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IT IS THE LAST HOUR

(I JOHN 2:18)

THE SUNSET BURNS ACROSS THE SKY;
UPON THE AIR ITS WARNING CRY
THE CURFEW TOLLS, FROM TOWER TO TOWER,
O CHILDREN 'TIS THE LAST, LAST HOUR!

THE WORK THAT CENTURIES MIGHT HAVE DONE
MUST CROWD THE HOUR OF SETTING SUN;
AND THROUGH ALL LANDS THE SAVING NAME
YE MUST, IN FERVENT HASTE, PROCLAIM.

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE TO HARVEST. WEEP,
O TARDY REAPERS, AS YE REAP,
FOR WASTED HOURS THAT MIGHT HAVE WON
RICH HARVEST ERE THE SET OF SUN.

WE HEAR HIS FOOTSTEPS ON THE WAY!
O WORK, WHILE IT IS CALLED TODAY,
CONSTRAINED BY LOVE, ENDUED WITH POWER,
O CHILDREN, IN THIS LAST, LAST HOUR!

—Author unknown

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—Ed.

PERFECT TRUST

"I may not always know the way
Wherein God leads my feet;
But this I know, that round my path,
His love and wisdom meet.
And so I rest content to know
He guides my feet where'er I go.

"Sometimes above the path I tread
The clouds hang dark and low;
But thro' the gloom, or thro' the night,
My heart no fear can know,
For close beside me walks a Friend
Who whispers low, 'Until the end.'

"Oh, precious peace within my heart;
Oh, blessed rest to know
A Father's love ebb and flow.
I ask no more than this: I rest
Content and know His way is best."

—Author unknown

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY!

Lord, teach us how to pray!
With prayer to bind the foe—
With prayer to loosen captive souls
For whom Thy blood did flow.

Lord, teach us how to pray!
With prayer to stand our ground—
With prayer to weaken Satan's hold
Where'er his grasp is found.

—Selected

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SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM

Cresia Creech-Michigan

Sunday School Evangelism is an essential part of the Christian work that the church cannot afford to overlook. All workers in the church are in a way responsible, but the teacher is the most important person in this work.

Evangelism is today's greatest need. The fact that the Sunday School reaches only one-third of the boys and girls and thousands of children and young people are outside the church proves that spiritual illiteracy is widespread. There is little definite Bible study done outside of the Sunday School, not enough to take into consideration, so we might say that people who do not go to Sunday School do not study the Bible.

We have so much sin and worldliness in our world today that young people cannot withstand unless they are well rooted and grounded in the Christian faith. The only way that young Christians can be protected is to make them strong enough to withstand alone, strengthened by their own trust in God. We may ask ourselves, as teachers, how can I get results like this in my own Sunday School class? If teaching and learning are to be thought of as a quest for truth on the part of teacher and learners, their teaching should result in finding and using the truth. It is the duty of the teacher to see to it that the class arrives at some destination after all their reading and discussion and activity. It is the teachers business to see that the truths she teaches carry over into practice. Remembering the definition of evangelism as the telling, teaching, and proclaiming the good news in such a way that others will want to accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, she must be very careful that she presents the truth. Teaching is never complete unless it in some way affects conduct. Those who attend the class are not learning Bible truths and facts simply; they should at the same time be learning to be reverent, loyal, true, faithful, and kind. We cannot dismiss responsibility for the kind of character our teaching is producing. We cannot wash our hands of the blood of the lost whom we might have reached for Christ but did not. Sunday School

evangelism is a holy and solemn responsibility, with eternal issues in balance.

Every teacher should watch eagerly for such evidences of acceptance of Christ by her pupils. We should guard sacredly the best moments of the teaching period that brings members of the class to decisions that will control their lives. Teachers should make personal, quiet heart-to-heart appeals to her children. We must remember that Jesus was the Master Teacher and we must try to follow His example.

We cannot take one age group and say, "This is the most important age to do evangelistic work." All ages are important and our goal is to reach as many as possible and point them to Christ. We should create a happy surrounding for our nursery class, a systematic training in Bible stories and verses for the Beginner, train the Primary children toward God and anchor the Junior boys and girls in the Rock Christ Jesus. We must encourage the Intermediate to study and think for themselves so we can lead them to receive Christ intelligently. Then with the Senior and Young Person, we must present the old, old message of the gospel, arousing them to the fact of sin and redeeming them from sin by the ransom of the cross. This then leaves the parent who must find his way into Sunday School if he is a sinner or a Christian. The truly happy family is the one where every member is enrolled in the Sunday School.

Sunday School Evangelism has a scope so broad we cannot comprehend its boundary but every Christian worker can unite and work and feel that they have an integral part in that boundary.

Submitted by Rev. Homer Willis
Hazel Park, Michigan

Mrs. Deleby never does anything bad, but she talks about evil so much that she absorbs more of it than the average sinner does.—Claude Callan.

God be merciful to the man who excuses himself too easily.

TITHE S

We people work and also pray,
But do we tithe as we go our way?
We sing His praise; laud Him to the skies;

But if we tithe we think we sacrifice.
He gives us health and strength to earn

Some money. Will we never learn
One-tenth belongs to Him above
To pay for all His care and love?

Tithe is not a very big word
But has a big meaning, seems to me.
If we would all pay our tithe
What a different world this would be.
I really believe as we go along,
And live our lives, don't you,
That if we'd tithe to our Lord,
We'd prosper and feel better, too?

The missionary goes to the field
Without money like me or you;
He has the Gospel to teach
Of Him kind and true.
To people away across the world
Who don't have a chance to know
About Christ who died for us
Because He loved us so.

The missionary doesn't have friend
To visit with banquet or bazaar.
He has a little brush arbor
Or adobe hut covered with tar.
But he has crowds who come to hear
Of the Master kind and true;
If he had funds to live on,
Think of the good he could do.

He doesn't get big wages per month;
On thirty dollars he won't get fat:
But because we don't contribute,
Sometimes he doesn't get that.
If we got only thirty dollars,
Folks here would let out whoops and hollars,

But they are glad to teach for that
While our bank accounts grow quite fat.

We at home live a life of ease,
Rest and give our purse a squeeze,
And won't let go because we know
We owe one-tenth to our Lord.
Let's not hold our purse so tight
And pray to hand our tithe out right,
For when we pay our little bit
The Lord is sure to see and bless it.

Let's loosen the strings on our purses
And pay the Lord His Just due,
And scatter our tithe where the funds
Are needed, then we won't feel so blue.

Ethel Daily
Bonnie, Illinois

*** VISION ***

Rev. J. E. Hodgens - Chelsea, Alabama

"WHERE there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Proverbs 29:18.

Solomon is said to have been the wisest man of his day, and he said where there is no vision, the people perish. Solomon's vision was good enough that he could look out into the future and see a time when men would call on God and He would not answer them, and they would seek him early, but He could not be found. (Proverbs 1:23.)

Oh, what a glorious sight to get out on a mountain and watch the sun come up seemingly out of the earth. It help's men to see things. It will help his visionary powers. Solomon's vision was good. He looked 1,000 years in the future and saw people putting off salvation until God's Spirit had taken its flight, and then call but get no answer; seek but not find. Prov. 1.) In Genesis God said "My spirit shall not always strive with man." Now, today, is the day of salvation. Yesterday is gone, it is history; tomorrow has not got here yet. So it is today. No man can say that his life is his only for today.

It would be nice to draw a word picture plain enough for man to see the Golden City if it was possible, but it is not. We can only get an idea—streets paved with gold, gates hung on pearls, mansions such as no man living has ever seen, and yet some people are not interested in going to this city.

I think sometimes of poor old Judas. He thought more of a few paltry dollars than he did of heaven, poor man! Bad eyes, poor sight, sorry vision, in fact no vision at all.

There is another place I think it would be a good idea to look at. It is a place that has no bottom to it, and it is said that it is extremely warm. The Bible says in Luke 16:23 "In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments," and, oh, how that poor fellow begged, but it did no good. He could not get any help. He is still calling, and trillions of years from now, whether time lasts or not, he will still be calling. Sinner man, do not fool around and get cut off as that fellow did.

Preach it plain, preacher, so the sin-

ner's can get a clear view. Yes, dear dying man, there is a hell hotter than it takes to melt iron, and I wish that I was able, by the help of the Loving Savior that gave His life as a ransom for poor sinful humanity, to get you to see it. Yes, if we could just paint Hell so you could look in and get a good vision of it, we really believe there would be more praying people than what there are today.

There have been millions of dollars spent to prove the Bible a fake but it cannot be done. II Peter 3:10 says the "Elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Where will you stand in that day?

May the good Lord help some one to get a vision of Jesus dying from my little effort is my prayer. The Good Book tells over here in Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

SIN LIETH AT THE DOOR

"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous." I John 3:11, 12.

It seems Cain was jealous of his brother Able because Cain was a tiller of the soil, a farmer we should say. We are told in Genesis 4:3, "Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord." Notice it doesn't say it was the finest of the fruit of the ground. No, and Able, the keeper of sheep, brought also of the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof. Can you see the difference? We learn that God had respect for Able and his offering. Why? Because it was the finest and best, evidently given in the right spirit. And so even yet when we give to the Lord we must give the best of our time or talent. God is a jealous God and cannot take second place. We must give Him the best of our service.

But to Cain and his offering God had not respect and Cain was very wroth: we would say mad, just plain old mad, and very mad! We read where the

Lord told Cain "If thou doest well, shalt not thou be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Yes, when we give not our best to the Lord, sin lieth at our door.

Some always notice our churches when someone in it is not doing their best for God. When some brother tries in love and kindness to show such an one the Lord's way, that one will sometimes get wroth and say to others, "Oh, he just thinks he knows it all." Then they think up something he was supposed to have said or done: "Oh, he did so and so," or "She said so and so," and "I wouldn't do that, would you?" I tell you it just isn't right. Are they not trying to slay their brother? Not literally as did Cain. No, just trying to slay his Christian character and influence for good. God talked personally with Cain. Now He often talks to us by His servants. He puts it into the hearts and minds to say certain things to others to help them. If a sister finds me in a fault and in love and kindness tells me of the same, should I get wroth and try to slay that sister? No! If I do sin lieth at the door.

The effect of Cain's sin was great. We read where Cain said, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." I doubt not that we shall be punished if we try to defame or slay our brothers Christian character. Cain was banished from the presence of God.

We should love one another as we find in the text and in numerous places in God's Word. Often times our best friends are the ones who tell us of our faults, so let's strive to be careful that sin lieth not at our door.

Mrs. J. W. Wilkey

Mammoth Springs, Arkansas

The way of this world is to praise the dead saints and persecute the living ones.

There is no right way to do a wrong thing.

There is no limit to the good which a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

The average man speaks 11,000,000 words in a year, and 5,000,000 are "I", "me" and "mine."

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SOME NEWS FROM MY FIELDS -

By Osmundo Corrales - Cuba

After my graduation I was appointed by the Workers Council as an explorer of new fields where some sugar mills are located. The labor there was arduous but glorious, and many were able to hear the message of salvation for the first time. These fields need fervent prayer and much labor for they are infected with erroneous and diabolic doctrines.

While I was working in those places, I also helped the local pastor in Vinales.

One Sunday at noontime the Spirit made me responsible to go through the streets of said town and give invitations for services and distribute tracts. Before going out to the streets, I felt something that I had never felt many times before, that of embarrassment and fear to go out. I went back and knelt down and demanded the valor and encouragement that my soul was in need of in that moment to go out on the street. In the first street that I visited, a mother called me to pray for a girl who was seriously ill and God healed her. I continued to give out tracts and invite people to the service of that evening. I came to a cafe where there were approximately twenty tables to play dominoes and two billiard tables, and there was a great group of men who were playing and using obscene and degrading words in both places. I interrupted the exciting and passionate game, putting a tract in the hands of everyone and addressing to them a few words about God and His salvation. That night a man went to the service and called me into one of the inner rooms of the pastoral house and said: "Explain this tract to me," and added, "After you had been there in the cafe this afternoon and gave me this little piece of paper. I couldn't resist any more and I threw down the billiard cue (because he was playing on one of the tables), paid what corresponded to me, and suddenly I said to my companions, 'I am not playing any more,' and left there. And," he continued, "like a wounded bird I arrived at my home seeking medicine for my soul but did not find it."

This man had heard the Gospel one time before but it was that day when the Spirit worked in his soul and he surrendered himself to the Lord and today he feels happy and fortunate for having done it. By this event I am made to remember the encouraging promise of the Psalmist that we find in Psalms 126:5, 6: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with

him."

After working hard for some months in those fields before-mentioned, it was necessary that I assume the responsibility of the work in Puerta Esperanza and Playuelas, places where I had worked before. Here the work is marvelous, only we lack chapels for in various places we are meeting in the homes. God is permitting us to build a chapel in Playuelas and we are having all we need for it, for which we thank God.

Here, there are great and precious testimonies of people whom the Lord has saved and healed and there is an animated and happy atmosphere in the group of redeemed ones. And I feel happy and willing to labor to the utmost for the salvation of souls.

STATES FOREIGN MISSION QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Alabama	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 239.58	\$ 1,310.42
Arkansas	500.00	112.99	387.01
California	200.00	132.99	67.01
Florida	800.00	348.33	451.67
Georgia	2,000.00	934.30	1,065.70
Illinois	2,500.00	971.15	1,528.85
Kentucky	1,200.00	59.10	1,140.90
Michigan	4,000.00	3,688.55	311.45
Mississippi	850.00	140.55	709.45
Missouri	8,000.00	2,274.59	5,725.41
North Carolina	11,000.00	3,314.58	7,685.42
Ohio	2,000.00	24.16	1,975.84
Oklahoma	4,000.00	855.61	3,144.39
South Carolina	3,000.00	1,472.97	1,527.03
Tennessee	5,000.00	2,455.15	2,544.85
Texas	1,600.00	811.54	788.46
Virginia	1,500.00	69.34	1,430.66
West Virginia	2,000.00	334.62	1,665.38
TOTAL	\$51,700.00	\$18,240.10	\$33,459.90

TEXAS HOME MISSIONS

Waco, Texas

Dear Editor:

As treasurer of the Texas West Fork Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board, I submit the following report from August 31, 1950 to November 30, 1950.

Offering at W. F. Ass'n.....\$ 50.00
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 Total Receipts.....\$194.35

The following have paid their pledges:
 Mrs. W. B. Kennedy, Jesse Jones, Rev.
 A. J. Ferguson, and Woman's Auxiliary, First Church, Dallas.

--C. J. Hearron, Treas.

"PRAYER"

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson - Richwoods, Mo.

There is so much in the Bible about Prayer that it makes it one of the greatest subjects to write about.

I think the whole world is failing when it comes to prayer. We all fail to pray without ceasing.

Prayer is the most important thing in a Christian's life. It is a great link that pulls down the power of God and blesses us and everybody around.

What glorious promises we have through Prayer, such as is found in Matthew 21:22. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." So let us search our hearts and see if we really believe in answered Prayer.

With all of God's Promises to answer prayer there are certain conditions we have to meet before we have answered Prayer. We must ask him (Matt. 7:7). We must believe. We must have a clean heart. We must do His will. We must ask in His Name. Then we will have victory through Prayer.

We must remember Prayer is not just a mere petition. It is communion with God; pouring out our whole heart and soul. Prayer is a golden key opening the store houses of God's grace. They are opened by men, women, boys and girls on bended knee at the foot of the Cross of Christ. There is little danger of too much time spent in prayer.

The only way out for our nation and other nations is on bended knee before God in prayer. God alone can give us that peace we are always talking about.

We have many things that can be overcome by Prayer. Bad habits are overcome by Prayer. Evil tendencies are rooted out by Prayer. Dark hours are made light through Prayer. Midnight prayers bring noonday and victory.

There is no certain time to pray and give thanks to God. God's Word tells us to Pray without ceasing and to watch and pray. We should have a Prayer upon our hearts at all times.

We are told to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation. We should be continually in prayer. "I will therefore that men ought to pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands,

without wrath and doubting." I Tim. 2:8.

Prayer brings the lost sinner to Christ. When Christians get the burden and begin to pray and fast then God will answer Prayers and save sinners.

Say, dear Christians, let's all Pray as we have never prayed before for a lost sinful world. Let our lives be a prayerful and sacrificial life for the Lord.

Pray, Pray, in the old time way,
Come Christians gather around;
Pray, Pray, as they used to Pray
When the Power of God came down.

Pray, Pray, the only way,
To reach the saint's high ground
Pray, Pray, the prayer of faith
Will bring God's blessing down.

PIONEER MISSIONARY MEET A GREAT SUCCESS

In spite of extremely cold weather, hazardous roads and the usual "business" of this season, a number of Free Will Baptist met, with some visiting brethren, at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist church in Flat River for the first Missionary Conference ever to be held in the state of Missouri.

Words fail us in attempting to describe the spirit of love and fellowship that prevailed. At every meeting there was expressed a deep interest in the promulgation of this glorious message of salvation to the whole world.

The Rev. Thomas Willey, Director of Missions in Cuba, was the principal speaker for the Conference. Each message bore the imprint of brother Willey's deep passion for souls and his love for the people of Cuba.

The following is a brief summary of all that was done at this first Missions Conference in Missouri.

Friday Night

The devotional service was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. Mark Lewis. There were several local churches represented, visiting brethren from the Central Western and Indian Creek Associations, and visitors from sister churches.

The Rev. Thomas Willey then spoke of the spiritual conditions in Cuba and of the power of God in transforming lives. The message was well received by the congregation with a great out-

pouring of the Holy Spirit. After the message a film, "A Letter To Melitino" was shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

A planning Committee was appointed by the Director, Rev. Lewis and consisted of the following members: Rev. J. F. Miller, chairman, Rev's. Harry Beatty, Harvey Hill, Ben Scott, F. C. Zinn.

Saturday Morning

After the devotional service was concluded greetings from the National Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Raymond Riggs was read. There followed an open forum of questions and answers about the missions fields. Rev. Willey conducted the forum and read as a basis for his remarks II Tim. 2:1-2. Rev. Willey also gave a short history of the progress of missions in Cuba. In the past seven years, we have grown from one lone missionary, Brother Willey, to five American missionaries and forty native pastors. We have seventy groups meeting regularly for worship. Not all these groups are organized but they do meet regularly.

The eleven o'clock hour was devoted to another message from Rev. Willey who used John 4:4-13, as a text and for a subject, "The Foreign Missions Program Personified."

Business Hour

Report of Planning Committee:

1. That a committee of three (3) persons be elected by this Conference or, appointed by the State Director, to be the Missions Committee of The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. It is recommended that the State Director be given the power to appoint this committee. (This permission was granted.) Said committee to organize at their own discretion as follows; A Chairman and an assistant Chairman whose duty it will be to propose and devise plans for the progress of missions, and a Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, whose duty it will be to receive and disburse all funds received for missions. All funds to go through this committee. This committee is to be known as the Missions Committee of Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

2. That, each church is asked to adopt this recommendation at their next regular business meeting after January 1, 1951, and declare to this committee what they will be able to give. It is strongly urged that each

church adopt at least one missionary at \$75.00 per month, or a native pastor at \$30.00, or a native student at \$20.00 per month.

A. If any church would not be able to assume an entire responsibility asked for that they, with any other church who will, provide a part of the salary.

B. Should there be churches who prefer an outright offering to the committee and not support any given person on the field, the same will be sent to the National Board in the aggregate amount.

3. That we ask the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting to adopt this program and that they make this a part of their elective members.

4. That each Quarterly Meeting continue to devise their own program of support for Home Missions.

5. That whatever group adopted the support of a worker has a right to expect a report of their work at stated intervals.

6. Any church, who desires, extend an invitation to the State Director for help in organizing for their future support to missions.

(The above report was received in its entirety by a vote of those present.)

The Missions Committee who were appointed are as follows: Rev. F. C. Zinn, chairman; Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Bob Hill, Promotional Sec.-Treas. (address; 8905 Flavia Ave., Berkly City, Missouri.)

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. Willey who spoke on the subject: "The Darkest Hour In The History Of The World." Rev. Willey used as a text, Mark 16:1. An offering was received in the amount of \$61.25. As was stated in the beginning of this article, words fail us in trying to describe the wonderful blessing which was ours to enjoy in this first Missions Conference. We are trusting the Lord for continued blessings as a result of our session and the plans that were made at that time. The address of the Missouri Director of missions is: Rev. Mark Lewis, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Missouri.

—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Reporter

The Ten Commandments and the multiplication table are in no danger of being outmoded.

WOOLSEYS' REVIEW FOUR YEARS AS MISSIONARIES; FORSEE CONSIDERABLE GROWTH; MISS HOME TIES

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November 17, 1950

Dear Folk:

Four years have passed since we offered ourselves at the command of the Holy Spirit, to the National Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Mission and were accepted. We have keenly missed your physical fellowship but have enjoyed, as never before, that glorious fellowship that one Christian can have with another when they are wholeheartedly engaged in mutual work for the Master. These years have passed as swift as the eagle's flight. When we think of the little accomplished in these years, we feel indeed ashamed and realize that we are unworthy and unprofitable servants. The little that God has accomplished through us has been by the grace and mercy of our Saviour. We have now been in the Purnea District two years and here in Sonapurhat more than a year. We feel that you who have and are making our work possible should have at least this brief report of the past year's work. May God forgive its smallness. Although this does not include the work of the Cronks, they have given us assistance in many way. They led the first convert of this area to Christ; it was also through them that we first became acquainted with the group that later accepted Christ, was baptized and constituted our first church. Bro. Cronk aided in the organization of the Church and baptized eleven of its members.

From October 1, 1949 to October 1, 1950—Miles traveled (including two trips South for Barnard), 10,000; homes visited by both of us, 600; revivals held, 1; conversions witnessed, 19; number baptized (3 for Miss Barnard, 1 for Cronk), 8; churches organized, 1; received into the church, 16; churches in our charge, 2; regular preaching stations, 3; villages visited, 200; Indian workers (all only part time), 3; Bible woman, 1. Things purchased for missions—oxen, 2; horses, 1; tent (40 x 18) 1; fruit trees, 60; shrub trees, plants, etc., 40; medicine, Rs 2,400; patients, 5900; mission com-

Some of the above figures are not complete and some are only approximate.

A large part of our time during the past year has been consumed in the gathering of materials for the mission house and overseeing the building. Besides the main house, we have built a small one with two rooms, one for cooking and one for the cook. The Mission House has three larger rooms and two smaller ones and a larger veranda. We have two wells one for the house and one for the irrigation of the garden, trees, flowers, etc. As we are about 40 miles from the nearest small town, we have been handicapped in securing both materials and laborers with the necessary skill.

In order to get corrugated iron for our roofs, we were forced to buy at a tremendous price, three small houses. However, after several unsuccessful trials we found some aluminium paint which made things O. K. Cement is rationed and permits are hard to get from the capitol of the District, a round trip of three days. But God has blessed in a wonderful way and although our compound and buildings do not in anyway compare with the others in those mission stations better situated, we are proud of the results after a year in a tent through the heat, cold, and tropical downpours.

It is much too early to make any statement, but if God continues to lead it begins to look as if it would not be entirely impossible to organize the first association of Free Will Baptists in India within the next year. The church organized this year consists of people who came straight out of Hinduism. There are some groups whose parents were at least nominal Christians. These are beginning to think seriously of "the most needful". However as yet we can only teach, pray and trust the Master.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In the Master's vineyard,

/s/ Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey

NOTE: The above letter arrived just one day too late for our last issue. Ed.



From The Editor's Desk



MANY SHALL BETRAY

Only a few years ago such words as "Isolationist," "Pacifist," "Espionage," and "Communist" stirred very little concern among most of us. Perhaps they were common enough, but there was little or no impact of meaning. Today finds it different. Today such words bring fear and trembling to large groups of people around the world. Not long ago there was an idea of "One World," to be literally a place of joy and peace; with free world trade and commerce. Everyone would have plenty and be happy. But it has not developed that way. Instead we are faced with much the opposite among many of the peoples of the world and everywhere we are concerned about world conditions. Everywhere people have their idea of the remedy. Everywhere the remedy applied has failed or is failing. Everywhere the above words strike fear, not for any power of words but because they embody plans and ideas already tried and already proved failures. In their failure they have caused widespread distrust and extensive betrayals.

In the 24th chapter of Matthew our Saviour sat on the Mount of Olives and there comforted His disciples and foretold to them much that would come to pass on the face of the earth and among its peoples before the end of the world (age). In this account of future events, it seems He literally made the Jews to be the mercury in the barometer of time which has and will foreshadow many impending events; hence it is interesting and accurate to watch closely the activities of the Hebrews. But Jesus also said many things concerning the rest of the peoples of the world. In the 10th verse He said, "Many shall be offended, and you rest." He commanded to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The same Bible that has so accurately foretold events to this very hour also sets forth the plan and means of your redemption and mine. Do you believe it? If you do I am sure you are far above the greater fears of this day and that you are not going to betray those about you.

cuted because they dined in the hour of victory on steaks and liver from prisoners of war?" There was also a brief leak of information at one time concerning how prisoners of war existed when certain starvation faced them. Then, too, conditions of poverty in certain sectors of the Orient have caused the slaughter of many humans, especially children and elder people for sustaining the lives of others. Betrayed or betrayers. Yet, for much less than this would some betray.

After only a few short years of peace and readjustment, we find ourselves again embroiled in war. The outcome is still not known and at this time does not seem encouraging. For fear of attack from other sources we are racing to prepare ourselves and all who will help us against these threats. Then those who feel the task is far too great offer other solutions and are immediately branded as Isolationists, Traitors, Reds, Pinkests, etc. Fear and betrayal everywhere.

This stain has long been in the human family. It was here when Cain slew Able in an angry outburst. It was here when Jesus was betrayed into the hands of sinful men. It was here when the nation was young and was so apparent that even the Occidental Indian noticed it. When accused of treachery on his part he would answer, "The Indian scalps his enemy, but the white man skins his friend." The stain is only growing larger, like a blot of ink on a wet piece of paper.

Have you been betrayed or have you betrayed others? Do you stand in position to be betrayed? Does your heart stand still with fright? Has the concern and hopelessness of the times seized you with great fear? Jesus said, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." He commanded to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The same Bible that has so accurately foretold events to this very hour also sets forth the plan and means of your redemption and mine. Do you believe it? If you do I am sure you are far above the greater fears of this day and that you are not going to betray those about you.

OUR GENUINE THANKS

We hope it will be excusable for us this one time to use some of this page for a genuine and heartfelt "thank you" for the many nice messages of greeting receive by us during the recent Christmas season. Each one was very nice. Since it is next to impossible to thank each of you personally, we hope you will know by this that we did appreciate them. It has further indicated to us the interest of each of you in the welfare of the Gem and the work of its staff. Mrs. Jeffreys joins me in this appreciation and in wishing for each of you a most successful year in the service of the Lord.

PLEASE

Now that the holiday season is over and we all have more of a chance to return to our normal routine, will you not check to see if your sub is up to date? It seems to be a natural thing to let the rush of these busy days preclude promptness in this matter and before we realize it we have neglected or forgotten and stand delinquent on the mailing list. So please, if you have been temporarily neglectful, rush your remittance and all gifts at once. We do not desire to lose a single subscriber. Also, we still need more workers in the church and associational groups. We are thankful for the several very faithful workers that are now working for us, but need many more. Help your Gem have a very successful year of service. Help us grow.

JOINT BOARDS MEET

To the Free Will Baptists of Missouri:

On December 8, 1950 the Missouri State Executive Board and the Special Committee that was appointed at the State Association to examine the well being of the Gem, met in joint session at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River. We make the following report:

No. 1. It was learned, from the Editor, that the financial status of the Gem establishment is in better condi-

tion than it was in September. Also, that considerable work was on hand to be done.

No. 2. That help for the Gem was badly needed. We hereby urge that anyone, who would be qualified in any measure and interested in such a position, contact the Editor immediately and offer themselves for said service. Or if not interested yourself and know of someone else that might be—still contact the Editor and let him know about them!

No. 2. A discussion, of the facts pertaining to the entire work was entered into—and the following proposals were made:

a. That consideration be given to moving the Gem from its present location to the Lead Belt—(Flat River suggested). Mark Lewis and Rev. F. C. Zinn were appointed to investigate the possibilities of the building, and the Editor is to investigate the cost of the moving of the equipment.

b. Should it be found profitable, and advisable from every standpoint and outlook, then the committee and the board were to make a joint recommendation to the State Association in its next session that such a move be made.

c. Should the Gem be moved to the Flat River locality that it is to do commercial job work, operate a book store, handle supplies for Daily Vacation Bible Schools and other church needs, sell Christian novelties, wall placards, etc. There is a section in this locality that does not have such an establishment in many miles—with a total population of about 40,000 people. It is believed that the progress of the Gem would be great.)

No. 4. It was agreed that the Gem would remain under-written by the Home Missions funds until the above mentioned investigation is completed.

We would welcome letters to the Gem—or to the Committee and Board stating your feeling about the proposals. You may write directly to the Editor at the Gem, or to Rev. F. C. Zinn, 306 Cedar St., Flat River, Missouri, to Rev. Mark Lewis, 601 Buckley St., Flat River, Missouri, or to Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Missouri.

We all desire to work—as the people desire us to work.

By Rev. Mark Lewis

HANNON REVIVAL

It has been sometime since the Hannon Church has been heard from through the Gem. We are here and a remnant still faithful and on the firing line for the Lord.

On November 13th we began a revival with Rev. Harvey E. Hill of St. Louis as evangelist, assisted by our able pastor, Sister Lowell Martin.

Bro. Hill came to us almost a total stranger, but soon came into the hearts of everyone, and made friends with both the church and outsiders in a wonderful way. Everyone soon realized he was a conscientious, consecrated man of God and ready to preach Christ and His wonderful saving power. He was a welcome guest in all our homes and expressed himself as appreciating our hospitality and financial remuneration. Sister Martin spent her time in her usual energetic way visiting in homes and encouraging the sick of the community and helping in the divine services.

We enjoyed good audiences and especially appreciated the co-operation of our sister church, the Verdella F. W. B. Church. Several never missed a service.

There were four conversions and four additions to the church, the church greatly revived and strengthened. After 12 nights services the meeting closed.

Bro. Hill left for home with the love and esteem of everyone, and wishing him success in his work, and hoping we will soon meet again.

We, as a church are made sad at this time over the illness of Grandmother Thomas, the oldest member of the church, who is confined to her bed after attending every service of the revival. Also the serious condition of Sister Brooks, who received very serious injuries in a terrible wreck with her family more than two weeks ago. These two dear sisters need the prayers of God's children.

Love to all from the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church.

—Reporter

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

November, 1950

Received November 1, 1950

from Winford Davis.....\$3,377.31

November Receipts:

Sale, Barnard's Books \$	170.00
Film "Letter to Melitino"	439.64
Alabama	138.36
Arkansas	55.65
California	71.18
Florida	197.13
Illinois	380.63
Georgia	490.59
Kentucky	6.10
Leuisiana	3.00
Michigan	717.60
Mississippi	7.85
Missouri	835.76
New Mexico	20.00
North Carolina	2,143.67
Ohio	13.36
Oklahoma	162.70
South Carolina	826.77
Tennessee	1,324.72
Texas	241.35
Virginia	1.32
West Virginia	145.08

Total Receipts\$8,392.46

Grand Total\$11,769.77

Disbursements:

Toccoa Falls Schools	
(Cuba)	\$ 75.00
Laura B. Barnard	
(India)	1,065.00
Bro. & Sis. T. H. Willey	
(Cuba)	3,189.99
Missions Visualized ..	233.33
Permit fee & postage ..	95.83
Rev. Riggs, expense to Benton Harbor	
for service	8.00
Insurance for Willey's	10.01
Printer, Literature...	377.95
India	1,110.15
Mrs. Josephine Stevens	
(Africa)	150.00

Total\$ 6,315.26

Bank balance December 1...\$ 5,454.51

Due India Oct. & Nov. \$2,400.00

Due Cuba for Nov.... 1,700.00

Total Due\$ 4,100.00

Balance In Various Accounts:

General Fund.....	\$1,740.46
Barnard's Books	170.00
Film "Letter to Melitino"	439.64
India Car Fund.....	3,104.41

Total Accounts Balance.....\$ 5,454.51

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

JONES CHAPEL REVIVAL

Stella, Missouri

Dear Editor, and Gem Family:

I'm sending the report of the revival that has just closed at the Jones Chapel Church. Rev. Earl Jenson of McAlester, Oklahoma was evangelist.

We had a wonderful meeting. God's Spirit was greatly manifest and the church was wonderfully revived. Five men and women and one girl came to the altar and were saved. There were eight additions to the church.

We feel that God answered prayer when He sent Bro. and Sis. Jenson to us, although we didn't see all saved for whom we prayed. We are not giving up, we ask the prayers of all of God's people who know the worth of prayer, that the rest of our men, will give their hearts and lives to God in the near future.

Your Sister in Christ,

Hope Eaton, Reporter

AULSBURY CHAPEL

During the month of August we enjoyed a two weeks revival with Rev. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois as our evangelist. He brought soul stirring messages each night and three precious souls were saved. Following the revival, there were four additions to the church.

We were privileged to have the quarterly meeting at our church on Saturday, October 7. The spirit of the Lord was greatly manifested throughout the meeting. We feel that everyone present recieved a great blessing and spiritual uplifting.

Two weeks during the month of October our pastor was engaged in a revival at Bear Point Church in Illinois. During his absence we were privileged to have with us Rev. C. B. Dees, of Flat River.

The Ladies of our church met on November 1st and organized a Woman's Auxilliary with thirteen charter members. We are praying that by the leadership of the Holy Spirit to be a blessing to our church and community.

Mrs. Audrey Boyd, Reporter

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF HIGHLAND PARK, MICH.

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Clerk and Treasurer of the Highland Park F.W.B. Church, recently supplied us with some very interesting statistics of that church and its financial statement for the three months of September, October and November. During this period the church added 17 new members, 31 were converted, and four baptized. There were 347 resident members, 22 non-resident members, one dismissed by letter, and two deceased. A cash balance of \$3,163.90 was brought forward. To this was added receipts of \$7,863.17 for a total of \$11,027.07. The church paid out during this time \$8,833.66. Of the total disbursements \$747.50 was paid for radio broadcasting, the Bible college received 240.00, paid on an adjoining lot \$1,500.00, and given to foreign missions a total of \$948.45.

We think this is a commendable record for this or any church.

LOYAL CHAPEL CHURCH

This morning a young boy was saved at Loyal Chapel. I began to think of all the young men and women who live for the pleasures of this world, who do not stop to think of our Christ who died on Calvary for us, that we might have life and have it more abundantly. They are the generations that will lead our country in the future. They are the ones who will teach our children and lead them along the same pathway that they, themselves, follow. We should be more concerned about our young people. We should strive to show them the pleasures of living for Christ. They do not know that the presence of the Lord is peace and joy. In all our prayers, we should not forget the youngsters that are molding and making their characters in the way they are taught. A few of them have Christian parents, but a big majority are facing their battles, shaping their lives with no help from their unconcerned parents, who are too busy seeking worldly pleasures to claim Christ in their own lives so that they

might be able to rear their children in the love and admonition of the Lord. Let us pray.

We have so many things to pray about. Each Wednesday night Rev. Bloss has called his flock to come and pray together for our nation, our leaders, that they might return to Christ; because without Him, we shall have no victory in anything. He is our hope and our redeemer: without Him on our side, our country is doomed. If you, fellow Free Will Baptist, haven't called special prayer meetings for our nation, we urge you to do so before it is too late. Prayer changes things and God is the same God as He was in the olden days. He is always near; all we have to do is call upon Him.

Christmas time is nearing—let us not forget what it really stands for. So many times we think of Christmas only as a time of giving presents. It is a time of giving, our Christ was given to us, so let us think on the true meaning of Christmas and rejoice in the Lord for giving us a gift so precious. It hurts my very soul to see folk drinking and talking of celebrating Christmas in a manner so displeasing to God. I can but think of the sorrowfulness of our Lord as He was led to the cross to die for us, and think that the people He died for are denying Him and His love.

Loyal Chapel isn't forgetting the orphans, the college and our foreign missionaries at Christmas time. They are all needy and Free Will Baptists, as their means of support, should always think greatly upon their needs. We listen to our pastor in regards to these, quote so many times, "For I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger and ye took me not in: naked and ye clothed me not: sick and in prison and ye visited me not." We cannot be found guilty of these.

A last thought: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

By Freda Price

If others sin, you need not mention it.

NEW WORK STARTED IN LOS ANGELES AREA

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I am happy to report of a new work started here in Huntington Park, California for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I've had a leading to come to this Los Angeles Area for some time. I pastored the only Free Will Baptist Church in Southern California for about a year which is located at Ocean-side. This church now has our good brother Rev. T. E. Milligan as pastor.

I had this leadership while there at that church, but from lack of funds and the help we needed it wasn't accomplished until in November of this year—two years after the leading, but thanks be unto God we have started now. Everyone is really happy, and I must say a little surprised at the progress we are making. If we will only hold on to God, He will make a way which we are so thankful He has always done for us.

We haven't organized yet, but after the holidays we are planning a revival and the organizing of our church. I believe it won't be but a short while until we will have one of the best Free Will Baptist Churches in California, and we think all are good. I wish I had space and time to name all the good folk who are so interested in this work.

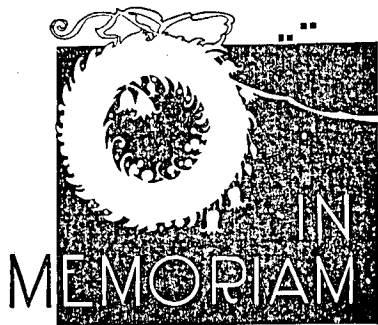
We have a wonderful group, and praise His Name forever, we are having new people nearly every service. We give all the praise to our Lord, we want no glory, but He who hath redeemed us through His blood.

We covet all your prayers, that we might be the kind of a leader and a shepherd that we ought, for I am a young minister. I started here in California about three years ago and we want always to be found humble in the sight of our Lord.

It is high time we awake out of sleep for it is later than we think. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Rom. 13:12. "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Rev. Eual Gorman



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

Dear daddy, in our hearts your memory lingers,

Patient, kind and ever true.

There's not a day we do not miss you, Not a day but what we think of you.

We miss you in the home,
We miss your gentle care
We miss you in the church
We miss you everywhere.

Dear Jesus help us ever
Thy Blessed Word to keep
So that we meet dear daddy
When at last in death we sleep.

No one knows the silent heartaches,
Only those who have lost can tell
Of the grief that we bear in silence.
For the one we loved so well.

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

—Mrs. B. McCauley

REPORTS REVIVAL WORK

On December 4th we began a revival meeting with the Sublett Church in Northeast Missouri. Rev. Rolla Smith is the pastor. We continued with these people through December 16th and enjoyed a good revival with two conversions.

This made the eleventh week of revival work in which we have been engaged since the second Sunday in August. In each of these meetings we have witnessed conversions and experienced a revival in each church. We have had the finest fellowship with not only our own ministers but also have had some splendid co-operation from Gods people from other churches.

We are now home for a few days rest. Our plans, the Lord willing, is to begin another meeting soon after

first of the year. Also, we have promised our New Harmony Church in Northeast Missouri to be with them for a meeting about February first. Sister Mildred Gilliam is their pastor.

As we enter the new year, may we lay aside every weight and sin which doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race set before us. Christ is coming. When He comes may He find us doing the work He has assigned us, not down under the juniper tree, up the myrtle tree, or out on the enemy's play ground.

Yours in the cause of Christ

Rev. O. T. Allred

EVANGELIST BUSY

Rev. William Buster, full time Free Will Baptist evangelist, has a full schedule to about February 16. Please write him for dates from that time. His address is Thebes, Illinois.

FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY

At the National Meeting last year, the Conference voted to make Sunday, February 4th, 1951, Foreign Mission Sunday. Thus we are complying by advertising such and trusting that every church in our connection will remember our Foreign Mission Program on that day. First of all in prayer, and perhaps a Missionary Message or program and an offering.

Posters will be sent to every preacher that we have on our mailing list which may be used for that day or any other Sunday, merely by pasting a white strip of paper over the date and inserting another date. It will serve as a reminder to pray for our missionaries.

If our Pastors will set the example by using and promoting the "Penny a Meal" plan, I'm sure that soon our deficit will be met and a reserve built up to send more missionaries.

It would be a fine gesture if everyone would start the "Penny a Meal" plan now and on "Foreign Mission Sunday" let everyone bring their Penny a Meal offering to their respective church or else send it to this office.

If our laymen are "informed" then they will "perform".

More "Penny a Meal" stickers can be had upon request.

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



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

March 15, 1951

Third Thursday In March
at

Mountain Grove, Missouri

- 9:00 Devotional Period...Alta Mikel
9:20 Open Forum...State Officers in
charge. (Each officer conduct
forum in relationship to their
departmental work.)
10:30 Organizational Teaching.....
Director
10:45 Recess
11:00 Worship Period...Special Music
Message.....Rev. Mark Lewis
12:00 Lunch and Fellowship
1:30 Devotional Period...Mrs. Genel
Scott
1:45 Testimony and Praise Service,
M. S. Lowell Martin
3:00 Playlet...Mtn. Grove Auxiliary
4:00 Benediction.

Please plan to attend this session
and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Director

THIS DAY WE SAILED WEST

We are coming to the close of another calendar year. I am going to ask myself this question. "As a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, have I done my best for the Master this past year?" Will you too, ask yourself this same question?

There may be those who say, "I have tried to work for the Master, I have spent so much time laboring but it seems there are no results. It seems that God has deserted me." Hagai 2:4, "Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you saith the Lord of Hosts." Let us not sidetrack our faith in God. Success is ours if we hold on and never give way to discouragement.

Many who claim to be Christians use little if any of their time in the work of the Lord. Some murmur, "I can't find anything to do at church—they won't give me anything to do." Let us remember that it is the Spirit of God that assigns tasks to us. The world is the field, and God himself is

the employer. You will get a steady job in His work if you will apply to Him. Dear friend, when a man, woman, boy or girl, realizes his or her need of a Savior, comes to Him in an attitude of Faith and repentance and applies for membership into His Kingdom, He accepts the application and has a place for him or her to fill, not merely a seat in the church to occupy but a work to do. The Holy Spirit leads us if we take up our cross daily and follow His leadership. He leads us to the particular work He has for us to do and trains us for that work.

Perhaps you are a housewife and mother and you feel that nothing more is required of you. We would ask that you read Prov. 31:13-28, and especially do we call your attention to the 20th verse, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." She is charitable to the poor, she is as intent upon giving as she is in getting, she often serves the poor with her own hands and she does it freely, cheerfully, and very liberally with an outstretched hand. Nor does she relieve her poor neighbors only, and those that are nigh at hand, but she reaches forth her hands to the needy that are at a distance, seeking opportunities to do good and her family has not been neglected.

I Cor. 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Many a life has started out with high hopes of doing something worthwhile, but as opportunities come they sidetrack them. Somehow I have a feeling that people who continually sidetrack opportunities to serve the Master will come down to the end of life with not a single hope left and nothing to stand on.

It is said that a mariner set sail upon an unknown ocean to give his life, if need be, in the cause of discovery. The crew became terrified at the mystery of the deep and strove to turn him back. Failing to do that they threatened to put him in chains, to

kill him, to gain control of the ship. But the dominance of his great spirit gave the mariner mastery over them. And the day after his most serious encounter with the men, we find that he wrote, simply, in his log book: "This day we sailed west."

If we aim to get anywhere in our Auxiliary work, we shall most certainly encounter obstacles. We will meet great handicaps. They can turn us back if we are weak, they can dishearten us if we lack courage.

If we are big enough we shall not falter; if we are big enough we shall not even complain. Come what may, with faith in our Master, with courage and love, let us write proudly for His sake, in our log book for 1951—"This day we sailed west."

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan,
President, W. N. A. C.

DAILY VACATION SCHOOLS

Now is the time to begin your planning for your Vacation Bible School. Some of our auxiliaries do not sponsor a Bible school because, I feel, that they have put off planning for one until time for the school and then the responsibility looms so large that they give up in despair and say, "we can't." When really, if the planning and the praying begin far enough in advance, it can be done.

No church is too small nor too large to not be able to have a Vacation Bible School. If you have a Sunday School in your church then you can have a D. V. B. S. If your Sunday School teachers are as interested in the salvation of the souls of their pupils as they should be, they will accept the responsibility of teaching.

In the D. V. B. S. concerted concentrated effort can be made toward that end. Instead of having one-half hour in which to win these pupils you have from two to three hours daily, five days a week, for two weeks. Think of all that can be done in that length of time.

I feel that the Pastor of the church should be the Superintendent of the

D. V. B. S., for he knows, or should know, more about the needs of all the members of his church than anyone else and how much the church can afford to spend for such an effort. For a D. V. B. S. will cost you some money but I declare to you the blessings will far outweigh the cost.

But you will not have a successful D. V. B. S. without praying and some careful planning and forethought in advance. It requires time and effort and a very real desire to see souls saved.

You will need time to take stock of what material shall be taught and how much you will need of it. It takes time for the material to reach you, once this has been decided. Then take the time to familiarize yourself with

what you are to teach. You cannot teach what you do not know, so begin to prepare now!

Please! Don't have a last-minute, haphazard, D. V. B. S. but set the date, get your material, put your mind to it, roll up your sleeves, stay on your knees and watch what God can do in such a united effort.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

REPORT OF WOMEN'S EDITOR

Received:

Fredericktown Auxilliary.....	\$2.00
Third Church Auxilliary.....	1.00
First Church Auxilliary.....	1.00
Total	\$4.00
Expenditures	\$6.39

STEWARDS OF THE STEWARDSHIP PLANS

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd - Nashville, Tennessee

One of the outstanding needs of the Free Will Baptist Denomination is that her people recognize their responsibility as stewards of God. Each phase of our National Associational program depends on every Free Will Baptist becoming a good steward, for unless we are honest before God in the discharge of our Christian obligations we cannot expect the blessings of God to rest upon our efforts in the realm of religious pursuits.

Stewardship, in its deeper meaning, is the willing giving of time, talents, and money to the Lord. It is the consecration of life and life's possessions to be used of the Lord in the advancements of the cause of righteousness. This kind of stewardship involves two principles; that God is the Sovereign owner of all things, and that man is a steward and must give an account for all that is entrusted to him. As Stewards of God, we must present our lives to Him in consecrated service. None of our acts of service are acceptable unless we have first offered our life.

Realizing the relationship of the steward to the Master, the W. N. A. C. has set down in her plan of work a list of things which, if followed, will enable every woman in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination to be a good Steward.

First, the women believe the Bible

teaches that the TITHIE is the minimum in giving.

Second, the W. N. A. C. voted to continue to urge our people to give to the "Fifty-Thousand Co-Laborer Band." This plan includes all objectives promoted and supported by the National Association of Free Will Baptists to which the W. N. A. C. is an auxiliary. One-third of every Co-Laborer Band dollar is kept in the W. N. A. C. treasury and $\frac{2}{3}$ is sent monthly to the treasurer of the Boards of the National Associations for distribution to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Bible College, and to Superannuation.

Then, too, the Convention highly recommends that each local auxiliary sponsor in her church a special Church Night Stewardship program. A very fine list of books has been prepared and printed in the Year Book.

The W. N. A. C. also sponsors a Stewardship Declamation contest which is held during the annual convention. Each state is urged to enter a contestant. For complete information get in touch with the third vice-president of your state.

These Stewardship plans will be unsuccessful unless the third vice president of each local auxiliary does her part. To be a good Steward of the Stewardship plans we must put the plan into operation. Let "action" be our Watchword.

MOUNTAIN GROVE W. A.

The W. A. of Mountain Grove Free Will Baptist Church met in its regular monthly meeting on Friday night, December 1.

The second vice president, Mrs. Cinda Vandivort, took charge of meeting. Congregation sang "Joy to the World." Mrs. Coffman, chaplain, read I Cor. 13. Prayer by Sis. Chambers. "Advancing with Christ Through benevolent Activities" was the subject studied. Topics were given by Edna Carder, Cinda Vandivort, Ina Edwards, Muriel Hutsell, and Zellen Altis.

A short business session followed. The Auxiliary voted to make a gift of \$50.00 to the Burl Haliburton family to help with the expense of Betty Lou's operation. Election of officers followed. The officers for the coming year are as follows: Mrs. Sadie Graham President; Mrs. Ina Edwards, 1st V. P.; Mrs. Cinda Vandivort, 2nd V. P.; Mrs. Leona Holt, 3rd V. P.; Mrs. Verba Smith, 4th V. P.; Mrs. Edna Carter, 5th V. P.; Mrs. Sadie Ellington, Chaplain, and Mrs. Oma Scott, Secretary-treasurer. A committee of two will be chosen by each vice president later to assist with work to be carried on in the auxiliary.

The next meeting will be held January 5. Everyone welcome and urged to attend each meeting.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served to all present.

—Reporter

DO YOU KNOW—

—That for more than 100 years reliable authorities have been saying that alcohol is a poison?

—That booze is responsible for 55 per cent of our crime, according to the Judges of Courts?

—That booze is responsible for divorce more than any other one thing?

—That booze is responsible for accidents—48 per cent, according to insurance companies?

—That booze is responsible for rapings—68 per cent?

—That booze is responsible for suicides—80 per cent, according to insurance companies?

—That booze is responsible for bad debts—60 per cent, according to Good Business Management?

POWER OF GOD TRANSFORMS NEEDY CUBAN LIVES; STUDENTS GO OUT TO TELL THE STORY OF SALVATION

December, 1950

Our Dear Co-Laborers:

"The happy Christmas comes once more.

The Heavenly Guest is at the door:

The blessed words the shepherds thrill,
The joyous tidings: Peace, good-will!"

We are thinking of each one of you at this Christmas season and wishing that we might have time to personally write you. Since that is impossible, please accept this letter as a greeting from our hearts to yours, and know that we are praising God for you, your cooperation with us, and your love for the work. Your prayers and gifts during the year have enabled us to publish as never before the Glad Tidings of God's gift to the lost.

We have had a wonderful year in the work. Not that there have not been trials and real testings, dark valleys to pass through, and fires to try us, but God has been our stay and comfort through them all and we have come to know new grace in Him, and have found Him ever faithful.

We have had school going now about two months and are praising Him for the precious group of students He has sent us. Each of them has come to know the Lord in a vital and real way. We have seen the power of the Lord work miracles in their lives, transforming and building up. It has been our joy to see them as they come into the school, some hardly able to read, others uncouth and backward, having never had an opportunity to know the rich blessings that the Gospel brings; then see them go out princes by the grace of God. I am thinking of one precious boy we have now. If you could see the home from whence he comes you would be horrified to know that people could exist and live as they do. Yet through their extreme poverty they have come to know the Light of the glorious Gospel and Christ has brought joy and peace to their once miserable hearts. The mother has been dead for years. The father is both father and mother to that large family. From the home Angel (his name) has come to us. Our student who works in that field led him to the

Lord and then began to teach him to read and write. It seemed impossible, but Angel had received a vision of God and his heart was aflame—he was determined to learn for the glory of God. Out on the hillside many days and nights this boy wept out his heart to God. We do not have another boy in school that has so entirely given his life and his all in such an effort to prepare himself for the ministry. There is something unusual about him. He is learning fast and God's spirit is upon him.

Oh, that there were space and time to tell you about each of them, their ringing testimony and their love for the cause of Christ. Over the fields we have opened new stations and the graduates of last year have done and are doing a splendid work. Our boy in



the town of San Jaun was used of the Lord to win a precious woman in a very rich family to Christ. Her husband and son forbade her to attend services, but her testimony is so fervent that she is constantly bubbling over with her "good news" to every one she meets. She has a Bible now, and Onelio tells us that, even though he is forbidden to visit her, the Holy Spirit is teaching her rich and deep truths from the Word.

Thus I could go on telling you of God's work in our midst, and of what your prayers and gifts are doing. We are facing a new year and as I write this letter men's hearts are failing them because of the things which are happening in our world. Should we look around our hearts would fail also, but thank God we have a glorious hope—that of His soon appearing. There

are many 'Angels' yet to be won. Pray with us as never before that the Gospel might be hastened in Cuba.

May God grant to each of you a most blessed Christmas Season and a real refreshing from on High.

"But even through the noisy strife of life's unrest and pain

There comes the deathless message, the echoing refrain,

Of peace and love abiding; and the Star still lights the way

Of every heart that worships—and keeps His Christmas Day."

Yours to serve, in the bonds of His love,

Mable and Thomas Willey

TO BUILD PARSONAGE

Dear Editor:

We of the 3rd Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis would like to report just a few of the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us in the last month. The Lord has been good to our church, and we don't want to forget to praise His name and thank Him for His goodness to us.

We have had our floors resanded and varnished and new seats installed.

Then a cloud hovered over us. We were in need of a place to rent for our pastor, and it was voted on to build a parsonage on the church's lot on Iowa and Crittitan. This is a large undertaking but with the Lord leading us, we are sure of having the building completed. We are in hopes then before not too long after its completion that a new church building will follow, if God be willing.

The Woman's Auxiliary bought new hall runners for the church and also gave a love offering of \$87.10 to the building fund.

Two souls were won to Christ in the last month. That might seem like a small number, and it is, but we truly are thanking the Lord for them. We know the Spirit of the Lord still dwells among us when souls are saved.

We desire your prayers that we might soar on to higher heights in this coming year and that our church might be as a candle set on a hill that cannot be hid, and that souls might always be saved there by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jerry Bullis, Reporter

HOLY GHOST

When was the Holy Ghost given, and when does one receive the Holy Spirit today?

This question is so clearly answered in the Scriptures that I wonder how any one can read the Bible and not know the answer.

While the Holy Spirit has always had a part with the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ in dealing with man, yet He was not given as an abiding Comforter until Pentecost.

Jesus said, "The Holy Ghost was not yet given" (Jn. 7:39).

He also said to the apostles: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." Jn. 16:7.

So it is evident that the Spirit was not given as a Comforter until after Jesus went away.

Some, in referring to John 20:22 say that was when Jesus gave the Spirit to the apostles. To place such construction on this verse would make a contradiction of what Jesus Himself said: "For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." (Jn. 16:7).

If you will read Luke 24:45-47, and Acts 1:2 I think it will help you to understand John 20:22. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:45-47.

Also, as recorded in Acts 1:1,2, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen."

This seems to have been a revelation in that Jesus could better explain to the apostles the work He wanted them to do after He went away.

Jesus told the apostles to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high (Lu. 24:49, Acts 1:4). See also Joel 2:28, and Acts 2:16-21.

This was a fulfillment of what the prophet had spoken many centuries before.

When the Temple was rebuilt and rededicated, the Lord said "I will fill this house with glory." (Haggai 2:7.) God honored His house by sending the Holy Ghost to the Temple on the day of Pentecost.

At 9:00 o'clock on that memorable day when the apostles went to the Temple to worship God poured out the Holy Spirit upon them; And they (the apostles, not the 120) began to speak with other tongues, and everybody understood what they said. (Acts 2:4-8).

In Zechariah 8:23 we read "Ten men shall take hold, out of all languages of the nations." If this was not fulfilled on Pentecost, please tell me when it was.

Everyone that had been baptized under John's baptism had a definite promise of the Holy Spirit after water baptism (Mark 1:8). And as far as we knew, they all received the Spirit in a miraculous way; by the pouring out upon the congregations or by the laying on of the apostle's hands, etc., etc.

The Samaritans represented Ten tribes and were included in the promise given through the prophets. (See Isa. 11:13, Zec. 10:7 and John 4:9, 10).

The apostle Paul received the Holy Ghost when he was saved (Acts 9:17).

When Peter preached to the first Gentile congregation (Acts 10), they believed (Acts 15:7). They were saved (Acts 11:14). Their hearts were purified by faith (Acts 15:8,9). They received the Holy Ghost when they were saved (Acts 10:47).

All this took place before they were baptized in water (Acts 10:47).

It is not recorded in the Bible where any Gentile ever received the baptism of the Holy Ghost separate and apart from regeneration (new birth).

The apostle John said "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him." I John 4:15. Also "WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." I Jn. 5:1. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." I Jn. 5:10. "It is the Spirit that beareth witness." I Jn. 5:6.

The apostle Paul said, "...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9.

No one can be saved without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "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." I Cor. 12:13.

Not being able to understand God's dealings with Israel in bringing them out from under the law into an experience of grace has caused great confusion, even among the people of God.

Will you accept the truth, or will you call the blessings of God unscriptural names which has caused so much division among Christian people today?

Your servant,

Rev. A. B. Talbert
Claremore, Okla.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Knowing of your interest in our foreign mission program and to help to relieve the burden on your mind, I am very happy to inform you that last Sunday my people voted or accepted a plan to support one of our full-time native preachers in Cuba. For many months I have been giving this some consideration, and I rejoice in less than a year we will be supporting another missionary.

Yours for missions,

F. A. Rivenbark

The following letter comes from "South African General Mission Inc." Mrs. Stevens, a F.W.B., is working under this Board and is supported by her local association in North Carolina.

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you for the gift of \$150.00 sent for the support of Mrs. Josephine Stevens.

This is the first time we have received a remittance directly from you, and we are placing you on our mailing list that you might receive our magazine and prayer letter.

Rev. and Mrs. Stevens are indeed two admirable missionaries. Our field throughout are very enthusiastic about them. They are doing excellent work, and we praise God for them and the services they render for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and the preaching of the everlasting and eternal Gospel.

May we wish you God's richest blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ

/s/ Rev. E. A. Shank

FROM HERE AND THERE

(Continued)

Dear Mr. Riggs:

We are sending ten dollars to help relieve the awful crisis our mission board is in.

Our hearts and prayers really go out for our Missionaries. It's awful to know they are over there giving their all, and no money coming in to relieve the burden.

We trust there can be some plan worked out, where by this won't happen again.

Yours truly,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Britton
Surgoinville, Tennessee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We Free Will Baptists of Santa Paula, California are herewith enclosing \$10.00 to help support our Foreign Mission work. We do hope to send more money as we can afford it. We have just begun here in this city.

May the Good Lord be with you all and pray for us when you pray.

H. A. Lewis, Pastor

Dear Sir:

The League of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church has pledged \$10.00 a month to missions, but I am sending last months and this month's now.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Addie M. Holliday,
Manning, S. C.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dear Gem Readers:

I again write greetings to you in the name of the Lord from our Missouri State Youth Camp. The year 1950 is gone, a good year of blessing from our dear Lord. We can all say together, "Thank you, Lord," and renew our resolutions for the year 1951. This new year holds many possibilities and opportunities for the people of God in these last days of time, for I am sure we are all conscious that time is fast comming to a close.

Well, I am not preaching (as much as I would like to), but reporting our camp program. I said in my last report I would write you our plans as soon as possible. The Board will meet

soon and lay our plans, I feel will be needed this year.

First, we will surely need your hearty and sincere prayers for our program and its support. Then we seek your financial support, for we can only do what you make possible as you give. (Remember, we have both our Youth Camp Session and the Missouri State Association meeting at the camp this year.)

Some of our needs: Two porches on the cottage, a pressure water system to furnish water for camp, some kind of seats for the chapel, tables to eat on, more dishes to serve with, more tea towels, another tin horn in the valley (the one we have is too small.) These are the things that we need to do. We are anxious to do it if you make it possible.

The following are some things we are suggesting to our people as individuals and groups for your project:

More cabins, we have ten (10) nice lots available for cabins, four on the south side and six on the north side; make the present cabins snake and rat proof, supplies for cabins and dining hall, (such as small tables, racks, what nots to decorate your cabin. If you take manual training in school, remember your camp.), bed springs for our "straight jacket" bunks. (If you have a set of coil springs please send them to the camp. We now have five (5) here, one cabin is being supplied by their people.), collections of groceries, garden plan and canning of vegetables, flowers for camp group, Chinese elms or maples for shade trees on camp lawn. People have continued to ask me "What do you plan this year." Now this is not planning it is only my suggestions.

I dream that some day, if the Lord delays His coming, to see our camp a real lighthouse for God! May the Lord help us as a denomination to arise to meet the present day needs of our youth. May the Lord richly bless you and yours for His worthy Cause.

Your servant,

Rev. Wm. Reeves
Niangua, Missouri

Before you put your tongue in high gear, be sure your brain is running.

The longer one carries a grouch the heavier it becomes.

"GOD'S ETERNAL SHALL'S"

"Through the Prophet Isaiah, God Himself has said, "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from Heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My Word be, that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

This should be a great encouragement to the minister of God, and the Gospel worker, who give out the Word, and especially to those who realize that they are not eloquent as the world counts eloquence. The blessing is on the Word—"It shall accomplish—(it shall prosper)—it shall not return unto Me void." Here we have some of God's unfailling shall's.

Therefore, it is more important to give the Word, for it "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," than it is to be eloquent and have great ability as an entertainer. God does not call men to entertain in the pulpit. He calls them like Timothy of old, to "preach the word;" and to "be instant in season, out of season;" "Always abounding in the work of the Lord," and He will keep His Word, that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

—Selected

GOD WITH US ALWAYS

It is often in the hidden place, in the dark experience that God is made known. The darkness is not the place of God's withdrawal. It is the place where we put our hand and find it gripped by God's Almighty Hand.

Darkness and light are both alike to God. It is darkness to us, but He can see in the dark. He beholds things afar off. He knows the hidden things. It was not the bright light that discovered Christ to Paul, but during those three days' blindness, the eyes of his soul were gazing upon those things that were to change his whole attitude toward the despised Nazarene. He saw God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

—Victory Magazine

Sing, pray, preach, LIVE the gospel!