this community and the Holy Spirit which dwells, unmeasurably, in the hearts of those who congregate within it's walls.

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite all those, who can and will, to meet with us for singing; held every fourth Sunday night at seven o'clock. If you can sing or if you enjoy good singing, we give to you a hearty welcome.

Our pastor asks us so often, "Are we as close to God as we should be?" Let each and every one of us search the very reins of our hearts and draw night unto Christ, our Saviour.

Freda Price, Columbia, Tenn.

ELEVEN SAVED IN REVIVAL REGULAR SERVICE INTO A AT BERKELEY CITY CHURCH REVIVAL; SIX CONVERTED

Dear Gem Readers:

It is with much pleasure that we write to tell you of our recent revival here at the Berkeley Church, of which Rev. Mark Lewis was the evangelist.

The Holy Spirit was richly manifest throughout each service. Eleven souls were saved and seven new members were accepted into the church.

We cannot thank God enough for the great spiritual uplift that was ours to receive, for the souls that were saved and for Bro. Lewis, who surely was led our way. The church was in dire need of just such a revival as we had, and we trust that the flame kindled will not go out.

Too, we were very fortunate in having the Humble Hearts Quartet of the Southside Church with us each night. They are very talented and their singing is very spiritual. We certainly appreciated being able to have them with us.

Also, we are grateful for the good attendance of the Third and Southside Churches to our revival. There was wonderful fellowship among the brethren of the three churches.

Again we say thanks to Bro. Lewis and all who helped make the revival one that will be long remembered at Berkeley. Especially do we thank God for His wonderful Spirit and saving power.

May God's richest blessings be upon His servants who are spreading the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert C. Hill, pastor

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EVANGELIST

I am available for evangelistic work most anywhere. I have a tent, folding chairs, and a light plant for summer work. I have a trailer house and a truck for transportation. Compensation required—Expenses and offerings.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

Eld. John D. McKown,
Jamesport, Missouri

We're glad to report that we are still pressing on for the cause of Christ. Last Lord's day we had an attendance of 65 at Sunday School. Thank God for so many people who have a mind to serve the Christ. We feel that this is a good record for a church in the rural area.

Plans are being made for repair work on the building. New windows have been ordered and will be installed soon.

"Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." II Cor. 2:14. We can say we have triumphed in Christ during the recent two weeks revival. God said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

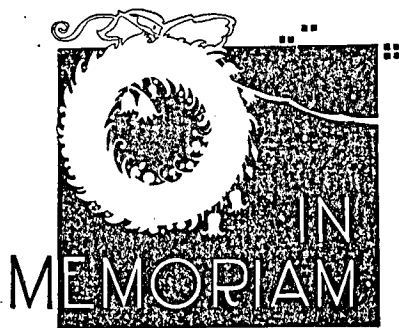
Truly Christ was held up in the revival services and six souls were gloriously saved. The presence of the Lord was richly manifest in every service and the attendance was good. On several nights the house was filled to capacity. Sis. Achord delivered good messages under the anointing power of the Holy Spirit. Sister Achord preaches nothing but salvation through the Word of God. This revival started with a regular preaching service, in which one young man prayed through to victory in Christ. We continued in these nightly services in hopes of Rev. H. S. Ford of Picher, Oklahoma, coming to hold the revival. After word from Bro. Ford stating he couldn't come, Sis. Achord continued with the preaching. We do thank God for these six precious souls who have recently joined the army of the Lord.

On Sunday, November 12 we held baptismal services and five persons were buried with Jesus in baptism. Five have recently placed their membership with the church.

Friends remember, we need your prayers and earnestly ask you to remember us when you pray. We are praying for God's people everywhere.

Let us always remember to "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand..." Eph. 6:11. And also, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." II Thes. 5:21.

Wilbia Sell, Clerk



JERRY L. CARTER

Jerry L. Carter, son of Cornelius and Missouri Carter, was born in Wright County, Missouri on February 27, 1872 and passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Homer Smith, on November 1, 1950 at the age of 78 years, 8 months, 4 days.

He was married to Laura Long, March 14, 1893. To this union nine children were born—seven daughters and two sons. Three daughters and his companion preceded him in death.

He was married to Nannie Biggs in February 1929, who also preceded him in death in 1946.

He spent his entire life in Wright County as a farmer until his health failed him.

In 1935 he moved to Mountain Grove where he resided until he was left alone by the passing of his companion. Since that time he has made his home with his children.

He was converted in early life and became a charter member of the Mountain Valley Free Will Baptist Church. He shared his labor and time with others of his day in the building of the church that was ever after endeared to him. He served as a deacon for many years.

He is survived by six children: Mrs. Ida Moore, Mrs. Verba Smith, Earnest Carter and Mrs. Ernie Moore all of Mountain Grove; Mrs. Stella Raney, Norwood and Earl Carter of of Mountain Grove; a nephew, Elbert Tate, who came into the home at the age of eight as one of the family; 31 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Belle Wilson of Hartville and a large number of other relatives and friends.

"Sleep on dear Daddy
And take thy rest,
We love you much
But God knows best."

COPPER MINES REVIVAL

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Just a word or two about our revival meeting just closed, a few weeks.

The Lord did truly bless here at Copper Mines. Rev. John Rodgers was our evangelist, and he brought some wonderful messages during this three week revival effort. We thank God for the seven souls that were saved. May each one be great soul winners for Him. There were also two saved at regular services since the meeting. Rev. Woodrow Matthews is our pastor.

Yours for Christ,

Leamon L. Killian, Clerk

WANTS F. W. B. CHURCH IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

We had an article in the October 4 issue of the Free Will Baptist, appealing to all Free Will Baptists to fast a meal and send the price of it to us so that we might build a church here in the San Diego area. The nearest church (F.W.B.) is more than 100 miles to our north. In other words there are more than 15,000 square miles here without a Free Will Baptist church, and we feel that the Lord is leading us as Home Missionaries to start a work here. However, we must have help from our Brothers and Sisters in Christ if we are successful. Some help is coming in from different parts of the country and we do appreciate these precious letters with their dollars and the prayers of those precious people who are sending them in. May the dear Lord give each one a copious blessing in return for their sacrifice.

Each letter we receive is stained with our tears as we offer a special prayer of thanks for it.

Dear friends, I am working six days a week to support my family, and we are putting every penny we possibly can in this work. "We must work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Remember us when you pray.

Yours for more souls,

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Carnett

Send offerings to:

Rev. W. A. Carnett
808 First Avenue
El Cajon, California

MISSIONS CONFERENCE SET

Dear Gem Readers:

I am sure you read the announcement in the November issue of the Gem of the incomplete plans for a Missionary Conference in South East Missouri. Also, I said that plans would be too early to get in the December issue of the Gem. But since the conference has been moved ahead one week to its present schedule we can now give the program in the December Gem. Also, with it comes a warm welcome to you, especially to those of Missouri to attend the conference. It is hoped that plans may be laid in this conference that will form a pattern for the entire State of Missouri in organized giving to Missions.

Your Missions Director,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

PROGRAM

You are cordially invited to attend the Missionary Conference at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 601 Buckley Street, December 8, 9, 1950. Conference Theme—"The Whole Gospel, for the Whole World." Principal speaker—Rev. Thomas H. Willey, our Cuban Missions director.

Friday, December 8, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional.....Music by Host Choir
Message.....Rev. Thos. Willey
Appointment of Planning Committee
by State Director, Rev. Lewis
Benediction

Saturday, December 9, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional.....Selected
Open Forum.....Bro. Willey
(Questions of importance on missions will be asked and discussed)
Intermission
Message.....Bro. Willey
Lunch.....Served by host church

Afternoon

Devotional.....Selected
Report of Planning Committee
Message.....Bro. Willey
Benediction

This is a conference of great importance. You are urged to attend.

Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use. Sel.



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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REPORT ST. FRANCOIS CO. AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Women's Auxiliary of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting had their session at the Aulsbury Chapel Church the 7th of October.

The Meeting truly was a good one. A motion was made and carried to give \$10.00 to our Foreign Missions, and \$10.00 to our Bible College. Also, that a complete outfit be purchased for Miss Barnard for Christmas.

The Officers:

Genell Scott, Pres.
Georgia Hill, Secy.-Treas.
Erma Barr, Cor. Secy.

(A suit and accessories were purchased and sent to Miss Barnard so that she could have the use of these things now.)

GREETINGS FROM FREDERICKTOWN W. A.

The women met in the home of Mrs. Blanche Progue for an all day service on the third Thursday in October with a large number in attendance. We received three new members into our auxiliary and we trust that they will be as happy to work with us as we are to have them help us. We humbly thank God for the increase and His many rich blessings upon us as co-laborers in His great vineyard. We praise Him for a place to serve and also for the willingness of our women to answer the call and serve where ever needed. When Christian women put Christ first in all things, then and only then, may we expect His blessings upon our efforts. Truly we thank God

for this great and wonderful privilege to help in carrying on the Kingdom work.

Also, we wish to thank the dear sister out in California who wrote us the encouraging words concerning our Woman's work here in Fredericktown and may the Lord and Master ever keep her in His precious way, and may we be a blessing to others through our work and the printed page of our Gem paper. I believe this to be the earnest desire of every Auxiliary worker.

When we get to the place we will put the welfare and happiness of others before our own personal needs and desires we will have reached the place where we can be of service to our Heavenly Father. Praise His Holy Name! As a Woman's Auxiliary, we can overcome anything with Him leading the march against the foe. We cannot do anything within ourselves so let us rally forth with new courage and zeal and a determination to win. We are serving under a Captain who never lost a battle and win we will.

Let us support all our work while the privilege is yet ours. It may not always be so. Who can tell what tomorrow will bring forth?

We still desire your prayers for our work here in this part of His vineyard as we have much to do and we are still in need of workers for the fields are white to harvest. Our prayer is for a great ingathering of souls while it is yet day.

Madeline McFarland, Cor. Secy.

WANTED — CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Some criticism has reached my desk about the type of articles printed in our women's pages. I wish to say first, I welcome criticism from anyone who is interested enough to criticize the pages, but I also welcome any and all suggestions for making our women's pages more interesting, informative, and as inspirational as possible.

Too, it is impossible to edit non-existent articles. I write you to send me more manuscripts. Will you accept

the responsibility of writing an article, a report of your work, (whether yours is an auxiliary, Ladies Aid or Mission work) and sending it to me before the fifteenth of next month?

A number of the Societies over the state have never reported anything about their work and I would enjoy hearing from them. Help us really use the space that has been given to us.

Mrs. Edwards

Editor's Financial Report

Received:

Third Church Auxiliary.....	\$1.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary	2.00
First Church Auxiliary.....	1.00
Total	\$4.00

Expenses:

Typewriter	\$3.50
Postage and supplies.....	.25
Total	\$6.75

"TAKE UP THY CROSS"

As I so carelessly strolled along one day

I heard the Saviour softly say,
"Take up thy cross and follow me,
And where I am ye shall also be."

I KNEW the voice that spoke so tender
Was of One that was before all creation;

Who asked of me my service render,
And to lead a life of consecration.

I BOWED my head in tears of shame,
And to my Lord I made this vow:
Since it was I who was to blame

I would try my best—Him to follow.

I TOOK up my cross then and there
And found it not so hard to bear,
For my Saviour bore His cross alone
For all my sins to atone.

AND now I joyfully press along
And in my heart there is a song,
For when this short life is passed and gone

I know a home and crown I've won.

By Madeline McFarland

SAPULPA (OKLAHOMA) W. A. TO ORGANIZE GO-TELL BAND

Dear Gem Readers:

The Pretty Water Auxiliary wishes to greet each and everyone of our collaborators with Christ.

We reorganized our auxiliary in August with 10 members. We've had an increase of 15, with prospects of more, which we do humbly bow our head in thankfulness unto Him.

Mrs. Ralph Staries, Oklahoma State President, gave a beautiful installation service in which each officer keenly felt the responsibility of her office.

We meet each Thursday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Our officers are as follows: Mrs. Charles Wilson, President; Mrs. Jewell Ellis, 1st V.P.; Mrs. Calvert Slaybough, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Auther Cutsinger, 3rd V.P.; Mrs. Abe Nightingale, 4th V.P.; Mrs. Melton Boek, 5th V.P.; Mrs. Harold Varner, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mose Haney, Treasurer, and Mrs. Worley Varner, Corresponding Secretary.

We ask you to pray for us that we may go forward and truly be an aid to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Abe Nightingale 4th V.P.
Rev. Charles C. Wilson, Pastor

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers and Y. C. Workers:

I will write a few lines to let you know we are still alive and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Truly God is good to all that love Him.

Everything is moving along fine at the Camp. We have visited a number of churches showing our slide pictures and plan to answer as many invitations as possible. If you would like to have us visit your church, quarterly meeting, or rally, please let us know as soon as you can, giving us the date and I will book it. We expect a busy year getting ready for the Youth Camp session and the State meeting. There are a lot of things to do and I would like to get started as soon after Christmas as possible.

We will try to have our plan and program arranged by the February issue of the Gem. The Board plans to meet soon and we will report it in the Gem.

Yours for Christ,

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.

The Weman's Auxiliary of the Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church met in its regular session Friday night, November 3. The meeting was opened by singing. Mrs. Coffman read Malachi 3:7-12 and Matthew 23:23. Prayer by Sis. Mary Halliurton. The 4th V.P. took charge of program and gave the introduction to the lesson.

Topics were as follows: "Origin of the Tithe," by Mrs. George Scott; "Why Give the Tithe," by Mary Halliburton; "New Testament Teaching Concerning Tithing," by Mrs. Coffman, and "The Blessing of Tithing," by Mrs. Graham. The lesson for December was assigned. It will be around the theme "Advancing with Christ."

A short business session was held. Arrangements were made to order literature and Standard of Achievement for the coming year. A Go-Tell Auxiliary will be organized for the young people of the church and community, at the next meeting. All who would like to join be sure and come to the next meeting December 1.

Reporter

LASTING TREASURE

SOME would gather money

Along the path of life.

Some would gather roses

And rest from worldly strife.

But I would gather children

From among the thorn of sin:

I would seek a golden curl

And a freckled, toothless grin.

For money cannot enter

In that land of endless day,

And the roses that are gathered

Soon will wilt along the way.

But oh, the laughing children

As I cross the Sunset Sea

And the gates swing wide to

Heaven,

I can take them in with me.

Submitted by Madeline McFarland

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

As we travel along life's way,

Dear Lord, teach us how to pray.

There are so many pitfalls and snares,

Lord, help our lives to be living prayers.

Thy way is so bright, and sin so strong,

Don't let us guide our children wrong.
Lord, teach us to pray, relieve our care
And help our lives be lives of prayer.

We go to church, testify and sing,
But some lives at home don't mean a thing.

Lord, teach us to pray as well as sing,
So our lives will show we hold you King.

Let our daily walk show you live within,

And cast every care and sin.

Lord, teach us to pray to thee above,
That each life may be one of love.

Tho' skies are gray, some people are grand.

Just help us live for what we stand.

Lord, only tell us what to say,

And Lord, please teach us how to pray.

Lord, take all worldly things from our life,

With all their hurry, strain and strife.

Help us live each day for you

That we may prove you're kind and true.

Don't let our lives be a living lie,
Life is too short as it passes by.

Lord, teach us to pray that our hearts may be true,

Living, breathing just for you.

Help us live that the world may see
The love light shining from us is Thee.

Lord, help us to pray that sinners may know

It is You within that makes an inner glow.

Help us to live that our lives may be
Living testimonies for Thee.

Lord, teach us to live that we'll be a light

For some sinner lost in the dark of night.

Lord, teach us to pray for souls that are lost,

And on the billows tempest tossed,

That they may come to You for peace

And from their sins find sweet release.

Help our lives be meek and humble,
So from Your grace we will not stumble.

Lord, teach us to pray that our lives may be blessed,

And we may pass the heavenly test.

Lord, search our hearts for guilt or shame,

And dear Lord, forgive all blame.

Just help us live each day more blessed

And then, Lord, take us home to rest.

Ethel Daily, Bonnie, Illinois

PHYSICIANS ORDER REST TO FURLOUGHED MISSIONARY

Glennville, Georgia
October 31, 1950

Dear Friends:

Man proposes but God disposes! So, somehow in His infinite wisdom He has seen fit to dispose of my cherished plans to visit our churches for the next few months. September 1st, I began what I hoped would be a continuous itinerary, to have fellowship with as many groups of our people as possible, acquainting them firsthand with the India field and needs while gleaning information, suggestions and counsel from you, until nearer the time for me to return to India. But after the Missionary Conference in Nashville I had a flare-up of trouble for which I required medical aid. While offering me relief from immediate distress, the doctor insisted upon a series of thorough examinations, particularly in view of my long residence in India and my record of illness there. I spent some days in hospital for this purpose, and was dismissed with an unqualified order for complete rest until January. The doctor is one in whom we have reason to have great confidence, as he is prominent on the Vanderbilt Hospital Staff, well known all his lifetime in Nashville, and known to me professionally for a number of years. I could not conscientiously disregard his advice. I am therefore inactive for the present, and shall not be free to visit the places I had counted on visiting this year, nor even to plan any future itinerary as I am advised to refrain from laying any plans until I have seen the doctor again in January.

As I write this, I have somewhat the feeling of hanging black crepe on my own doornob! Maybe you, too, know the feeling. If so, you know how bitter it is. But my better judgment accepts it as the only possible path of victory and assurance of future usefulness to Him and to you.

Inasmuch as several have already asked me if I had been forbidden to return to India, I judge the same question may be raised in your minds, and I am glad to answer it here. If the doctor has any misgivings about my being able to return to India in due time, he has not revealed such to me. He has said that I certainly ought not to return until I have fully recuperated, but he holds out every hope that

the course he prescribes will enable me to recover full strength. So, while I trust I shall always be ready to go or stay at His bidding, I have no reason thus far to change my original plans for returning to India not later than May 1951.

Things continue to happen in India—many of them not conducive to complete rest! Miss Kamala Kanaka, the tall, fine-looking teacher whom many of you have seen in the India pictures, has recently been taken from us in a cholera epidemic, leaving us in greater need for workers. Typhoid also has invaded our ranks. Missionaries and Indian Staff are pitifully overworked, and my own plight right now makes me feel sad to think what those on the field at present may face a few years hence, with the demands so great and the "laborers" so few. Please remember the challenge: "Pray ye!" Blessing also continues and the faithful witness of converts and workers keep us cheered. As I remain here at home I hope I can write a letter to the papers occasionally and through this medium still keep you in touch with India. That is, if I can do this and still keep you in touch with India. That is, if I can do this and still keep within "doctor's orders."!

Yours in His quieter, but yet glad, service.

/s/ Laura Belle Barnard

TRI-STATE MEET AT GRANBY

The Tri-State Free Will Baptist Fifth Sunday Meeting was held at Granby, Missouri October 29, 1950. The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Noman Green. Scripture, I Cor. 13:6. Rev. Green preached a wonderful sermon after which a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all.

At 1:30 the business session was called to order by Rev. Noman Green, Moderator. Message by Rev. F. E. Crain. Scripture, Matt. 3:10; Isa. 61. Song by Sis. Gertie Green, "The Upper Window." Message by Rev. Bill Johnston. Song by South Picher Church, "Some Day." Message by Rev. Elda Crain. Scripture, I John 5:7, 8; II Thess. 2:13. Song by Eddie and Violet Milliard, "You Never Mentioned Him To Me." Message by Rev. Bert Walgamott. Scripture, Luke 7:20. Quartet from Granby, "I Am Satisfied With Jesus." Congregational song, "Amaz-

ing Grace." Message by Rev. Orville Johnston. Scripture, I John 8:51; Rev. 21:4. Song by the young folks of the South Picher Church, "I Just, Steal Away and Pray." Message by Rev. Friend. Scripture, Hebrews 4. Song by Gerald Heard, "Only A Tramp." Message by Rev. Noman Green. Scripture, John 1:3. Song by Picher Quartet, "Rock of Ages." Message by Rev. Fred Lonberg. Scripture, I Cor. 13:1.

The next Fifth Sunday, which will be December 31, will be at South Picher Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Elda Crain will preach the introductory sermon.

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QUESTION OF A LOST SOUL

If the religion of Jesus
Is what the Christians claim,
Why do they live in pleasure
Yet walking in Jesus' name?

Many nights away from loved ones
I've spent in folly and shame,
Yet I wonder about the Saviour
And the people who walk in His name.

I wondered if any one cared
Whether I was saved or lost,
And if Christians who lived in pleasure
Really knew what sinning had cost?

I wonder as older I grow,
Nearer death each time I've sinned,
Will I ever become a Christian,
Or will I be lost in the end?

While I strive for the love of Jesus
To break such fetters that bind,
Do those knowing freedom in Jesus
Ever care for troubles of mine?

While many are dying in sin
And their souls starving for love,
Why do they not tell them of Jesus,
God's Holy Gift from above?

—A. B. Talbert

GAINING AT FELLOWSHIP

Flat River, Mo.

Dear Christian Workers:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour who died upon the cross that we may have life eternal through Him. What a wonderful thought to know when our burdens and trials are over here we can be with Him forever.

I want to report how God is blessing us in our new church here at Flat River. He has given us so many blessings we can't begin to count them. Yes, we have had some disappointments and the Devil has done a good job working at his part, but before he finishes his undertakings he has to side track and give the Lord the main road. It makes us feel good in our soul when we can sidetrack him. For example, he has done everything possible to keep us from getting our new pews. He even sent a "play-like Christian" man to sell the seats to us, and this man sure did him a good job. The pews came and they were nothing to compare with what we had ordered. But God has given us a good leader, Bro. Lewis, and he knew just what to do. He just granted them the privilege of taking them right back with them. They signed a paper they would return the money in full, but the Devil struck again, and when our good pastor and two of the trustees went to see them they had decided they were not going to return the money. But after talking to our pastor and by the help of the Lord they did return all but enough to pay the expenses of bringing them down here and taking them back. I tell you this to let you know that where God is and is blessing, the Devil is also there doing his work. But God has given us so much in the past 4½ years that it is worth all the disappointments we have had.

We are thrilled to overflowing to know we are going to have the Missionary Conference at our church December 8 and 9. And I'll add this right here, we invite everyone to come. Our dear missionary, Bro. Willey, will be here and we are going to have a wonderful time in the Lord. You can't afford to miss it.

Bro. Lewis reported last time about our revival with Bro. Willis as evangelist. We had a wonderful revival. Bro. Homer Willis is a real man of God, full of His Spirit and ready to do His will. We thank God for him.

We have our new choir seats, new carpet for our floors, and have the floors finished. To us it is all beautiful because we trusted God and He gave it to us, and we thank Him from the bottom of our hearts for it all. We have ordered more new pews and expect them in the very near future. We are not boasting, but through the help of the Lord—we give Him all the praise—we have done great things for Him and expect to do more in the future.

May God bless our Free Will Baptist and our churches everywhere is our prayer. Let's all pray for our missionaries. They need our help and our prayers. Remember us when you pray that God may always have first place in our church and our hearts. Also I want to add this, we have the finest group of young people you can find anywhere. We let them have first place in the church. No, we older people are not jealous of them. We just thank the Lord that He has given them to us and we pray He will send us some more.

May God bless our people everywhere.

In His service,

Mrs. Marie Sherrill

"VICTORY FOR THE LORD"

Rev. Benjamin Scott of St. Louis, and his lovely companion, came to the Hickory Grove Church in Central Western Missouri Association for a two weeks revival meeting. Bro. Scott preached Jesus Christ, the Saviour of lost mankind, with such power that there was much conviction even in the very beginning of this meeting. And this is one meeting that the sinners did attend. The attendance was very good each night.

There were 14 who found Jesus precious to their souls; 12 were baptized Sunday afternoon, November 12 in the nearby river. There were 14 additions to the church. We feel our responsibility to these new converts, and ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord will lead in such a way that we will be able to have full time preaching here.

Our dear pastor, Rev. Marie Hyatt, and her husband of Centerville, Missouri, were with us almost every night, though they live 65 miles away. But after their days work was done they

would drive to the church. Interest and labor like that for the Lord did bring its reward.

We praise the Lord for sending Bro. Scott this way, and we believe our pastor will lead us into higher heights and deeper depths in the service of God.

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—Daniel Webster

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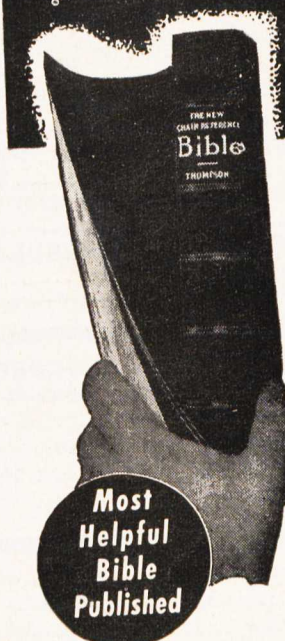
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