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On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

—Rev. Geo. Bennard

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THE HONOR ROLL

This is your honor roll as of February 28. It is only what you have made it. This is recognized as the "off" season for subs, and most subscribers send in their individual subs themselves. Still there is a great challenge and an urgent need for church and regional workers. It is to be recognized that pastors cannot do everything that needs doing in his church. Therefore he should appoint an energetic worker to this post. It is important. Do it now.

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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 eb and flow,
I ask no more than this: I rest
Content and know His way is best."

—Selected

KAMALA KANAKA'S HEAVENLY HOMECOMING

"It is with much regret and deep sorrow I write this to say that Miss Kamala Kanaka died of cholera on October 2, 1950, within ten hours. I never thought that such a calamity would befall. She was a very good student. Though she was older than me, she was polite and obedient, doing everything as a young student. She was keen in her lessons and tried to do her best. On the 2nd, early in the morning at 4 o'clock I was told that Miss Kanaka was sick. At once I took her to the hospital and at 8 A.M. we removed her to the Hospital here, in an ambulance. I went with her. She asked me to write to her elder brother in Coimbatore. I sent a telegram. Her nephew came at 2:30 P.M. He and I went to see her and she was very much better. She wanted water and spoke well. At 5 P.M. news reached me that she had died at 4:55 P.M. It was a sudden shock.

"By that time her nephew had gone. I had sent a telegram at 2:30 to Kotagiri and so expected at every moment some one would turn up. The Government Hospital people did not allow us to have the body till next morning, and so we had to bury her at 12:30 A.M.

"Every moment Kamala is before me. I cannot do my teaching in class or do any other thing elsewhere. She was an inspiration to everybody. She loved the school and the lessons. She used to tell me, 'I don't like the food, but that doesn't matter, I like the school.'

"Her brother from Kotagiri came and I was very sorry to hand over her things instead of producing Miss Kanaka.

/s/ (Miss) H. Balalaiah"

The above is a letter from the Manager of the Women's Training School where our beloved Kamala Kanaka had been studying for a Teacher's Certificate. Kamala had served our Mission for nearly five years and had proved herself so valuable to the work, and so worthy in herself, that last February our Field Council agreed that we ought to sponsor her training. She had come to us without training but with a determination to render a praiseworthy service, and had so perfectly succeeded that we felt it a pity

she did not have the formal qualifications necessary to meet Government requirements. This, for the sake of our school as well as for her own sake in the future. So arrangements were made, and only July 1 Kamala had exchanged the hills of Kotagiri for the plains and heat of Dharapuram and had begun her schoolgirl days again. These school days were to close so soon, in the way the letter describes.

Kamala's parents had died long ago, and she had become the 'mother' for her younger brothers and sisters, and, although they are all married now, they have leaned hard upon her. Early in the days when Kamala began to work with us she often found herself torn between two wholesome interests, two loves: her motherly instinct naturally turned to attend to every call of family, as in times of sickness, when the new babies were born, and other special occasions; and there was the call of duty to the beloved work which she had espoused. In some instances she confessed failure in having neglected her work to attend to the needs of the family. An outstanding victory in Kamala's life was when like Jacob she wrestled with the angel and made her resolve to always put the Lord and His work first and to trust Him to meet the needs of her brothers and sisters. That very day marked the dawn of a new era of victorious service in Kamala's life, as our own Brother and Sister Woolsey can testify. She grew to be outstanding among our faithful workers, always the peacemaker, always willing to go the second mile, and always the one who had at her fingertips minute information on each child's circumstances. It is not a reflection on the other teachers to say that Kamala was the one most loved by the pupils. The girls in the sewing class will never forget her encouragement and practical helpfulness. She would urge them to bring their torn clothing, and would find patches and teach them to mend them. But what touched me most was to find that Kamala time and again secretly had taken her own salary (about \$8.00) and bought garments for some rag-muffin child whose shabby clothing made him or her conspicuous, or who could not come to school at all for lack of clothing. She had a great heart

of compassion. Truly, Kamala Kanaka was a woman who pleased God. She had made her choice and God honored her.

As I write these lines I see before me a letter in Kamala's own handwriting, dated the very day of her death, but reaching me long after I had received the sad news. I am amazed that in this letter there is not a single reference to her illness, only a definite purpose to go on in the will of the Lord. Surely she has done just this.

"O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out." From one and another have come the puzzled word, "I don't understand it." It seemed so clear to us that it was God's plan for her to go away to study, so we urged her to go and even stood behind her financially. This one thing we do know: We are not to question His judgments. We commit our loss to Him and trust Him to bring yet greater blessing out of it, as He has already begun to do. I can testify personally that Kamala's call Home has brought its own message to my needy heart. I know she is with Jesus and it will be a glad reunion one day in His presence. I wish all you dear friends had known her, but you will yet see her, and now your first sight of her will be a glorious one. I imagine you won't need to be introduced, for you shall know even as you are known. Along with Kamala will be another faithful fellow-worker, who went to Heaven while I was here at home before, Mrs. Mary Kanaka. Also many of our other humble Indian folk, children and adults, who died trusting in Jesus. They were never privileged to see you who had prayed for them and given for them here, but you shall meet in His glad presence, and exchange radiant testimonies to His everlasting glory. In the meantime, you can best memorialize Kamala by praying that the fragrant influence of her life among our Kotagiri folk will never wane but increase in fruitfulness until Jesus comes. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

—Laura B. Barnard

God has given us something to do in this world. Do we appreciate the honor?

"IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?" - JOB 14:14

READ JOB 14, ENTIRE CHAPTER.

In this question our attention is focused to a paramount issue that has perplexed humanity ever since death was first imposed in righteous judgment by our Lord at the Garden of Eden. The experience of death was not something new to the human family at the time Job uttered this familiar and famous question. Indeed, the forbears of Job had taken their departure through this means (Enoch excepted by translation).

Perhaps, because of the commonness of death, the issue was not so much discussed in Job's day; just as today we do not often speak of it until it is suddenly brought to our attention, generally by the departure of someone close to us. However, Job was in great trouble. Satan had removed all of his earthly possessions, including his ten children, and had touched his body with afflictions so severe that when his alleged friends came to see him they did not recognize him at first. Now they were turned against him, supposing him to be a hypocrite, a liar, a sinner. His own wife had urged him "To curse God and die." Yes, now his desire was death (as a means of release from his miseries), and his condition suggested impending death. Many people through the ages, not correctly fortified with the integrity of the Lord, have failed under one or more similar conditions and have inflicted death upon themselves. But Job, a righteous man, was taking no such cowardly means at his disposal; he was "enduring hardships as a good soldier," and was in the procedure of becoming an example to needy men from that day on. Still the issue and experience of death was before him and was being emphasized by his condition.

As he talked to these three men who professed to be his friends, but who hurled terrible accusations at him, the question of death came into the open in the words of the quoted text. In other words, after a man dies, will he live again? Only recently he had been a very wealthy man, blessed of seven sons and three daughters, possessed excellent health, helped by an understanding wife, and happy actively serv-

ing the Lord. Little had he anticipated this series of calamities. It only emphasized the certainty and often suddenness of death. If his condition were to be endured to the end of life, and if there were no further life expected beyond the sepulchre, then his position was untenable and his defense before his accusers useless. If, however, the question could be answered positively, he was possessed of great victory far outweighing any suffering imposed upon him. Now, let us trans-



Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Editor

scend the ages and project this discourse into our own lives.

We have no more chance of escaping the attention of this question or the actual impending experience of death than did Job. The situations culminating in death may have changed some from that day, but they are just as sure, just as sudden, and just as distressing as then. In fact, many observers feel that death and destruction come with even greater suddenness than at any time heretofore. Our current news is filled with the sudden passing of those who so lately felt secure. Near here was the man who went to do his evening feeding and milking, only to be murdered in a trap arranged for and confessed to by his wife, the mother of his four very small children. One hour he felt secure in his home with his family: the next he was dead. A young man sped along a street in a nearby city hurrying toward home. His car left its proper lane of traffic, crashed under a

truck, and killed him instantly when his head was horribly mutilated and crushed. Only moments before he felt secure. Huge groups killed in train wrecks, plane crashes, mine disasters and kindred catastrophes emphasize death and its suddenness. Weapons of war and the commonly expected potential increase in the size of the theatre of conflict do not add to comfort or security. Complex and delicate bodies and minds often crack under the strain, and death results in many instances. Heart failure and shock take a heavy toll of lives daily. The medical and surgical profession is constantly busy, but cannot stem this dread reaper. Death is still a paramount question among the peoples of the world.

For the lack of space we will not attempt to deal very much with the death of the wicked. Let us note, however, that many of the non-Christians make some attempt to prepare for this event. As an individual, as a group, or as whole nations we find them embracing some cleverly concocted ideology supposed to take care of this very thing. Some would become extinct at that time, never to realize any further state of existence. Some would be re-incarnated in animals, trees, or in the lives of yet unborn babies. Others, if correctly indoctrinated and exceptionally faithful while here, will be reinstated in some form in an unknown realm to further project this ideology into their idea of perfection and bliss. Many die without embracing any plan and without any hope. But they are no less without hope than those who subscribe to the cleverest plan designed. "Verily, I say unto you, They have their reward."

The Christian of today has great cause for rejoicing when he reads the full account of Job's life and finds that he did not leave this question unanswered. Later in his conversation with these men his faith and assurance carried him far above and beyond the cares and things of this life when he said, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh will I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." Job 19:25-27. Job was fortified with the promises of the Father and with

many times of fellowship while in the service of the Lord. His faith embraced this expressed hope revealed to him in these promises. His anchor was firm and deep. He knew he would weather the storm victoriously.

At this Easter season, when we commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, each Christian should enjoy recounting all his hopes of eternal life. Jesus became the first fruits of them that slept. He promised to come again and receive us unto himself. He told of going away to prepare a place for us—there will be room for us. And Christ said, "They (His angels) shall gather together his elect from the four winds." Matt. 24:31b. Paul, once the agent of death but now a missionary of life, looked beyond death and spoke gracious words of assurance to us when he said, "For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying which is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." II Cor. 15: 52b-57. The life of Job lends further assurance and joy when he said in his hour of distress, "If a man die, shall he live again?" "I know my redeemer liveth," and "In my flesh will I see God." It is indeed cause for rejoicing at this Easter time, for in the words of the writer, "He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign!"

is always something wrong when there is a 'lone jackal.' So it is the more necessary to take the treatment which Mrs. Cronk is taking. This note is published, not just to be sensational, but to ask special prayer for our missionary at this time. Also to suggest the appropriateness of continual prayer for the safety of our missionaries on all fields, from dangers seen and unseen.

Another kind of "peril" is the peril of persecution for righteousness' sake, and one of our fine Christian men is facing the need of prayer for his spiritual safety in trials. I have recently written to you of Rajamanickam, the young man for whom prayer was answered and who had undertaken the responsibility of Kamala Kanaka's class of small boys. This lad has been working in an office in our town and has taken a stand against bribery and corruption and for truth and righteousness. A letter just now received says that he is getting into trouble for his stand. We are so grateful for the harvest God has given us of young men who are standing true to Christ, and so we earnestly ask your prayers for this one and others in similar difficulties. Rajamanickam is now desiring to return to school for teachers training. We are planning to baptize him, but if he is baptized he cannot receive the scholarship which is offered to him as a non-Christian. He, himself, will make the decision whether to postpone his baptism and open declaration of his faith, or to come right out and turn his back upon this opportunity to complete his education. India does not offer the opportunities of free education that we have known in America, and so this proposition is a much bigger one to a young man there than to us here. Please pray that these testing experiences will be used of the Lord to his strengthening and that when he is tried he shall come forth as pure gold. (Job 23:10).

—Laura B. Barnard

MRS. CRONK MAULED AND BITTEN BY ANIMAL IN NIGHT

"In perils off" might make a suitable title for a missionary article, the contents of which could be introduced with the following excerpt from Mrs. Dan Cronk's letter just received:

"On Monday morning about one o'clock John came over for me to go and see about Sundri. Their nice, big baby girl was born at 4:15 a.m., and about five o'clock (still dark) I started back home. I was just near the gate when something hit me. Next thing I knew I was down on the ground fighting some animal. He had his teeth buried into my leg. I was screaming like mad, but John, the nurse, the rickshaw driver and the pundit were all too scared to help me get away from it. Finally I got his teeth out of my leg but he caught my hand and I nearly lost the end of one finger. The animal got away and in the dark I was never able to tell what it was. All evidence seems like a jackal. Anyway, here I am (in Patna) taking the Pasteur treatment... I've had only one shot so far and it wasn't too bad—my stomach is a bit sore. I suppose the dose increases daily. I have to take a shot a day for 14 days, so I'll be home again in less than twenty days if no ill effects come. I'm feeling

fine now but they say I'll be sick after the first few shots. The worst thing is the shots with those big needles in your stomach."

That is the beginning of the letter, and then apparently Mrs. Cronk became unable to finish it for several days, for in the closing paragraphs she tells of further progress of the treatments, but says that at that writing she is hopeful of normal recovery. These little animals, as numerous as monkeys in India, are a great pest and it is a great wonder our Purnea missionaries have not been harmed by them before. They carry off our chickens, cats, dogs and other small living creatures. The bard wrote: "The jackals wail in a distant tope—they wail and wail like a soul's lost hope!" A part of the missionary's initiation is to learn to go to sleep to their wails. We can tolerate all else, but we don't like it when they actually attack our missionaries! There is a theory (whether true or not, I cannot say for I am not an authority) that jackals never prowl alone unless they are mad, and that they do not ordinarily attack human beings when they are in their pack. I do know that it is the habit of jackals to move in packs, and there

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PROMOTING WITH THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

The closing days of 1950 sped into history with such dazzling momentum that it seemed as if the months merely bowed in, remained for a few hours, and passed into oblivion. Perhaps this was due to the multitude of demands which had piled up so mountain-high that the mere doing of them gave time a spectral-like character. However, the duties have been pleasant and the performing of them has afforded a genuine delight in the acts themselves and in the blessed results which followed.

The Nashville sun was hiding its face behind a thick layer of threatening clouds on that October morning when we set out for West Virginia where we were to conduct the second in a series of four Christian Worker's Institutes. However, as the journey progressed the dismal scene gave way to the brilliance of the Kentucky sunlight and we completed our trip the following day through the West Virginia mountains, surrounded on every hand by the gorgeous scenery which only the alpine regions of this section affords. The mountains themselves seemed to be dressed for a celebration. Trees were riotous with color and the lazy autumn sun gave an air of luxurious elegance to the country side as we drove along. This sun, shining on the distant heights through a light blue haze, bathed the hills with a pale luminescence that induced peace and rest, and one found himself wishing that the entire world could catch the spirit of complete strength and assurance that was pictured in that autumn and august atmosphere. Surely the Hand of God was predominant in the beautiful picture of His creative handiwork in this scene.

We arrived in Kilsythe, the site of the Institute, and began work the following Monday afternoon. The response was wonderful with 75 people enrolling for the work. A spirit of revival was present from the outset and on the very first night one young man, the assistant postmaster of the city, was saved. Forty-four students completed the course and were rewarded with certificates. Four others were awarded diplomas, signifying that they had completed the four sessions and were graduates of the entire course. The last service was climaxed with

a young lady, a registered nurse, came back to the Lord Jesus.

From here we went to Norfolk, Virginia where we were to conduct a revival meeting. Rev. W. A. Hales, the godly, congenial pastor of the group was ready, as was his congregation, and the revival started with a "bang." At the end of two weeks more than 100 decisions had been made and fifty-five people had united with the church. We left this people in a high state of



Rev. D. C. Dodd, Pro. Sec'y.

rejoicing and went on to Pocahontas, Arkansas for another session of the Christian Worker's Institute.

This was the first Institute to be held in the state of Arkansas and the response was more than gratifying. Much of the success of this first venture goes to the Pocahontas pastor and his wife, Huey and Allene Gower. Both of these fine people are graduates of our Free Will Baptist Bible College and their vision had fired the members of the church with an abounding enthusiasm about this Institute session. We enrolled 47 pupils and graduated 35 of them, at the same time issuing 36 certificates to Sunday School workers who completed the Pedagogy unit of the prescribed ETTA course. Rev. J. Reford Wilson, a F.W.B.B.C. alumnus, assisted with the teaching in the institute and did a very fine piece of work. We will re-

turn to this church in May for the second session. In the meanwhile, another session is to be held in Hector, Arkansas, thanks to the efforts of Lawnie Coffman and wife, who attended the Pocahontas Institute.

The next move was to Georgia for their state convention. This meeting was an inspiration to say the least. The Georgia work is definitely on the move and the brethren there are instituting a "heads-up" program, pacing it with a well organized training course. Such men as H. L. Knighton, K. V. and S. T. Shutes, E. C. Morris, Clyde King, Bro. Little, C. J. Harvey, G. C. Cloud, Ernest Barker, J. D. Payne, Louis Moulton and many others just as devoted to the Cause are moving forward in an all-out effort in their state for the Denominational program. I was privileged to present the entire National program and to bring one of the messages. Bro. K. V. Shutes and I then drove at a "Jehu-like" pace to get to a distant radio station for a scheduled broadcast, but we made it in the nick of time.

By this time we were headed for South Carolina and the state convention there and we arrived for the opening day. The proceedings of this meeting were inspiring and a note of progress and harmony dominated the entire gathering. Louis Holliday, Selton Bullard, Paul Kettelman, Paul Sheehan, Julius Vause, Miller Mellette and a number of the brethren are doing a great work in this section. I was especially impressed with the radio broadcast from Florence under the leadership of Bro. Bullard as to the type of music, the ministry of preaching, and the high quality in general of the program. A week-end revival with the new church in Manning, of which Bro. Holliday is pastor, climaxed the days in South Carolina and we rejoiced to see twenty souls come to the Lord.

Returning to Nashville, we took advantage of a few days at home; days which were filled with writing, preparing manuscripts, bookkeeping, preparing membership and church files, etc. The following week we went to Canton, Illinois, to investigate a reported Free Will Baptist church which was out of connection with our work and had appealed to us through Rev. C. F. Bowen, having obtained his address from one of the nation's weekly religious magazines. We found a beau-

tiful country church, anxious to have fellowship with us. Steps are being taken to send workers to that community to help in this work of reclamation.

The Christmas holidays at home proved to be opportune times. We had the privilege of bringing the Christmas message to the Nashville Pastor's Association and a resulting follow-up of the same message to one of the leading Methodist congregations in the city of Nashville. The remainder of the month was spent in completing the compilation of the manuscript for our Denominational Yearbook and Directory and we were able to get this together and into the hands of the printers before we left again.

December 31 and we were gone again, this time to Norfolk, Virginia for a Christian Worker's Institute at the Fairmont Park Church. It was a pleasure to be with Bro. Hales and his good people again and we were pleasantly surprised with a sweet reception which had been planned for

us at the home of one of the members. The feature was a huge cake which one of the members, a baker by trade, had made, decorated with the words, "Welcome to Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Dodd." We are making our home with our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Capps, whom we have learned to love dearly as our very own. Early indications are that we are in for a blessed time together with a spirit of revival present in the Institute and many people attending the sessions.

The months ahead are scheduled to capacity with activities designed to keep the work on the move. God is blessing in a most wonderful way and His directive pattern is leading us into unprecedented opportunities for service and advancement. Please pray for us as we move along from place to place.

Yours for a Greater National Association,

Rev. Damon C. Dodd,

F R E E D O M

What is so fresh as a day in spring?
What is so tall as a tree?
What so inspires the soul of man
As the freedom 'to be free?

Freedom to run and play in the sun:
Freedom to surge with the sea:
Freedom to live and one's being to give
For the freedom to be free.

Marie Hernsdorf, Bonnie, Ill.

WEAPONS OF WAR

Why, we have no cause for fear
Of the enemy in the wilderness;
While standing by our side e'er so near
Is One to lead us on to success.

With bullets, bombs and machines of war

We force the enemy toward his lair:
These are things to destroy and mar,
While the weapon we need is just
more prayer.

If only God's people would seek His face

And pray, this terrible war would cease.

Be willing to live with our kindred race;

Then we can look to God for peace.

Our weapons of faith would surely win,

Combined with weapons of prayer,
hope and love,

O'er any weapons of bullets and bombs
of sin:

For our victory would come from Him
above.

Let us praise our God as a nation,
Coming before Him humble and confessing;

Seeking with Him a closer relation,
Praising our God for victory and blessing.

Why, we have no cause for fear
If our hearts to Him we give,
For wars are a sign the end of time
is near,

And as Christian soldiers we then begin to live.

I thank my God for giving His son
As the Saviour of fallen man.

Only in Jesus can wars be won,
And His conquerors shall possess the land.

Madeline McFarland
Fredericktown, Mo.

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NATIONAL BODIES TO MEET IN NASHVILLE, JULY 3-12

Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman Location Committee

The 1950 session of the National Association meeting in Richmond, California ordered that all national bodies of the Free Will Baptist Church should meet consecutively. A Location Committee composed of Rev. Damon Dodd, Promotional Secretary, Rev. Harry Staires and myself was appointed to secure facilities for entertaining the 1951 session.

The Committee accepted the invitation of the South Carolina convention to meet in Florence, however, condi-

tions over which the South Carolina committee and the Location Committee had no control caused the withdrawal of the invitation of the brethren of South Carolina.

Information to the effect that the National Bodies would meet in Florence, S. C. has been released to the public. At the time of the release this information was authentic and no one need be censored or criticised for this release due to the explanation made above.

—MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BODIES—

Nation-wide League Conference, July 3-5, 1951

Nation Sunday School Convention, July 6-7, 1951

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, July 9-10, 1951

National Association of Free Will Baptists, July 10-12, 1951

All sessions of the National Bodies will meet in the new College Auditorium which will be in readiness by that time... so, all together, let's make—

ALL ROADS LEAD TO NASHVILLE, JULY 3-12, 1951



From The Editor's Desk



CAMP SESSION DATES SET

We have been informed the Youth Camp Board and representatives of the Sunday School and League organizations met Friday, February 23 with three of the Board present. Bro Mark Lewis supplied for Bro. Rolla Smith and Sis. Lorene Bowman supplied for Bro. Ira Walton.

June 20 to 29 inclusive was set as the date for the Youth Encampment session. The Sunday School and the League conferences will convene immediately prior to the Encampment, with the Sunday School session getting under way Monday night, June 18 and continuing the next morning. The League service will follow in the afternoon, with evening services scheduled.

A slight revision of administrative nature was adopted when it was decided to ask \$1.00 registration fee this year. For this fee arrangements are under way for the child to receive certain insurance against accident and illness connected with his enrollment. It is planned that this may include accident while enroute to camp (if fee previously paid) and enroute home. More about this later, or contact Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri for additional details.

As many improvements as is possible will be made before this session starts. The boy's cabins will undergo some repairs and changes, and a power water system capable of all demands is hoped for.

Plans and arrangements are now set up whereby the Youth Camp will be host to every state-wide organizational meeting this year except the Woman's Auxiliary day of fellowship, which convenes March 15 at Mountain Grove. The State W.A. will hold its business session during the State Association of Free Will Baptists, both at the Youth Camp.

This is a busy calendar and will exercise many unusual demands on the Camp. The plans are taking shape. It will take work, materials and finance. If you can supply anything needed, it will be gratefully received.

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

IN HOSPITAL AGAIN

Recent word from Rev. Maurice Roach reveals that Mrs. Roach has entered the hospital again for another operation. During the past several months she has been hospitalized several times, and has undergone extensive surgery. Among our readers are many acquaintances of Mrs. Roach who will be praying for her recovery. Rev. and Mrs. Roach are now in a work in Michigan.

that there was nothing we could do about it. It was here in bundles ready. This procedure is somewhat disturbing at best, and especially when we had dates of coming events in certain departments of the denomination which we were anxious to get to the readers. The postal department seemed as helpless as we were in the matter, so we could only wait and watch these dates slip on by, with the articles still here at the office.

INSTITUTE IN ARKANSAS

Rev. D. C. Dodd is now conducting a Christian Worker's Institute at Hector, Arkansas. Word from him declares the people most co-operative and eagerly taking the courses being offered. Attendance is good and enthusiasm high as our Arkansas brethren take this means of better preparing themselves for daily living and for useful service in the vineyard of the Lord.

THE EMBARGO HIT US

Our February issue was seriously late due to the embargo imposed on this classification of mail when labor differences in several rail yards made delivery of mails uncertain and very slow. Our paper was about two hours from ready to mail when the restrictions were placed on locally. After

NATIONAL BODIES TO MET IN SUCCESSION THIS JULY

Elsewhere in this issue is the program schedule of the different National bodies of the Free Will Baptist church. By direction of the parent body, these are set up to run consecutively. We are glad to see this move and believe it will enable more interested members to attend. More attendance will mean a larger and more balanced representation. A larger representation should mean a better dissemination of the acts and proposals of the different bodies back to the local bodies and churches. The will of the laity will then be more accurately determined and the constructive moves of the different bodies better known among the people. We feel this closer liaison between each department will not necessitate compromise of principle or practice, and will work to the satisfaction of all.

PRAYER IN GREATEST NEED OBSERVES COLLEGE BAND

Dear Friends of Missions:

Never before in the history of the church has the need of prayer for the world-wide proclamation of the gospel been so imperative as it is at the present time. The Missionary Prayer Band is an organization which was formed for this purpose. It is a band of Christians who are united by their common interest of sending the gospel of Christ to the unconverted everywhere. Formerly, each member was kept informed of the progress of the

group and the most urgent prayer requests by means of a news letter which was published and mailed to each individual member. Recently, however, because of the expense and time-consuming labor involved, it was decided to utilize the denominational publications as a means of keeping in contact with our members.

As many of you already know, the Prayer Band had its beginning in the closing days of the first school year (1942-43) of the Free Will Baptist

Bible College. Members of Miss Barnard's Missions class, realizing that the task of World-Wide evangelization was unfinished, and feeling a deep love and passion for the lost, agreed to pray together at least once a day for this cause. Since that time, our membership has expanded greatly, and each day hundreds of our members unite in prayer and supplication to God in behalf of Christian missions.

"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray..." (I Samuel 12:23) This should become the prayer of our hearts as we read these lines in a recent edition of Moody Monthly: "Even those who are doing most in giving—to say nothing of those who are doing little or nothing—ought again to face the issue of financial support of the missionary program, in training missionaries, in outfitting them, in sending them out, and in supporting them adequately.

"But... perhaps nowhere is our selfish unconcern manifested more or is it of any direr consequence than in our failure to pray. A heart given to prayer cannot be stingy in giving to the object of its intercession. A praying parent who pours out his heart for missions cannot withhold his own child." We need to pay and pray: the two go hand-in-hand.

To guide you in your prayers, we give the following daily prayer list:

MONDAY—Burma, Maylaya, India, and French Indo-China.

TUESDAY—Mongolia, China, Korea, Japan, and European Russia.

WEDNESDAY—South, North, East, and Central Africa.

THURSDAY—Asia, Afghanistan, Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Cent, Near East, Palestine, Syria, Turkey and the Moslems throughout the world.

FRIDAY—Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, South America, Central America, Mexico, West Indies, Cuba, Haiti, and Jamaica.

SATURDAY—Phillipines, Dutch East Indies, and the Jews throughout the world.

SUNDAY—United States, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, Europe, Home Churches, Mission Board, and the Gypsies.

Other Pertinent Prayer Calls

INDIA:

1. Trula (Mrs. Dan) Cronk has been attacked and badly wounded by an animal, presumably a jackal. Please

pray for her complete recovery from this horrible experience.

2. Christopher, one of our Christian young men, is being pressed to marry a heathen girl. He needs earnest prayer for strength and wisdom to stand true in such a trial.

3. Ganeshan, or Rajamanickam, for whom you have prayed and for whom God has graciously answered prayer, is facing new trials. They write that in his new job with the Panchayat office (city hall), he is "taking his stand for truth and against bribery and is therefore getting into trouble for the same." Alas, this is what many of our Christians have to face. "He is asking for baptism. He feels he would like to go in for teachers training. If he goes in as a Harijan, he will receive some concessions from the Government; but if he is baptized, he will forfeit this help in receiving his training, as the government will not give these scholarships to Christian Harijans." This is one of the clever ways Satan tempts Christians to compromise. Perhaps if he is baptized and enters training as a Christian, the Lord will honor him by providing the necessary funds.

4. No word yet of Mr. Singh Gill. Please continue to pray for him.

5. Pray that God will continue to bless the Woolseys in their work.

6. Miss Barnard's application for permit to re-enter India, and for visa has gone in. Please pray that God will keep the door open and cause the authorities to act favorably upon it.

CUBA:

1. Continue to pray for the Bible School.

2. Pray for the indigenous church. In recent years, many false doctrines have crept into Cuba which can be damaging to a people not too well informed.

3. We have a great need for medical missionaries and a challenging need for an orphanage. Pray that God will supply these needs.

4. Pray for Benito and his wife in their work at the School. Also pray for the other native workers.

5. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfong, and Miss Yeley, that God's richest blessings may be theirs in their service for Him.

AFRICA:

1. Pray for a single missionary that will go and do evangelistic work.

2. Pray for the native pastor and church leaders who are in special spiritual need at this time.

3. Ask the Lord to send another married couple for the station there. The work demands at least two men, and Mr. Stevens has been carrying on alone. It is almost more than he can physically bear.

4. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Stevens in their language studies, and for protection from malaria or any other disease that would weaken their bodies.

MISSIONARY STUDENTS:

Don't forget to pray for the students who have answered the call of Foreign Missions and are now preparing for service on the field. They are: Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Terry—Germany; Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Wanda Edwards, and Sammy Wilkinson—India; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary—Japan; Lucy Wisheart—Greece; and June Rivenbark. Also pray for Volene Wilson who is expecting to be on the field soon.

Prayer Band Officers

Our new officers for this semester are as follows: President—Ronald Creech, Vice-President—Leroy Forlines, Recording Secretary—Mary Frances Hess, and Corresponding Secretary—Jane Reeder. The publication staff remains the same as it was the first semester: Editor—Roy O'Donnell, Staff Members—Don Ellis, Wesley Calvary, Ronald Creech, June Rivenbark, Jane Kettoman, and Wanda Edwards.

Continue to pray for a great awakening on the part of our Free Will Baptist people for the cause of Missions. The need is great and the time is short.

We extend an invitation to you who are not members of our Prayer Band to join us in prayer each day. If you would like to unite with us, we would like to hear from you. Write to us at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, stating your interest in World-Wide Missions, and your desire to join us in daily praying that the Gospel may soon be preached to all men everywhere.

Coveting always your fellowship in prayer, and thanking you for past fellowship,

Faithfully yours in the Cause of Christ,

Missionary Prayer Band
(Roy O'Donnell)

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINING COURSE HELD AT MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH

We would like to report that our church here in Mountain Grove, Missouri was fortunate in being able to get Rev. John H. West of Tulsa, Oklahoma to come to our church for a Teacher's Training School. We had hoped that many from our neighboring churches would attend the school, but not many from out of town came. Everyone who attended seemed to be well pleased and helped.

I have known Bro. West for a number of years and I think he is an able teacher as well as a good pastor. We feel that if any of you can get Bro. West for a school, you will not make a mistake in doing so.

The church here at Mountain Grove is not growing by leaps or bounds, but we are still moving on. We certainly did get a blessing from having the State Association meet at our church in September and we welcome each of you to come back and meet with us at any time you can.

Rev. George W. Scott, Pastor

TEXAS GROUP IN SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP SERVICES

The Crowell, Texas Free Will Baptist Church had a surprise awaiting them Sunday when they walked in and found the people of the Memphis Free Will Baptist Church occupying the pews. The people of Memphis had decided they would enjoy a day of fellowship with their neighbor church. As it was the official singing day at Crowell, they just invited themselves down for a day of service. We believe in fellowship and co-operation among our churches, as "We are laborers together in Christ Jesus."

Rev. M. T. Holley, our Home Missionary for the Northwest Brazos Association, was present. Also the people from the Salt Creek community, along with several from Vernon. Sunday School was enjoyed by both churches, after which Rev. H. H. Haston, pastor of the Crowell Church, brought a very inspiring message. Lunch was served at the church house, and the afternoon was spent in grand old time

singing.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Northwest Brazos Association will convene at Crowell, Texas on April 27-30, 1951.

Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in the school, in the seminaries and in colleges; let it be written in almanacs.—A. Lincoln.

—Contributed



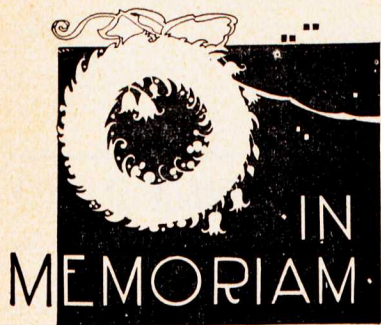
FROM THIS TO THRIVING STATE ASSOCIATION OF F.W.B.

Above is a picture that already bears considerable historical significance and brings many remembrances among Free Will Baptists, especially to those among our California brethren. The construction work shown here is of the Porterville, California Free Will Baptist Church built in 1942. This is the parent organization of the California association that has since expanded until there is now over \$200,000 in Free Will Baptist church property in the state.

The left handed carpenter is Rev. A. B. Talbert, now of Claremore, Oklahoma, who was in a few night's meeting with this church at the time of the construction. However, he admits

the picture is posed so far as he is concerned, and wishes everyone to know the real carpenter was Bro. Owens, who was considerably assisted by the Longs, Frys, and others. Rev. Charles Findley was the pastor of this flock at the time of construction. He is now with the Exeter church not far away, and we imagine takes a genuine pride in the progress of the Porterville church from these early days. Those best acquainted with the work in California look to the future to bring even greater growth than that of the past few years which now seems phenomenal.

—Materials contributed



GEORGE W. HAMBLIN

George Washington Hamblin, son of John and Sarah Hamblin, was born October 10, 1894, and departed this life February 9, 1951, being at his death 56 years, three months and 29 days of age.

On September 24, 1919 he was united in marriage to Gussie Pruitt of Fredericktown, Missouri. To this union was born three children, one daughter Glenda Lee (Mrs. W. E. Hahn, St. Louis), and two sons, Paul of Bonne Terre, Missouri, and Loyd of the home. He leaves to mourn his going, his wife and children, four grandchildren, one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Hamblin of Flat River, Missouri; two sisters, Mrs. George Marsh, St. Louis, and Mrs. Clarence Bowlin, Fredericktown; two brothers, Elmer of Desloge, Missouri, and William of Fredericktown; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Carolyn Pruitt of Fredericktown, and a number of other relatives and a host of friends.

George was converted and joined the Methodist church of Fredericktown at the age of 17. Later he joined the Free Will Baptist church in Flat River, where he remained a faithful member until his death. Bro. Hamblin served his country in the army during World War I. He was noted for his kindness and was a kind and loving husband. He was well thought of by his many, many friends.

The funeral was conducted at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Rev. F. C. Zinn officiating, with the male quartet, Mr. Albert Stroup, Delbert Adams, John Keeney and Olin Lincoln bringing the messages in song with Mrs. Colene Stroup at the piano.

This was one of the largest funerals that has ever been at this church. Estimates indicate close to a thousand people were at the funeral. The body

was laid to rest in the Parkview Cemetery.

*Our father is gone, to live with Jesus
Who made for him a mansion fair,
And some sweet day I know we'll meet him,*

For he is waiting over there.

*Our father left us all so lonely,
But he's gone heaven's joy to share,
And some glad day we'll meet him yonder*

In that bright home, just over there.

*Our father basks in heaven's glory,
Where death and sorrow are unknown:*

Yes, some bright morning we shall meet him,

Where Christ will claim us as his own.

*Yes, father's gone to live with Jesus,
Where all is joy; no pain, no care.
Since he is gone, oh, how we miss him,
But some glad day we'll meet him there.*

Contributed by Rev. F. C. Zinn

R. C. CHAPPELL PASSES

Our father and friend, and dearly beloved veteran of the cross, R. C. Chappell of Casa, Arkansas, departed this life at the ripe old age of 89 years, nine months and eight days.

He leaves to mourn his departure four sons: Ollie, Luther, Robert, and Arthur Chappell; two daughters: Ilar Hamilton and Melissa Robinson; a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

He was a member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Casa, Arkansas. He was a faithful servant of God, always ready to testify for his Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, at home or abroad. We bow in submission to the Heavenly Father, looking forward to the time when we can meet you in the morning.

Funeral services were conducted at the Johnson cemetery by Rev. W. S. Isbell, assisted by Rev. Webb and Rev. Willie McGhee of Russellville, Arkansas. Standing at the head of the casket, Bro. Raymond Chappell, a newly ordained minister of the gospel and a grandson, offered up prayer asking God to let his granddad's life live on and souls be converted to the Lord Jesus

Christ in his death, as his aim in life had been to point the lost to the Lamb of God, making us weep afresh in our sorrow and rejoice in our sadness that this grandson could so humbly lift his voice to God on this sad occasion.

May each of our lives be a living testimony to those who know us as was our beloved father, that God does yet live and reign in the hearts of men.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell

ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE MEETING DATE CHANGED

The dates of the Bible Conference of the Free Will Baptist Bible College are April 15-19. There has been a slight change in the dates that were previously agreed upon. You who have seen a College catalogue have noticed that spring Bible Conference was announced for April 8-12. Because of other scheduled meetings which many of our people wish to attend, it was decided that we would move the Conference up one week.

The annual spring Bible Conference has become a fixed date with many of our people looking this way for a period of fellowship and blessing. If you have been attending the Conferences in past years, we know that you will not want to miss this one. If you have never attended one of the Conferences, we give you an invitation to make your plans to be with us on these announced dates.

—Rev. L. C. Johnson

FOLLOW JESUS

*THE lights of this world shine brightly,
But our lives should never sway:
Our trials will fall by the wayside,
If we follow Jesus all the way.*

*WE ARE very often tempted,
Satan knows where we are weak:
We will not fall from the throne of grace
If we will but to Jesus speak.*

*THEN leave off all worldly things
To which we almost stray,
And humbly pray, "Lord, direct me!"
Then follow Jesus all the way.*

Ethel Daily, Bonnie, Illinois



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



WOMEN TO THE FRONT, ON OUR KNEES, WITH OUR GIFTS, AND IN HUMBLE SERVICE

The year 1951 has come to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church to be used or squandered. The watchword of our organization: "Workers Together with Him... That His Way May Be Known Upon Earth," (II Cor. 6:1 and Psalm 67:2), comes to us through the prayerful searching of the scriptures of our Executive Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Frazier. We, as an organization, are indebted to her for the beautiful way she has edited our BEST Year Book of Programs, which will enable our Woman's Auxiliary to carry out effectively the challenge of the Watchword.

This watchword seems most fitting at this time, when the entire world desires the fruits of working together, but do not know the secret of this successful method, because they do not know Him—the Lord Jesus Christ. We, as women, who know Him have great opportunity lying ahead of us this year. His presence in our lives should serve as a magnet to draw us together in a stronger faith, a greater prayer life, holier living, a greater concentration of our minds and our hearts on the word of God, a greater vision, a deeper zeal for lost souls and a greater service in His Name to needy humanity.

With Him, we cannot be idle and unmindful of the open doors of service. With Him, we must work, for His presence with us inspires and guides us to make His way known upon earth. His way is the way of the cross. We recall that when Jesus gave His life on the cross it was ugly and a symbol of shame and disgrace. His ignominious death changed its meaning, making it a glorious symbol, opening the door to life eternal and to golden opportunity to give ourselves in humble service of making His way known upon earth. This way often means the way of sacrificial giving of our time, our talent, and our means that His way may be known.

His way is the way of love. As

workers together, we must love Him supremely and each other with such devotion that we may be able to convince the world that they need the Lord Jesus. In these days of world conflict it is so necessary that we are bound together with the cords of holy love, bearing one another's burdens. Thus the radiance of love will flow out into the lives of those who do not know Him.

His way is the way of light. May we, as women, purpose in our hearts that we will give ourselves more diligently that the light of His life may glow through our lives as we work together with Him and each of the women in our local church, to the end that we may be more zealous in our enlistment efforts, to sacrificial support of missions at home and abroad, better stewards of the manifold Grace of God and the promotion of our full church program.

As we look into this year, may we remember that the best example of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of a woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of a woman. The best example of a conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of a woman. It was no great gift, no great service, no great prayer. The gift was the widow's mite. The service was the anointing of the feet of Jesus with ointment. The prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed of a devil. But the gift and service and prayer were in self-denial and love and faith. These are precious and effective in the sight of God. Oh, that each woman in our ranks would strive to make His way known this year as never before, working together with Him.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard,
4th V.P., W.N.A.C.

HANDKERCHIEF SHOWER FOR RETIRING PRESIDENT

The Hazel Creek Woman's Auxiliary met January 31 with Eula Howard, with six members, five children, and five men present. Tea towels were made to send to the Youth Camp. The president led the devotional period by all singing "To the Work." Scripture reading, I Chron. 4:10; Neh. 4:6 and 16:23. Prayer by Maizie Sevits.

Motion carried to have program at the church March 9. Decided to pay \$25.00 on parsonage debt. As Eula Howard was leaving the community she resigned as president and Maizie Sevits was elected to fill the vacancy. Lizzie Filkins elected 3rd V.P.

"Working Together with Him Through Enlargement" was studied, with topics given by Mary Filkins, Maizie Sevits, and Faye Hamilton. Dismissed in prayer by Agnes Smith.

A handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Howard in appreciation for her services to the auxiliary.

One hundred fifty one Bible chapters, 14 sick calls, and 10 cards reported.

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, Mrs. 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

PROGRAM

**Central Texas District Woman's
Auxiliary Convention to Convene
With Bright Light on March 13**

Program Theme: "Workers together with Him...that His way may be known upon the earth. (II Cor. 6:1; Psalm 67:2)

10:00—Convention hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"—to be sung prayerfully.

Prayer for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit during today's convention.

Reading of the Scripture responsively. Hymn, "Take My Life and Let it Be"

10:10—Welcome.....Mrs. N. C. Cole
Response.....Mrs. W. F. McDuffie

10:15—President's message, Mrs. H. Ray Berry

10:25—Roll call and reading of minutes. Appointment of Committees

10:35—Playlet, "Mrs. Prospect Receives Visitors," directed by 1st V.P., Mrs. Gaston Clary

10:50—"Workers together with Him through our youth," 2nd V.P., Mrs. Ruby Maxwell

11:00—Report of corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ray Trant

11:00—Recess

11:20—Special music

11:25—Sermon, Rev. R. B. Crawford
LUNCH

1:15—Devotional, Mrs. Edith Wade

1:30—A Mission study demonstration, "Bifocals Needed," directed by 3rd V.P., Mrs. Walter Lawless

1:45—"Working together with Him in building better programs," 4th V.P., Mrs. Alvin F. Halbrook

1:55—"Working together with Him through personal service," 5th V.P., Mrs. Lenora Loving.

2:05—Hymn, "Make Me A Blessing"

2:10—Treasurer's report, Mrs. J. L. Vance

2:15—Report of Field Worker, Mrs. H. M. McAdams

2:25—Business: Report of Committees. Miscellaneous business

Benediction—"If at this closing moment we feel the slightest degree closer to Thee, If we leave here with a joy in our hearts and a keener sense of Thy goodness to us, If we depart one from another with a new determination to give of our best to our work, Then we have not met in vain. Dismiss us with Thy blessing

and direct our ways until we gather together again to learn more of Thee; In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen."

—Mrs. A. F. Halbrook

TEACHER'S MEETING HELD

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I wrote to the Gem paper. I always like to read articles written by my brothers and sisters in the Lord, but never seem to find time to write myself. The Lord is doing wonderful things for us here at Flat River in the First Free Will Baptist church. We have had several sick folk this winter, but most of them are better now. We lost a very faithful servant of the Lord, Bro. George Hamblin. God is calling His children home one by one.

Our church is going forward in the work of the Lord. We gave more to all causes last quarter than we ever have since I have been here. Some of the salt of the earth are in this church; Christians that are not easily disturbed, are steadfast and unmovable, and can be depended upon when you need them. We had a wonderful service last Sunday night. A fine young couple were saved and there was real shouting in the camp. There are others that are under conviction; we ask you all to help us pray for them. Some of our fine boys are having to leave for the army, and some are not saved. We are looking forward to the tent meeting that will be held here in May, Bro. Willey from Cuba the evangelist.

We had a Sunday School Teacher's meeting a few nights ago, and we feel that we accomplished a great deal in our first meeting. We unanimously accepted these standards for an effective teacher.

1. CHRISTIAN:

- a. A teacher must be a born-again Christian. John 3:1-6.
- b. He must know he has eternal life. I John 5:13.

2. CHRIST-CENTERED: Heb. 12:1-2.

- a. Seek to glorify Christ. Ps. 50:15.
- b. Surrendered completely to Christ. Rom. 12:1-2.

3. CHRIST-EMPOWERED: Col. 1:27-29.

- a. By the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:11.
- b. By daily meditation in the Word of God. I Tim. 4:15.

c. By consistent prayer life. Eph. 6:18; Luke 18:1.

d. By obedience to the Word of God. John 14:21-23.

e. By a continual overflow to others. John 7:37-39.

4. BIBLE CENTERED: Col. 3:16.

a. Hear the Word in church. Mark 4:24, 25; Rev. 2:17.

b. Read the Word daily. I Tim. 4:13.

c. Study the Word systematically. II Tim. 2:15.

d. Teach the Word effectively. II Tim.

5. CHRIST-LIKE IN CHARACTER: Col. 3:10.

a. Separate from the world. II Cor. 6:17, 18.

b. Manifest the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22-23.

6. AIM: (A teacher must have an aim in his work.) Phil. 13:14.

a. Bring the pupils in. Luke 14:23.

b. Win their friendship. Pro. 18:24.

c. Win their hearts for Christ. Pro. 11:30.

d. Build them up in the faith. I Cor. 3:9-16.

e. Teach them how to win others for Christ. John 1:41.

f. Interest them in the work of the church. Heb. 10:25.

7. FOLLOW UP: I Thes. 3:10.

a. Keep up-to-date list, including address, telephone, birthday, etc.

b. Visit each home at least twice a year.

c. Show special attention to new scholars and members, absentees and those who are sick.

d. Build up class membership and attendance.

e. Keep efficient records.

We feel sure that a church with a Sunday School teaching staff, with the qualifications that are listed here, under the Standards for An Effective Teacher, will be able to reach more souls for Jesus than the church that pays no attention to their Sunday School teachers.

Yours in Jesus' name,

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

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"A HOME MISSION FOR EACH CHURCH" IS VISUALIZED

Mrs. John Elliston, Stillwater, Oklahoma

"LIFT UP your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Praise God! Free Will Baptists as a whole are catching a glimpse of the need for a greater mission work—both Foreign and Home. The recent missionary rally in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 4th was proof of that. It thrills my soul to see more interest being shown. The report that new churches have been organized through revivals sponsored by the National Home Mission Board is very encouraging. Let us put each of these new churches on our prayer list that they will grow and prosper as God would have them to.

For several years I have been terribly burdened for home mission work. My husband and I have both kept it daily on our prayer list. My great burden is for the mission work here at home that cannot be done by holding a revival, organizing a church, and leaving it to support and discipline itself. There are many places needing mission work where such a procedure would not be advisable.

I feel the need for more rescue missions. In this type of work teaching is more important than preaching. Such a mission should always have its doors open to help those in spiritual, physical, and financial need. Some times people need all three blessings and it is definitely the duty of the church to supply all three needs. Of course we have the Red Cross, and dozens of civic organizations who make some effort to take care of the physical financial aspects. But I read in Matthew 25:34-36, 40, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Here we see that it is the duty of the Church to perform these acts of kindness in the name of

Christ, and not leave it to the clubs and civic organizations.

I was talking with a man in Oklahoma City who is not a Christian whose job takes him through the slum districts of the city often. We were talking about Christian living, when he said, "Yes, I believe in God, but the Church has failed. The churches now are just clubs, and the clubs have had to perform the duties that God intended the Church to perform." Of course, I know this is not wholly true, but there is more truth in it than any of us is willing to admit.

I am happy to know that our college has a waterfront mission. However, each and every Free Will Baptist Church of any size could have a branch mission. Country churches, as well as our city churches, could enjoy this privilege of extending their work through missions. There are widows, orphans, shut-ins, and cripples to be helped in every locality. They can be helped by helping supply their needs. Even if their only need is fellowship it is the happy privilege of Christian people to give them that needed Christian love and fellowship. If their need is clothing, Jesus said, "Let him that hath two coats give to him that hath none."

In all cities and towns there are slum districts, and in these we find many honest and sincere people who, because of circumstances, over which they have little or no control, are forced to live in these shacks and hovels with practically no clothes, food, or money. These people, with the right kind of love and interest shown to help them find themselves and find God, would make great workers for the cause of Christ, and better citizens of this great country in which we live.

Also in these slum districts we find some who are thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, beggars, and even murderers. But we read in Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Also in Romans 10:11 we find, "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Here we find the word whosoever—all classes and colors are

eligible for this great and glorious salvation through Jesus.

For an example, in Oklahoma City there are seven slum districts, but to my knowledge there is no Free Will Baptist work being done in any of them. In these slum districts here we can carry out that commission given in Matthew 25:34-36. Here each church has an opportunity to do some home mission work by establishing mission stations in these slum districts. These mission stations could do immense good in helping these people find God, to find themselves, and to find their self respect. The missions could give the Bread of Life to these people, and it could be a distributing point where we could share our blessings with others. Such a program would do much to settle some of the juvenile and adult crime situations and to make better citizens for God and country. It would also help to make our cities, and our whole nation, better places in which to live and to rear children.

As my personal testimonial: It has been my real pleasure and reward of joy and peace to do a little of this home mission work when my husband pastored a little mission in Wilburton, Oklahoma, in which the membership consisted mostly of Choctaw Indians. I began to realize there is a great field in every city and town, and even in every county, for mission work. Wilburton is the County Seat of Latimer County, and while there we not only tried to help those who came to the mission, but also others who were in need. The one year at the mission we distributed 1,388 articles of clothing, 32 Bibles, 5,846 gospel tracts, and had prayer in more than 70 homes. The clothing and the Bibles we distributed were made possible by churches and Auxiliaries in Missouri, Michigan, and Oklahoma.

Each church can know the joy of mission work in its own locality, and at the same time increase the amount of its help in those localities where there are no churches at home and abroad. Each church can increase its support of the organized home and foreign missions programs while increasing its own local program. If we had sent missionaries abroad as we should have we might have saved our boys from going to fight as enemies to those of other countries.

It would have been much better if we, as Christians, had sent men and women with Bibles and Christian love, than it is now to send them with guns and hatred. It would be much cheaper, and the reward would be much greater, if we as Christians would take Christ to those who are down-trodden, than it will be to pay high taxes to increase our police force and enlarge our prisons. It is better to save a life than to try to repair one.

We cannot outgive God. Let us give to the cause of missions both at home and abroad. The more we give, the more we will have to give. And let us work to help those in our own backyard, too.

YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDS STEP-UP

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since I have written you in regard to our Youth Camp, and I feel that you would like to hear again of your Camp Board's plans.

I might say first that very little improvements have been made since our last year session due to the finance which has been coming in very, very slowly. I had hoped and prayed and looked forward to great improvements before this year's session, but as I have often told you, we as your Youth Camp Board can only do what you make it possible for us to do through your finance. I feel that if our people could only realize what this Camp means to our young people and to our denomination they would surely get behind with their full support.

Just today I received a letter from the Secretary-Caretaker of our Camp, and it made my heart bleed when I read that the finance coming in is barely enough to meet our regular expenses. For the past few years each session of our Camp has seen a large number of our boys and girls saved from a life of sin due to their being at Camp where they could get training by real men and women of God who were their teachers and supervisors while there. It may be that should our Camp had not been in existence they would never have accepted Christ as their Saviour. A number of these have answered their call from God to a special service. Have you done your best in supporting our

Camp both by your finance and your prayers?

In the next few weeks your Youth Camp Board will be meeting to again plan this year's work, and announcements of this meeting will be published soon in the Gem paper. Will you show your Board and your young people that you are behind this great work by sending in your offerings real soon. There are many things that we are in need of, such as mattresses, dishes, small tables for cabins, bed springs, canned goods, and many other things which are too numerous to mention at this writing. Of course we also need more churches or individuals to build cabins and soon.

Don't forget that this year the State Association will also be meeting at the Camp, so let's get busy and send in these needs as soon as possible so that we may be ready for both Camp time and State Association time. Send all offerings or supplies to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Missouri.

In closing, I only ask you to pray and then give what God lays on your heart to give. May God bless each of you and thanks to all who have been doing your best.

Rev Harvey E. Hill, Chairman

APRIL IS DESIGNATED HOME MISSION MONTH

Free Will Baptists of America, I come to you again through the medium of our papers, in behalf of Home Missions, a work that is the burden of my heart. I read in Acts 1:8 that our Lord and Master tells us to be witnesses unto him both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. So I understand by that scripture that we are to bring the message of Jesus here at home while we send missionaries to the foreign fields.

Our National Home Mission Board is heartily in accord with our Foreign Mission program and all support this program and praise the Lord for what they are doing, but we feel that if we can get our Home Mission program going that it will strengthen our Foreign Mission work. As we look on the fields here at home that are white unto harvest, how we long to see an old time revival break out in our ranks here at home and sweep across America, north and south, east and west,

until we could have churches in every state.

You know, in every town there are people who do not go to church. Their children are not in Sunday School. Oh, what a field of labor.

Your Board proposes to try to evangelize by putting Home Mission workers in this field. To evangelize by organizing churches and staying there until the work is established. Also, to work among the American Indians in North Carolina and Oklahoma. Now I am certain every Free Will Baptist is interested in seeing this done. If so, listen to the appeal of your National Home Mission Board. You know as your board knows, it will take money to put a program over like this. We are setting April apart as Home Mission month. We are going to ask you for five thousand dollars in offerings during April.

Now all you pastors and workers, please do your best to help us reach this goal. I suggest that each pastor take a free will offering at one service in your church and that you urge your Sunday School, your League and your Woman's Auxiliary to give an offering to this worthy cause. You will or have received literature about this drive. Please get it before your church and don't forget the days set apart for prayer for our simultaneous revival campaign of which you will soon learn more.

Oh, how our hearts are burdened during these perilous times when mother's boys are dying in Korea. May we bring this gospel of Jesus to every nook and corner of America that our boys may be saved before they are drafted into our armed forces. I think we are just about to the midnight hour and may wake up to the needs of the hour and do something about it. Your board is depending on you. Don't let us down! You won't, will you? Send all offerings to Rev. Harry E. Staires, Oilton, Oklahoma, who will receipt and credit you for same. (Note: Missouri donors may send your offering to the State Treasurer marked "National Home Missions," and it will be forwarded. Editor.)

Now give your board a chance to work in co-operation with your state board in putting this needy program over to the glory of God. Look for more on this later.

Your humble servant,

Rev. J. B. Bloss, Chairman

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINISTER RELATIVE TO THE WORK OF THE LORD

We are aware that God calls men to preach His Word. The church then calls those who show evidence of this Divine call to the ministry, to pastor the church. To pastor a church is far more than just preaching to it. To be a pastor one must be a spiritual leader and teacher as well as a preacher. To be that, one must not only be an example to the flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity, but must also have vision. The pastor who doesn't have a vision of the work beyond his local church can never lead his flock in fulfilling Acts 1:8—being witnesses unto Christ both in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

In most churches if the pastor is interested in missions, our youth work, and the college, and lets his people know he is working for these, they too, will be interested in these worthy causes. But how can a pastor say he is interested in the entire program of the church when he never asks his people to subscribe to our church paper which keeps us informed on all the activities in these different phases of the work. We even find preachers who are not enough interested to subscribe for and read the paper owned and operated for their own state. Some will still nourish a grudge because some one wrote an article, and it was published in the Gem several years ago, which they did not agree with, or perhaps because they didn't like some one who at some time or another worked in the printing office they yet refuse to give their support to a worthy cause which has been a blessing to many lives and has been an agent in the hands of the Lord in promoting His Cause.

Romans 13:11 tells us that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. We might also say it is high time we quit playing religion, step out on God's promises, and walk worthy of the vocation to which we are called. We need a spiritual awakening and a revival, not only the spirit of evangelism and a willingness to go out and win men to Christ, but also a revival of interest in every department of our program, the Sunday School, worship service, prayer meetings, League work, Auxilli-



FOREIGN MISSIONS MAIL GOES TO THE BOOKKEEPER

ALL SMILES!

Yes, Sir! This makes us happy. It's a real joy to read your missionary correspondence and to know there are so many who are holding this work up in prayer. The missionaries are happy too, and not only that but the angels in heaven rejoice, because through our prayers and gifts the Gospel is preached and those who sit in darkness are

brought into the marvelous light of the Lord Jesus Christ. WHY NOT SMILE!

After the mail is checked thoroughly it is turned over to Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, bookkeeper, with instructions for acknowledgement and posting.

Have you given this week for Foreign Missions?

Rev. Raymond Riggs

ary, training and teaching our youth, and missions. If we are interested in these we will also be interested in our means of communication.

There should be at least 100 people in the state of Missouri alone who will put the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM on their prayer list, and then tell others of the blessings this paper can be to them. If we will do this we will have 2,000 new subscriptions in the next three months.

Yours in His Cause,

Rev. O. T. Allred

Editors note: Bro. Allred is a man of God, very busy in the service of Him who called him. He is an ardent supporter of every phase of the work, including the church publications. He is not connected with this office in any organic way. This article is unsolicited, and comes because he was so directed of the Lord. How well it

fits! Please, read it again and again until the full impact of it strikes YOU as it has ME!

OURS TO GIVE

Oh we of little faith,
What do we hope to gain,
If we do not look to Him
Who gives our sunshine and rain?
If the day seems dark and drear,
Or our life seems all in vain:
Let's smile and bear it,
Grin and share it,
Heaven's our home to gain!

—Willie Belle Nail, Texas

If you want to be rich, *give*; If you want to be poor, *grasp*; If you want abundance, *scatter*; If you want to be needy, *hoard*!