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LOOK TO HIM AND LIVE

Oh, listen and you'll hear the Saviour calling,
Poor weary soul so lonely and depressed,
"All ye who burdened are, and heavy laden,
Come unto me and I will give you rest."

Chorus

Oh yes, I know that He can give you rest:
I know, for I have put Him to the test.
When I am tossed, as on a troubled sea,
I go to Him, and He speaks peace to me.

He is the Bread of Life, the Living Water:
To all who ask of Him, He'll freely give;
There is no other way to life eternal;
Oh, why then won't you look to Him and live?

—By Florence Grimes, Tulare, California

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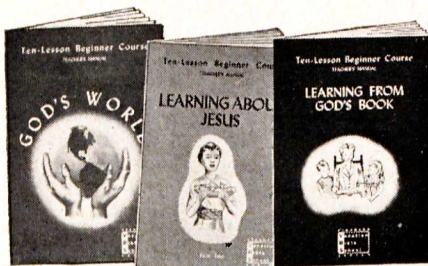
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The general theme for all four meet- ings, although not prearranged, is along the idea of evangelism. Surely the hand of God has directed the plan- ning of these programs.

The theme for the Fourth Nation- wide League Conference is, "The Hour Has Come" (for revival and evange- lism), the theme for the Woman's Na- tional Auxiliary Convention is, "The Hour Is Come" (for evangelism and soul-winning), and the theme for the National Association is, "Evangelize Now."

The Fourth Nationwide League Con- ference will feature youth speakers, young ministers in our church who are on fire for God. Among them will be Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur, Okla- homa; Rev. Ronald Creech, Kenly, North Carolina; Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Mississippi; and many others. A mass choir, composed of young people from churches in the Middle Tennessee area will feature in the singing each evening.

The National Sunday School Con- vention will again conduct classes for the various departments of the Sunday School. Methods of teaching, new ideas for promotion, and many other helpful suggestions will be offered.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention will stress the need of evangelism now. Women from many churches will be in this meeting to learn how their auxiliaries may be- come agencies for the winning of the lost.

The program for the National Asso- ciation is elaborate to say the least. The music and special singing will be under the direction of I. L. Stanley,

Other keynote speakers include Rev. W. A. Hales whose subject will be "The Denomination's Part In World Wide Revival." His message will be brought at 11:00 Wednesday morning.

A special feature of the National Association will be a message brought by the Honorable William "Don" Wheeler of Georgia, Free Will Baptist Congressman in the House of Repre- sentatives, Washington, D. C.

The Thursday morning message will be brought by the Rev. J. R. David- son, St. Mary's Church, New Bern, North Carolina.

Perhaps the biggest gathering of all will be on Sunday night, July 8 in the War Memorial Auditorium in down- town Nashville. More than 2,000 are expected to attend this meeting. All Free Will Baptist Churches in Middle Tennessee are asked to call off their Sunday evening service and attend this meeting in a body.

A huge choir of several hundred voices will form the background for spirited gospel singing. The speaker for this giant rally of Free Will Bap- tists will be our Promotional Secre- tary, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, of Nash- ville. This service alone will be worth all the expense and effort anyone may make to come to Nashville.

Other speakers on the National As- sociation program include Rev. Ed Sunday, Stigler, Oklahoma; Rev. Orbin Doss, Kerman, California; Rev. Lewis Moulton, Glennville, Georgia; Rev. J. R. Narron, Kinston, North Carolina; Rev. Harvey Hill, St. Louis, Missouri; and Rev. Ronald Creech, Kinston, North Carolina. Official welcome ad- dresses will be extended by the Hon- orable Ben West, Mayor of Nashville, and Rev. C. F. Bowen, President of the Nashville Pastors' Association.

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But no time to thank God for your daily bread.

No time to take Jesus at His word,
No time to give your heart to the Lord.
No time with faith toward Jesus to look,
No time to make sure your name's in His book.
No time to bother now you say,
You're putting it off till some other day.

No time for reading His word today,
No time to go to His house you say.
No time is left when your work is done,

To see that other souls are won.
What? No time left for God in your days?
Your time is all used in other ways.

I have a question to ask you now,
Answer it as before Him you bow.
What do you think you would do?

—Contributed

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CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS

NOTE: In teaching a course on "Missions" as found in Unit VII of the Student's Manual as prescribed by Evangelical Teacher Training Association, I was very much impressed with Lesson 11. Following is the chapter as prepared by Harold B. Street, former missionary to Ethiopia.—Rev. R. Riggs.

"A 'Challenge' has been defined as 'a summons to a fight or duel; an invitation to participate in a contest.' And, as such, the Church of Jesus Christ is being called in stentorian tones by both the contingents of evil and righteousness to marshal her forces, enter the conflict, and snatch victory out of the clutches of peevish indifference and corpulent lethargy.

1. The Opportunity of the Open Door

Present world conditions demand immediate and aggressive action. Commerce and science have outrun Christianity in reaching the dark places of the world, and with ready transportation by land, water, and air, distances have been cut to but a small fraction of what they were a decade or two ago. There are few countries to which the missionary might wish to go today, where he cannot purchase supplies to satisfy most of his needs within the borders of his country. With the speeding up of commerce there has come a new urgency to utilize all available agencies for the speeding up of the gospel of light.

Missions have made a glorious advance in this century, until there are relatively few countries that have not an open door; but it is high time that the Church sent forth her battalions to enter these doors, lest they be closed, as is true of Japan, parts of China, and most Italian colonies. Paganism is manifestly losing ground. Idols and superstitions are being put away. Age-old customs of barbarity and depravity are falling before the bombardment of Christianity. Even Mohammendanism is tottering in many parts of the world. Caste and slavery are fast being abolished. Women are being elevated to a plane of equality with men. This is no hour for the church to rest back in complacent satisfaction of having entered these fields. She must go in and

fully occupy and bring the giants of evil into complete subjection.

The rising power of dictators challenges every thinking Christian. They have shown themselves to be uniformly agnostic, if not positively hostile, to the gospel. God has been ignored or even outlawed. With the exaltation of man and his achievements has developed a new trend toward atheism. Salacious literature, communistic propaganda, a nauseating parade of the vile and obscene have followed in the wake of the missionary's success in teaching the native to read. Only the widespread circulation of the Word of God and other Christian literature can counteract these devastating forces of evil.

But probably the greatest challenge in the present-day conditions is that which we find in the United States among conservative Christians. Growing out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, when there was a widespread return to the Word of God and its cardinal teachings concerning salvation, was the Pietist Movement of the seventeenth century. Under Spener and Francke there was a conviction that true piety must find expression in pious living and pure doctrine must be evidenced by Christlike living. Out of this attitude, which became amazingly widespread, developed our modern missionary movement under William Carey.

During the past three or four decades the battle has raged between modernism and fundamentalism in this land. There has been a wholesome return to the Word of God as the infallible authority and guide in all doctrine and practical living, but conservatism has all too frequently been a fundamentalism only of the head and lip. There has not been a genuine fundamentalism of heart, attesting a right relationship to Jesus Christ. Many Christians have come to see and understand the deadening effect of such teaching, and there is now a definite recoil from doctrine that is all of the head, which never touches the heart nor fellowships in the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ for poor, lost, needy souls. A true fundamentalism of heart must find expression somehow, and the missionary enterprise is the most logical sphere in which to make such expression. The writer has found the majority of

churches in which he has ministered during the past four years positively eager for a new sphere of activity, which they are finding, in many quarters, in a new or enlarged missionary program, which is always attended with the blessing of the Lord—blessing in the shape of increased finances, increased attendance, and increased number of souls saved. This all points to a new flow of men, money, and prayer for the mission field..

II. What Constitutes A Call

The very difficulty of the task of missions calls for the best in youth and demands that he have a firm conviction of God's call. 'But what constitutes a call to the foreign field?' we hear youth asking up and down the land. Someone has said, 'The need, the knowledge of that need, and the ability to meet that need constitute a clear, definite call of the foreign mission field.'

Much has already been written concerning the need. However, it is not alone the need, but the relative need. The man who has once heard the gospel: the man who has never heard it all. There is a need in all parts of the world, including the homeland, but who is there in the homeland that cannot hear a gospel message these days if he would. With a gospel message almost any hour of the day to be found on the radio, with gospel literature that can be obtained for little or nothing, and even a whole Bible for as little as twenty-five cents, and with more churches than schools in the land, where is there an individual that cannot learn the way of salvation if he really desires it. On the other hand, consider the tens of millions in distant lands who have not even once heard that there be a Jesus Christ who has died that men might have eternal life. At home there is one ordained minister, not taking into consideration the thousands of other Christian workers, for every 514 of our population. On the foreign mission fields of the world there is one missionary for every 51,663, and in many parts of the world missionaries have a potential parish of 100,000 or more.

The Hon. Ion Keith-Falconer, Scotch nobleman, who pioneered the cause of missions in Arabia, once said, "While vast continents are shrouded in almost utter darkness, and hundreds of millions suffer the horrors of heathenism

or of Islam, the burden of proof lies upon you to show that the circumstances in which God has placed you were meant by Him to keep you out of the foreign mission field.

James Gilmore, that intrepid missionary to the Mongols, who imposed on himself unbelievable hardships and privations, wrote, 'Even on the low ground of common sense, I seemed to be called to be a missionary. Is the kingdom a harvest field? Then I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was most abundant and the workers the fewest.'

As to the qualifications of a missionary, or 'the ability to meet the need,' it should be stated at the outset that the qualifications vary with the different mission societies and boards. In the earlier days, no society would give consideration to a candidate who had passed his thirtieth birthday, but now there are several societies who will take one up to forty years of age, provided other qualifications are average or better. The missionary candidate must bring to the work a strong, well body, ready to endure hardness. Most mission societies have several rigid physical examinations before accepting a candidate, believing that it is unfair to both the candidate and the work to allow him to go to a difficult mission field, from the standpoint of health, if there is any possibility that he will break down under it!

Among the denominational missions, quite uniformly, candidates are asked to have their college degree before being seriously considered, whereas among the 'faith' missions a less severe educational standard is adhered to. In the latter societies, candidates are usually asked to have high school training plus Bible school or seminary, or its equivalent.

A missionary candidate must be possessed with a goodly portion of common sense, have ability to work with others, and have a naturally cheerful disposition, with a good appreciation of humor. Most of the larger and more responsible mission societies require that candidates spend a month or more in their mission home or conferences, that they may be observed to determine whether they truly have a 'missionary temperament.'

The most necessary qualification of a true missionary, however, is that he

be deeply spiritual, with a real passion for lost souls, a conviction that Christ is the only remedy for a man's need, a practical knowledge of the Word of God, but with conservative doctrinal views, and such intimacy with Jesus Christ as to make his recourse in every difficulty and victory.

A veteran missionary, writing home a request for an associate, once said, 'Send us a despoiser of difficulties who will not be discouraged under the most adverse circumstances, who will unite unflinching courage with consummate tact, know how to do impossible things and maintain a pertinacity that borders on stubbornness, with a suavity of manners that softens austerity.'

The missionary not only must have a firm conviction of God's call, but he likewise has a right to expect God's seal upon that call. The candidate who has acted upon the call as 'the need, the knowledge of that need, and the ability to meet that need,' must finally have God's seal, that stamp of approval, which should be all he could ask when he finally faces difficulties and untoward circumstances in the future years.

There may be many tokens of God's approval, as a candidate looks forward to the mission field, but certainly, as an evidence that he is moving in God's directive will, he may expect (1) an unconditional acceptance by a responsible mission society, (2) God's abundant provision for every material need, and (3) that sweet inner peace and rest that is of the Holy Spirit. Of course, prerequisite to either the call or the seal of the call there must have been a love of the will of God and a deep-seated desire for it that is willing to pay any price necessary.

The difficulty of the task of missions not only challenges youth to have a firm conviction of God's call, but an implicit confidence in Him who has called him. He must be able to move forward in faith, with complete reliance upon Him who can enable one to chase a thousand, and to put to flight ten thousand. He must know the God of Ephesians 3:20. He must be assured that it is God's work, and, in accordance with Philipians 2:13, it is God who will finally do the work. His essential place in this missionary enterprise is to be a 'vessel unto honor—sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every

good work.' (II Tim. 2:21.)

III. A Good Paying Investment

Finally, the challenge of missions lies in the opportunity afforded for an investment with the largest possible return. Investments have a dwindling return these days, and the principle is increasingly insecure. A business man recently said, 'I used to be able to invest any surplus funds at ten per cent, but now if we can find something secure in which to invest at two per cent, we think it is wonderful.' Another business man said, 'I am going to get my money out of my business just as quickly as I can and invest it all in God's work. It will be His responsibility then.' Indeed, these are days, when as never before, the words of our Lord should be oft repeated: 'Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.' (Matt. 6:20)

A business man, always a generous donor to the enterprise of missions, concluded that he had listened to missionaries' stories long enough. He was going to investigate missions for himself. Accordingly, he took his pastor and son and went to Africa. There with a station wagon, he drove more than 14,000 miles through the Dark Continent, visited more than 100 mission stations, and took over 27,000 feet of motion picture film, just to assure himself that when he finally reached heaven he would not be embarrassed because of his gifts to missions. Since his return, his oft repeated word is, 'I don't see how they make a dollar go so far.'

At a recent summer Bible conference the writer taught a course in missions to a group of pastors representing several denominations. Between them they agreed that the minimum average cost of a soul in the average church of their acquaintance, over a period of 20 years, was \$1,500. In contrast to that, many mission stations, operating over a period of 20 to 25 years can report an average cost per soul of less than \$20.00, and some as low as \$6.47, after figuring every cost—building, missionaries' allowance, furlough expense, etc. Why is it that many Christians do not show the same common sense in making their investments for

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ALWAYS SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF BOOZE



IN QUESTION

The commodity in controversy is intoxicating liquor. The article is one whose moderate use, even, is taken into account by actuaries of insurance companies, and which bars employment in classes of service involving prudent and careful conduct—an article conceded to be fraught with such contagious peril to society, that it occupies a different status before the courts and the Legislatures from other kinds of business.—Supreme Court of Kansas in *State vs. Durien*.

ALCOHOL—WHAT IT IS

Alcohol is a habit-forming, irritant, narcotic, depressant drug, useful for many mechanical, pharmaceutical, and scientific purposes. There are several kinds of alcohol. That contained in

the ordinary alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine and whiskey is ethyl alcohol, which is a poison of an anesthetic character.

Alcohol is not a stimulant. It does not increase functioning power. It is a narcotic acting directly on the nerve centers. Its most important effects are on the central nervous system and the brain. This effect is described by an official publication of the British Government as follows:

"Alcohol successively weakens and suspends the hierarchy of functions of the brain, and therefore of the mind, in the order from above downwards; that is to say, in the inverse order of their development in the individual and in the race. For the emotional dispositions or capacities are a very ancient racial endowment and have their physiological seats in the basal

ganglia, the lowest levels of the great brain, the part which alone is represented in the brains of the lower vertebrates. The higher intellectual faculties, on the other hand, are the latest acquired and are connected with the anatomically highest and last developed parts of the brain. Intermediate between these come, in the order of development, the sensory and skilled motor functions (and their nerve centres)."

The progressive narcotic action of alcohol is described in a syllabus issued for teachers by the British Government, as comprising the following successive steps.

(1) *Blunting of self-criticism.* Self criticism represents the latest developed of the intellectual functions. When it is blunted, things may be done or remarks made which may not be consistent with the usual behavior of the individual. The resulting effects of this blunting are various to an almost unlimited degree; but certain of them are particularly characteristic of the action of the alcohol, and merge with considerable regularity in carefully conducted tests and experiments. Among these may be cited:

(a) inaccurate workmanship in regard to mathematical calculations or such handiwork as shorthand and typewriting;

(b) uncritical self-satisfaction of the individual with his work and actions;

(c) disregard of occurrences and conditions normally requiring caution of act and word;

(d) trespass upon rules and conventions previously respected;

(e) impaired appreciation of the passage of time;

(f) talkativeness;

(g) an argumentative frame of mind; quarrelsomeness.

*Alcohol: Its Action on the Human Organism—British Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic).

(2) *Interference with the performance of skilled movements.* This is indicated by clumsiness of behavior, by the slurring of words, and by insecure muscular control.

(3) *The blunting of the senses*—of hearing, taste, touch, and vision.

(4) *The display of the primary emotions.* Anger may be displayed at one moment, and affection at another;

similarly with boisterousness and depression, laughter and tears.

(5) The failure to respond to external stimulation and the eventual lapse into a heavy sleep."

Alcohol Has No Food Value

Alcohol is a food, utilizing to a very limited extent. It has no practical food value. Vinegar, for instance, is a food but its flavor constitutes its only important food characteristic. Alcohol does not repair nor build tissue, nor can it be stored in the body for future use.

When taken into the body, alcohol is very quickly absorbed unchanged by the digestive process.

How Alcohol Breaks Down the Body

Alcohol is particularly injurious to the liver and by breaking down bodily resistance to infectious diseases causes a great deal of physical degeneration and death. Its use in cases of tuberculosis, pneumonia and similar diseases is considered by physicians as mischievous, and its common use in cases of household injury, snake-bite or in view of prospective exposure, are not in any way justified. Medical opinion seems to be practically unanimous as to this. The experiences of life insurance companies show a substantial differential in favor of abstainers, who as a class live considerably longer.

Voluntary and reflex muscular movements are distinctly retarded by even moderate doses of alcohol. The amount of alcohol found in less than two pints of beer has been shown by experiment to slow such movements as reaching for the brake of the automobile with the foot. Both physical and mental processes are affected, disadvantageously by alcoholic drink and the serious thing is that the drinker, due to the narcotic effect of the drug, invariably believes that his physical and mental power has been increased.

Habit-Forming Character

The habit-forming character of alcohol is its greatest danger. It is estimated that 30 per cent of all those who begin the practice of drinking alcoholic beverages become alcohol addicts, that is, persons who can abandon its use only after prolonged and almost intolerable suffering. The addict is a victim of chronic poisoning and may never have been actually drunk in the common meaning of the word.

In sum, alcohol dethrones reason and the will; decreases physical skill and endurance, frequently destroys mental or physical health, decreases longevity and increases mortality. It unfits man for the modern environment and is one of the greatest social dangers in a highly organized and mechanistic civilization. Its medicinal properties for external use are generally regarded by physicians as unimportant. It is not a food in the ordinary sense of the word and impairs the quality of the race. It releases inhibitions and creates a feeling of social ease but this feeling is not justified by behavior. It is probably the greatest single enemy of human life and happiness in days of peace.

—By Deets Pickett

IMPENDING DARKNESS

Rev. J. E. Hodgens - Chelsea, Alabama

Dear Gem Readers:

While traveling through the Book the other day, we stopped awhile with Zephaniah at 1:14, 15, and he told me, "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste-ness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness."

Zephaniah got me to thinking. We walked over to his neighbors and stopped a few moments with him. He commenced on me from the sixth verse of the second chapter of Haggai. He told me, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, yet once it is a little while, and I will shake heavens and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts."

That got me shook up sure enough. We decided to run back over to Bro. Joel and see what he had to say. We called on him, and what do you think? He turned loose on me, verse two of the second chapter, and here it is: "A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness." Well, we will just run over into the

New Testament and talk to the Apostle Paul and see what he says. In the 12th chapter and 26th verse of Hebrews he says, "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also the heavens." (Dear readers, please read the 27th verse also.)

Indeed it is a dark day with clouds and thick darkness. I really believe the red horse has been ridden from Revelation 6:4, "And peace has been taken from the earth." The world is looking for man to bring peace. However, it will never be done. Jesus Christ is the only one that can make (or bring) peace on this sin-scarred, sin-cursed earth. God has been excused from having any trouble in this business. Sometimes my heart trembles and my blood almost chills when I think of the condition of today. It seems like the officials of our land today think only of the dollar. Only recently part of the legislators of Alabama wanted a raise in wages. They were getting \$20.00 per day and they wanted \$25.00. What can this nation expect from such legislators? We need statesmen and not politicians if our nation is to be saved.

It would not surprise me if the next move God makes will be found in Rev. 6:12, "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,..." About this time, money will not be any good. When the heavens depart as a scroll and when it is rolled together, about this time is when the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich, the chief captains, and the mighty men, will be calling for the mountains and rocks to fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. "For the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?"

May God bless these few lines to His own glory and to some poor sinful being, that they may turn from their sinful ways and be prepared to stand in the awful day is my humble prayer.

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From The Editor's Desk



THE SHADOW OF DEATH

"HAST THOU seen the doors of the shadow of death?" Job 38:17b.

There seems to be a universal dread and fear of the experience and item of death. It is a central theme throughout the Word of God. Indeed, the Bible would amount to but little if it did not "help you to live and prepare you to die," according to the song. The old patriarch, Job, spoke much of death, for his life was filled with circumstances that warned of the certainty of this experience. The Psalmist continued the refrain of "the shadow of death." Writers in the New Testament also treated much on the subject. So like Job, we ask "Hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?"

No doubt all who read this have been in relatively close contact with death at one time or another. It is an experience over which we have little control and generally no choice. Death comes in so many different ways: traffic accidents, fires, storms, disease, air crashes, train mishaps, wars, and by endless other means. Some of these experiences have their impact on us, while we think little about many other deaths happening about us. Right now I am thinking of a man who seems to literally be "a walking dead man."

I do not know the name of the man that I am telling you about. It happens that he passes this office once or twice almost every day. Each time he passes I think will surely be his last. Still it has continued for many months. At first there was little indication that anything was wrong. He was a huge man, well over six feet tall, had a clear eye, a firm, uncompromising step, was immaculately dressed, carried about the correct weight for a man his age and height, was very courteous and pleasant, seemed to have little or no worry, and presented a picture of a man who had a right to be well pleased with life. But as the days have gone by the picture has changed entirely. He has lost weight until his clothes are now very ill-fitting. His step is one of a very tired man, hesitant and unsure, with his legs never

entirely straight under their burden. His sight has failed until he now has to carry a white cane, indicating that he is very nearly blind, with the darkness of "the shadow of death" dealing with him. He recognizes his old friends by their voice and speaks to them only if they speak to him first. Due to his blinded condition he no longer steps carefully to the edge of the walk when meeting someone, but instead they are often forced to step all the way off the walk for him. No apology is forthcoming for this, as apparently it is a very common experience to him anymore: perhaps he rarely knows that he has forced a child or an elderly lady to step aside for him. His smile and genial nature have long since faded away; instead is a grimaced expression and a tightly drawn mouth giving the impression that for him death is imminent and unavoidable, yet he is determined to walk ceaselessly and in so doing avert this experience and any thought of it as long as he can do so with his waning strength. Perhaps this morning is the last time I will have seen this unknown friend, for as he shuffled and stumbled past the office, relying much on his white cane, the "doors of the shadow of death" were noticeable more than ever before.

Sometimes death comes more mercifully in a sudden appearing, giving little time for meditation or "walking away from it." In my few years and varied experiences upon earth I have seen many people die, or have known of how they came to die. I have seen twisted, broken bodies pulled from the wrecked automobile, I have followed the body of a relative to the grave side who perished in a burning cabin, I saw a different relative suffer while his head was being pierced by a malignancy and die when it had finished its deadly work, a friend partook of whiskey and while under its influence placed the muzzle of a high powered rifle in his mouth and ended his own life, another took deadly acid to perish in great pain, during combat I saw enemy fire mutilate, decimate, decapitate, kill in every conceivable fashion. All this is not a pretty picture nor has it been a pleasant experience.

Nevertheless, it has served to emphasize death and that death is the end of the walk of life upon the earth, for "Man . . . is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as the flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." We are born into the world only to start dying immediately. Though we may "walk away from it" for a century or longer, it still awaits us at the end of our earthly road in "the doors of the shadow of death," and we will "continue not."

The happy and peaceful conclusion is that if, through the love and mercy of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we make peace with God, then we can say with Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" We can't walk away from it, but by victory in Jesus, we may be able to "fly away" because of it.

NEED MANUSCRIPT

We find ourselves quite short of reports, letters, testimonies, and other such articles this time. Also, our sermon and feature manuscript is a little low at present. Do not forget this important matter. Keep your manuscript coming in. Don't forget, others like to hear your testimony and know what you and your church are doing. This is just as important as your support in other ways. It takes it all to keep going. While reviewing our needs, be assured that we stand as much in need of prayer for the leadership and blessings of God as ever before. This is a difficult day in which we serve the Lord, and it is no less true in a service for the Lord by the printed page. There are many adversaries. Continue to stand by us in every way that you can.

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"GO YE THERFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS"

Rev. Dewey J. Thompson - Pocahontas, Arkansas

Luke 1:1, "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,..."

In these days in which we are living, we hear much being said of what is wrong with our world, and what ought to be done about it. Well, to me, one of the greatest needs is to heed the commands of our Lord in Matt. 28: 19, 20. Someone might say that that won't do, we have too many preachers now; and that we have always had wars and always will. Yes, there always were false prophets and there always shall be false teachers. II Pet. 2:1.

We have too many false religions without Christ. What we need is more old time Holy Ghost, Spirit filled, born again experienced preachers of which we still have some and I thank God for them. I thank God for a good Christian paper like this Gem. Also, for others which we have to read and to stir our minds as in II Pet. 1:13. And that is just what stirred me to write this. I have been thinking for some time that I would write. We like to read what other people think, so other people might like to hear what we think.

I think that every Christian home should have some kind of good Christian literature coming in every week. Instead of so many true story magazines and comic books, there should be inspirational literature. You know I John 2:15 says, "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Matt. 6:24, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." But let us search the scriptures, "And study to shew ourselves approved unto God," II Tim. 2:15.

Now let us take a look at our world. We will begin at the home. Jesus said in Luke 12:51, 52, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three." We can see that is true, and let us look at the church. Jas. 3:16, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." We can see that

also. This is true in almost every congregation. There is some envy and strife and of course confusion.

Now let us look at our Nation. Jesus said in Matt. 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." And in I Pet. 3:14, we hear Peter say, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye." We can see that they are not willing to suffer righteously for righteousness. Now let us hear Jesus in John 4:35, "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." And Matt. 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." And let us say with Isa. 6:8, "Here am I, send me." And, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

FOREIGN MISSION FINANCES

May 1951

Cash on hands May 1, 1951...\$ 9,455.24

Receipts—

Alabama	\$ 53.83
Arkansas	64.96
California	13.49
Florida	162.39
Georgia	95.37
Illinois	181.88
Kentucky	292.40
Michigan	582.58
Mississippi	15.80
Missouri	597.70
New Mexico	15.00
North Carolina	1,096.27
Ohio	10.65
Oklahoma	48.36
South Carolina	295.14
Tennessee	548.17
Texas	51.28
Virginia	1.60
West Virginia	47.16

Passage & salary for

Miss Volena Wilson	575.00
Sale Barnard books	73.00
Return to this office by Miss Barnard to be held in reserve until further notice	227.90
Total Receipts	5,049.93
Grand Total	\$14,505.17

Disbursements—

Passage for Barnard	\$ 537.50
Willey's Insurance .	10.01
Rev Rashie Kennedy expense to Cuba....	100.00
Stationery	35.00
Missions Visualized.	233.33
Barnard expense to Bible conference ...	22.94
Office supplies	16.14
Rev. Adam Scott, expense	53.50
Visa service & cable charge	9.03
Rev. L. A. Holliday, postage	3.00
Volena Wilson, sal.	75.00
Rev Kenneth Turner	161.55
Telephone calls	9.88
Postage	20.00
Laura B. Barnard, royalty on books sold	227.90
Laura B. Barnard, salary	90.00
Bank charges	3.00
India	1,110.00
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Wilfong	165.00
Allotment for Wilfong child for previous 7 months	105.00
Cuba	1,473.20
Tocca Falls Schools, Willey children	75.00
Rev. Raymond Riggs services rendered ..	50.00
FWB Press, picture prints	23.95
Josephine Stevens, Africa	53.00
Office help	75.00
Total Disbursements	4,737.93
Balance June 1, 1951	\$ 9,767.24

Balance in Various Accounts—

General Fund	\$ 5,835.00
Barnard's Books	73.00
Barnard's reserve account..	227.90
Letter to Melitino	14.68
India Car Fund	3,104.41
In reserve for Wilson's passage to India	512.25
Total Accounts Balance	\$ 9,767.24

From the office of Rev. Riggs

NEWSY BRIEFS

OBITUARIES - REPORTS LETTERS - ANNOUNCEMENTS



BARBARA KAY JEFFREYS

Barbara Kay, daughter of Reverends Lloyd and Opal Jeffreys, was born in Monett, Missouri on June 10, 1951. The experience of life was too great for her tiny body and she yielded to death later on the same date.

Survivors include her parents and one brother, Marvin, of the home; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jeffreys of Arcola, Missouri; a great-grandfather, C. P. Ellis, of Visalia, California; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McClerren of Thompsonville, Illinois; a great-grandmother, Mrs. Mae Jones of the same address; and many other relatives and friends of the family.

A brief service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis for friends in Monett. A graveside service was later conducted near Greenfield by Rev. Mrs. Lowell Martin.

Though here but a short time, she greatly endeared herself to her parents, and other relatives and friends. Her parting makes a vacancy that cannot be filled.

DEACON O. B. WOMACK

Oscar Benton Womack was born September 25, 1882 at Mine La Motte, Missouri, son of the late Robert B. and Evaline Mayberry Womack.

He was united in marriage to Rose St. Gemme at Mine La Motte, Missouri in 1904, and to this union was born two children, Roland and Lester who with his wife preceded him in death.

On December 14, 1908 he was united in marriage to Genevieve C. Brother-

ton at Maquand, Missouri, and to this union was born 13 children, 11 of whom with his wife preceded him in death.

His remaining two children living are Everett Womack of St. Louis, and Mrs. Wilma Kitchell of Cantwell, Missouri. He leaves one brother, Charles Womack of Rivermines, Missouri; two sisters, Mrs. Katie Holley and Mrs. Olive Reeder, both of Flat River, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, one great granddaughter, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a charter member of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church and served as deacon of the church since 1929.

He became a member of Marcus Lodge Number 110 at Fredericktown, Missouri May 25, 1917. In later years after moving to Leadington he became a member of the Elvins Lodge Number 599 and remained a member until his passing June 8, 1951 at his home in Leadington, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 11, at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church, by the pastor Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, assisted by Rev. James F. Miller. Rev. Miller paid tribute to Mr. Womack's twenty-five years of service as clerk of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. Mr. Floyd Kinnon, president of the Esther school board, spoke in behalf of his fourteen years with the school board.



SOUTHERN QUARTETTE IN HELPFUL RADIO MINISTRY

Mer Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Editor:

I am sending you a picture of the

Jeffress quartett of Crossett, Arkansas. This picture was taken in the auditorium in Mer Rouge, Louisiana.

I think Bro. and Sis. Jeffress are doing a great work for the Free Will Baptists in Arkansas and Louisiana. It is through their untiring efforts that we have a F. W. B. radio ministry each Sunday at 9:00 a. m. over the new radio station K A G H of Crossett, Ark. Rev. R. M. Moore does the preaching.

Bro. and Sis. Jeffress have spent much time trying to get a radio ministry over K T R Y at Bastrop, Louisiana. It would reach out much further. We only have five F. W. B. churches in Louisiana within reach of K T R Y of Bastrop. The church nearest Bastrop is about 30 miles.

Each of the churches say they are not able to support a radio ministry. The school of life has taught me that we are just about able to do that which we think we can do.

Sometimes I wonder why the Free Will Baptists are so slow to take advantage of the golden opportunities God places before us. Sure, I know that we would have to put forth some effort, and perhaps a little sacrifice to really enjoy the blessings God has in store for us. If we will only search for it, we can find a hidden message in the scripture that reads, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Notice the connection.) Luke 9:23.

I hope this and the picture qualifies for the pages of the Gem.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Bertha Chappell

"The more alcohol, the more infectious diseases. The more alcohol, the more syphilis. The more syphilis, the more mental disease."—The New York State Liquor Authority.

"We, all of us, tend to rise or fall together. If any of us go down, the whole nation sags a little; if any of us raise ourselves a little, then by just so much, the whole nation is raised."—Theodore Roosevelt.

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA

We send greetings from the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church, 516 S. 61st W. Ave., Tulsa, Oklahoma; Rev. Gene E. Winfrey, pastor.

The Lord is certainly blessing our church. Souls are being saved and the church is going forward in every department.

We have a beautiful new building with a seating capacity of 800 to 850. We had our grand opening on Mother's Day with a record attendance of 619 in Sunday School. There were visitors from at least 10 states as well as the surrounding town of Tulsa. The Womans Auxiliary of the church was in charge of the lunch and a wonderful day of Christian fellowship was enjoyed.

We are beginning a revival June 4, with Rev. Leonard Crowder, Stigler, Oklahoma, evangelist. We are expecting a spiritual downpour during this meeting.

Plans are being made to systematically visit a large area surrounding the church. We have looked upon this field and found it ready to harvest and we are going out to help bring it in. This will require much time and work but when we see the results of our labor, it will seem as nothing.

Mrs. A. F. Fipps
2415 E. Marshall

PROGRAM—

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

To Be Held In—

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

JULY 10 - 12, 1951

THEME—"EVANGELIZE NOW"

Music Director—Mr. I. L. Stanley

Tuesday Evening, July 10

7:45 Let His Praises ring out—Mr. Stanley
8:00 We listen to the Word and seek guidance through prayer—Rev. Ronald Creech, Nashville, Tenn.
8:08 We sing again—Mr. Stanley directing

8:11 The National Association is officially called to order by the clerk, Rev. Paul Kettelman and turned over to Rev. Bruce Barrow, the Moderator.

8:13 Moderator's words—Rev. Bruce Barrow, N. C.

8:23 Preliminary business and announcements—Moderator

8:28 Special music—Free Will Baptist Bible College choral group

8:32 Presentation of the speaker—the Moderator

8:35 The Keynote Message, "What price Evangelism in our present World Crisis?"—Rev. Floyd Cherry, N. C.

9:15 Closing hymn — Benediction

Wednesday Morning, July 11

9:00 Morning meditations with song, prayer and Scripture—Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Missouri

9:15 Report of Nominating Committee (Committee selections)

9:25 Report of the General Board—Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Okla.

10:00 Nashville's Welcome to the National Association—Mayor West

10:20 Bible College Quartette

10:25 Word from Nashville's Churches—President of Pastors' Association, Rev. C. F. Bowen

10:35 Response—Rev. Homer E. Willis, Michigan

10:40 Report of W.N.A.C.—Mrs. Hubert Sloan, Michigan

10:50 Highlights from Fourth Nationwide League Conference—Rev. C. F. Bowen, Secretary

11:00 Recess

11:10 The Worship Hour, singing His praise, devotional service—Rev. J. B. Narron, North Carolina

11:30 The message, "The National Association's place in the Current Evangelistic Movement"—Rev. W. A. Hales, Virginia

12:15 Adjourn

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00 Devotional time—Rev. Louis Moulton, Georgia

2:15 "Promoting Evangelistically"—A report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. D. C. Dodd, Tennessee

2:30 Business Session—

Credentials Committee Report

Resolutions Committee Report

3:15 "Evangelize now via the Air Waves"—Report of Radio Commission

3:30 "Publication Evangelism"—Rep't.

of Board of Publication and Literature, L. E. Duncan, Miss.

3:45 Free Will Bible College Quartette

3:50 "The Home Mission Board is Evangelizing now"—Rev. H. E. Staires, Oklahoma

4:05 "Stewardship and Evangelism—Siamese Words"—Report of Stewardship Commission, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Chairman

4:15 Adjourn

Wednesday Evening

7:45 Congregation Joins in Singing His praises—Mr. Stanley

8:00 Invocation

8:05 Special choral number—The Free Will Baptist Bible College Chorus

8:10 Presenting the speaker—Rev. L. C. Johnson

Address—Congressman William "Don" Wheeler, Georgia

8:50 Hymn

9:00 Adjournment

Thursday Morning, July 12

9:00 The Worship Time—Rev. Orbin Doss, California

9:15 "Evangelistic emphasis in training for service"—Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College

Board of Trustees, Rev. J. L. Welch, Tennessee

9:35 The Board of Superannuation reports—Rev. J. O. Fort, Florida

9:45 "Sunday School Evangelism"—Report of National S. S. Board—Rev. John West, Oklahoma

10:00 Special Music by College Quart.

10:05 Business Session

10:50 Recess

11:00 Devotional—Rev. H. Ray Berry, Texas

11:15 The Message, "The theme of Evangelistic Preaching"—Rev. J. R. Davidson, N. C.

12:15 Adjourn

Thursday Afternoon

2:00 Meditation and prayer—Rev. Ed Sunday, Oklahoma

2:15 Final Business—

Report of Temperance Committee

Report of Church Insignis Com. Miscellaneous Business

Treasurer's report

Report of Nominating Committee

Election of Officers

3:30 Adjournment

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THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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



CHRIST IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY NEED OF THE AGE

Miss Mary Ruth Wischart - Myrtle, Missouri

I PETER 5:7, 8—*Casting all your care and be at peace: thereby good shall upon him; for he careth for you. Be come unto thee.* Also, Jesus said to sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, will walk about, seeking whom he may devour.

Today, perhaps as never before, there is a great need in the world. It seems to me that the devil is roaring and walking about as never before.

In this age men search in worldly things and find no answer to the need. One thing is needful—Christ. He is the answer to every need.

I love the Bible because in any problem, in any joy or sorrow, we can turn to its pages and find just the thing we need. I would like to share with you some of the scriptures which assure me that Christ is the answer to every need.

The greatest need in the world today is the need for a Saviour. We find in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost." Millions in the world today are lost and in need of a Saviour. Christ is the answer.

Many decisions and plans must be made in this age. We hear so many opinions. Some say, "This is the way;" others, "That is the way," until many of us are confused, not knowing which way to turn. However, for the ones who know Christ there is no worry, for "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Pro. 3:6) No other guide can be found who knows yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

There is much talk of peace in the world today. We have peace pacts, wisdom and understanding by turning of the peace conferences, etc. Men say we shall have peace if we raise larger armed forces, make more powerful explosives, but we see these things have not brought us peace. Why? Because way thereof, and he knoweth the place Christ has been left out. Job 22:21 thereof. And unto man he said, Be- says, "Acquaint now thyself with him, hold, the fear of the Lord, that is wis-

dom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Many people are bound by sin today. Those who commit sin are the servants of sin. It is impossible for them to break the bonds of sin. Christ says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Jno. 8:32) "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (v 36) Not only free from sin, but free from the law of sin and death. We are told we can be more than conquerors through Christ. We can even conquer death.

Now we see Christ can meet our every need, but you notice in the scripture that we must first "cast our cares upon Him," or, depend on Him to supply our needs. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7.

I'm glad for the words we find in Hebrews 4:15, 16, "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

NOTE: This topic was given at the State League Convention June 19, 1951, at the Missouri Youth Camp Grounds by one of our consecrated young ladies. I print it by her permission.—Woman's Editor.

LORD BLESSES YOUTH CAMP AND SOULS ARE BORN AGAIN

Niangua, Mo.
June 22, 1951

Greetings from the Youth Camp:

We are enjoying a very good session of another annual encampment of the youth of Missouri in the camp near Niangua.

Rev. Harvey Hill is superintendent; Rev. Rolla Smith is principal of teaching; Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards is registrar. The teaching staff is composed as follows: Old Testament by Rev.

Mark Lewis, Personal Soul Winning by Service was opened by singing, "I probably count most for eternity he must give faithful consideration and Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Music by Choose Jesus." Prayer by Lulu Free- must give faithful consideration and Rev. Bob Hill, Missions by Rev. Mrs. land. Song, "All Alone," by all. Busi- careful investigation of the possibili- Alice Dickey, and Doctrine by Rev. ness opened by the minutes of past ties on the foreign mission field. As a Mark Lewis. (Rev. O. T. Allred taught meeting being read and approved. Roll matter of fact, unless he is willing to the "Old Testament" course one day call was made and dues collected. Mo- preach anywhere, he probably will and was called away by the serious tion made and seconded that we ad- preach nowhere (in unction and pow- illness of his mother.) journ from business. Dismissed for er). Assuredly, God does not want

There are 69 students registered thus far, with another week yet to go. There are out of these 69 students, 17 attending the D.V.B.S. in the Niangua Church. Mrs. Bob Hill and Miss Lor- ene Bowman are the teachers of the D.V.B.S.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Reeves and son, Kenneth, are very active in their job as caretaker.

Various ministers present have been preaching in the evangelistic services at night. There have been nine conversions, seven of which were in the boys' prayer meeting and one in the girls' prayer meeting.

It is a very good session and the Lord is truly blessing in a marvelous way.

Rev. Eunice Edwards, Registrar

noon by everyone repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Afternoon service was opened by singing "Lord Send Me," and "Camp- ing in Canaan's Land." Prayer by Blanche Pogue. Song, "Riding the Range for Jesus," by ladies trio. Song by Margie Hahn and Hallie Dettmer, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The service was then given over to Mrs. Beulah Clay of Esther, who gave us a very interesting talk on her recent trip to the missionary fields in Cuba. After the talk our Auxillary decided to send gifts to each of the seven boys and girls graduating from the Cuban School.

Dismissed.

Marie Tripp, Cor. Secy.

The writer recently conversed with a pastor of a church of less than 150 members. During almost forty years of his ministry he had had a joy of seeing nine of his young people go into full-time Christian service. Contrast that with the young man who less than twenty-five years ago went to the cannibals of the Tangale tribe in Nigeria, reduced the language to writing, and gave the infant church its start. Now on a Lord's day out there, from 1,600 to 1,800 will gather at the central church to worship our adorable Lord, and from that church there have gone forth 87 of their own missionaries, pastors, and evangelists, each to have his own groups of believers, ranging from a score or two to several hundred.

The following paragraph written almost fifty years ago by that prince of missionary statesmen, Dr. A. T. Pier- son, is quite pertinent to our day: 'Every conceivable motive, therefore, urges us to undertake the last great crusade against the powers of dark- ness. The command of our ascended Lord, the voice of enlightened con- science, the impulse of the new nature, the leading of the providential pillar, the working of transforming grace, the grandeur of the opportunity, and the peril of delay—all these converge like rays in one burning focus, urging us onward and forward to the outposts of civilization and the limits of human habitation with the Word of life.... The last precept and promise of our Lord, which have inspired all true service and sacrifice, echo with new force and emphasis, louder and clear- er, in the face of new openings and new victories. Blessed is he who, like Paul, is immediately obedient unto the heavenly vision.'

Which Are You?

An attender or an absenter?

A pillar or a sleeper?

A wing or a weight?

A power or a problem?

A promoter or a provoker?

A giver or a getter?

A goer or a gadder?

A doer or a deadhead?

A booster or a buckner?

A supporter or a sponger?

A soldier or a slacker?

A worker or a worrier?

A lifter or a leaner?

A friend or a faultfinder?

A helper or a hinderer?

—Contributed

LEADINGTON D. V. B. S.

We have enjoyed the second D.V.B.S. at our church, and while we had a successful school last year, this ses- sion was superior in every way.

Mrs. L. M. Agnew was the Begin- ners' teacher, with Miss Virginia Wat- kins assisting. Mrs. Oby Mills was the Primary teacher, Miss Barbara Flem- ings, assistant. The Junior girls were taught by Mrs. Delbert Adams of River Mines, assisted by Mrs. Fred Boren. Mrs. Eunice Edwards taught the Jun- ior boys, with Mrs. Fred Boren assist- ing. Intermediates were taught by Mrs. Floyd Scott of River Mines, Mr. Irvin Mills assisting.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards served as su- perintendent; Beanie Edwards as reg- istrar.

There were five conversions.

FREDERICKTOWN W.A.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Hallie Dettmer on May 17, 1951 for their regular monthly day- meeting, with 14 members and one visitor present.

The service was in charge of the First Vice-President, Lucille Beatty,

Not only does the enterprise of mis- sions afford a wonderful opportunity for profitable investment of money, but more particularly of life. If it is a comfortable, easy-going life that the prospective Christian worker desires, the mission field is no place for him; but if, on the other hand, he is want- ing to invest his life where it will

CHALLENGE OF MISSIONS—CONT.

God as when investing in a business venture?

ing to invest his life where it will

"ZION THE GOLDEN"

Essie Hearn - Sulphur, Oklahoma

"... We wept when we remembered Zion." Psalm 137:1. Do you remember reading words like these and not feel they apply to us today? This is one of the saddest of all the Psalms. The Jews had been carried away in Babylon, they were exiled. They were not allowed to carry on their worship. It seems that the Babylonians knew something about their form of worship for they laughed at them and mocked them saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion": they required of them "mirth." And "by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept." When they remembered Zion, then the question was asked, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" The Psalmist said, "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion, more than all the dwellings of Jacob." He also said, "Praise ye the Lord: sing unto God a new song. Let Israel rejoice in their King." Isaiah said in Isa. 12:5, 6, "Sing unto the Lord for he hath done excellent things... Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

Zion is the name by which the old Jewish Church was known. We can understand how the worship of God was conducted by the reading of Heb. 9:10, "Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers (or various) washings, and carnal (or worldly) ordinances..." But this worship brought joy to the people. Their feast days were joyful. Songs were sung. Music was played and all kinds of instruments were used by the Command of God. II Chron. 29:25. So musical instruments were used by the commandment of God instead of men's authority alone. Now, no longer could they enjoy those sweet songs or enjoy playing their harps. So, they hung their harps on the willows and said, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" On the banks of the great river, Euphrates, they sat down and wept. They were homesick for the past. Weeping for the old songs and the sacred sound of music. "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" is one of the saddest sentences ever written. We find a like condition

today. Most churches have gone so far into modernism that no spiritual life is felt in the songs. Usually even the songs are selected a week ahead by the pastor. The pastor fixes up his little program selecting even the one who will pray. Choirs are robbed like the Catholic church singers. No congregational singing is heard. We have itching ears, as well as our pastors. If some good old saint should break out in song, snickers of amusement would be heard. The choir sits facing the crowd just waiting to show off. "Sing with the Spirit and with the understanding." I Cor. 14:15. What Spirit? What understanding? David said everyone that hath understanding.

I think trained singers are wonderful. Perfect harmony is grand. But, oh, for the old Spirit-filled sound of the old time singing, by people who never knew a note of music! I'll compare some old time songs with modern

ones: "I'm A Child of the King" (old) — "I'm A Millionaire" (new), "Oh For A Closer Walk with God" (old) — "I'm in the Gloryland Way" (new), "Saviour Hear My Humble Cry" (old) — "Royal Telephone" (new). I'm sure you won't agree with me, but singing is the very life of the service. Outside of the Spirit, it is useless. So, we old timers say, "how can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" We feel like sitting down and weeping. People ask where the joy of the early church is. Gone! "They that wasted us required of us mirth." How can we be joyful when the very Spirit is taken out of our church services?

Let's return to the old paths. Put song books handy for young and old alike. Unite our voices in praise to God. Maybe some one will see the difference and be constrained to believe God is with us.

ACTIVITIES ON CUBA FIELD

Pinar del Rio, Cuba
May 8, 1951

Our Dear Co-Laborers:

In the words of Paul to the Galatians, we too, "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in (our) prayers..."

As I am writing here on the porch of our home at the school and observing the much activity on this very hot afternoon, my heart is made to rejoice at the goodness of God.

Some of the boys are plowing around orange trees, others are painting in preparation for our annual convention and graduation, others are tending the animals, etc. Some of the girls are doing the school ironing, others are in the different teachers' homes working their three hours. Mrs. Wilfong is keeping the typewriter busy here in the office, and I am keeping my eye on Jo Ellen as she crawls around over the floor with her toys. There are very few moments when our school is not humming with activity. The day is full from six o'clock in the morning until ten at night.

As I sit here and observe all this I think of a few years back when this was only high grass and much mud. What a transformation the Gospel has

made, not only in the outward appearance of land and houses but in the hearts of the many who have come to live with us and become a part of our family. I wish I could tell you about each of the students, the homes from which they have come, the lack of preparation they have had, and the miracle God is working in them and through them. They are going out like princess.

This has been a busy month for us. Besides the much activity at the school, the workers report much blessing throughout the fields. Two lovely chapels have been dedicated, and one of our pastors came to the school to tell us about the revival unannounced in his church. He was so utterly weary when it came time for evening service, after three Sunday Schools during the day, that he hardly knew how he was to preach. They had only sung the first hymn when a recent convert, a woman from a very cultured wealthy family, asked to say a few words. She was bubbling over and it seemed to set fire to the service. When she sat down there was one after another to testify. One woman told of how she had so much sewing that she started to sew on Sunday morning and the machine wouldn't run. She called her husband and he worked with it for quite a while but found nothing wrong still it would not work. Finally she

knew it was the Lord and left her sewing and went to Sunday School. Monday morning the sewing machine worked perfectly. Thus the testimonies went on and on. Our worker gave an altar call. Many were saved and the Christians began to confess their faults one to another. It was almost twelve when they left the church. This young worker is unable to answer all the calls that come to him "to come over and teach us." He is only one—There are many like him. They are giving their lives and energy to reach their own people. They need your prayers. Oh, that God would raise up a Moody in the Island of Cuba from among their own people.

The 25th to 27th of this month we have our annual convention and graduation. Wish it might be possible for you to be here. These are days of great feasting for us. They are also days of much responsibility and work, so please won't you remember to pray for us especially in those days that the Lord shall pour out His Spirit upon us, and lay more heavily than ever before the responsibility of the work upon the natives. We are expecting Brother Kennedy and Brother Alford from North Carolina with us for these days. I am sure they want to know that you are remembering them.

We have seven students graduating this year. They have been some of our best students. We hate to see them leave the school, yet the fields are so white and are clamoring for them that we rejoice to know that soon hundreds more will be able to have the Truth through their ministry.

Tommy and Nina are graduating from Tecca the first of June. They will be going to our Bible College in Nashville next year. Barbara has one more year in high school. The Lord has been good to them during their high school years, blessed their lives richly, and supplied their needs out of His unknown treasury. We praise Him for it.

During the summer we expect to do some extensive evangelising. There are many town, villages, and out-of-the-way places that as yet have not had the Gospel. We hope to reach them through open-air services and visitation. Pray for our students as they shall be scattered over the fields with new responsibilities. Also, pray with us for the

supply of every need in carrying out this work.

May "the exceeding greatness of His power... which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead," be manifest in each of your lives and ours in these days which are so close to His coming.

Yours for greater service,

Mrs. Mable Willey

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Several have sent in special gifts to reimburse the treasury for their passage fare. However more money is needed to underwrite all the expense involved in sending missionaries to a Foreign Country. May you continue to give as the Lord directs. Send all offerings to your state treasurer or this office.

Foreign Mission Board
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WHEN WILL YOU BE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER?

Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, nationally known writer for young people, tells the following story on herself. She had been invited to be a guest in a home where cocktails were being served before dinner. The eight-year-old daughter of the host watched with great interest, and when Mrs. Overton refused the drink, piped up:

"Isn't Mrs. Overton old enough to drink, daddy?"

Daddy, trying to make the best of an embarrassing situation, said, "Perhaps she's old enough to know better."

Thereupon the child asked earnestly: "When will you be old enough to know better daddy?" To this there was no reply.

It is much easier to "bite" lip than to "eat" words.

We urge you to be a solicitor for the *Gem* in your church. Thus you can help us and serve the Lord and the denomination.

RAIN AFTER EIGHT MONTHS

Sonapur Hat
Bihar N. India
June 11, 1951

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We have recieved the "dutch oven" the Woman's Auxilliary sent to us. Will you please express our thanks to them for this lovely gift. It is a very nice gift and the food tastes so much better.

The hottest part of the hot season is over and the rains have begun. The rains are almost a month soon this year. They are very welcome after eight months without any rain.

The work here is slowly but surely progressing. Paul baptized three last Sunday from a village a short distance from our new church, six more in this village are preparing for baptism. There are seven in another village, eighteen miles away, asking for baptism.

We are always glad to hear of the progress of the work at home.

Yours in His service,

/s/ Mrs. Woolsey

THE WORK OF GRACE

WE OPENED our eyes and beheld its
gaudy glory
and because our hearts were ignorant
and with-

out life and our souls were dead with-
in us we

were enticed by the false glitter and
the superficial
beauty that the world is

Foolishly we committed ourselves to
the doctrine of the flesh.

The satisfying of carnal lust and the
development of demon
philosophy became our teacher and our
master.

Our appetites were whetted until they
became

insatiable and the thing that we
thought would

happiness bring had turned into a rav-
ening monster

that tortured us with out ceasing.

In vain we invoked our false philoso-
phy and

sought from it surcease of sorrow...
but it had vanished and we were alone
in the dark night.

—from the miry clay we surveyed our
plight.

—AND SIN was likened to a valley out
of which you never climb.

a futile and empty thing without pur-
pose or direction

composed of heartache, despair and
discouragement...

a thing deadly and unmerciful and
without pity.

To all of us the valley was a beast-
like thing

toying with us and holding us in
complete disdain.

it seemed to say with sneering tongue
"Though you

leave the red blood upon my rocky
sides, though at times

you have seemed to escape my domain
I will not let you long

abide in your false victory...
don't you know from me you can never
hide.

I have become the fabric of your life.

I have
been master and you have been slave.

No! You will never escape from me.

With shackles of iron I will bind you,
I will chain you with unbreakable

bonds.

I will cast you into the pit of despair
and will watch with unyielding face

your agonized

writhing...

there is but one who can deliver you
from this place and him
ye know not.

IN THE pit we did linger devoid of
hope and

alone.

our brains had become a raging in-
ferno and the flames spread

and were destroying the very soul of
our existence...

but he mocked us still.

with sardonic rapture and maddening
laughter he

seemed to repeat—"You are mine and
you will

forever be and there is nothing that
can set your soul

free.

IN THE distance we saw the light the
blessed

redeeming eternal light and what joy
filled

our earthly sight when we gazed upon
its'

glory and undying beauty.

Faintly at first we seemed to remem-
ber words that we had

heard in days of yore.

Dimly at first as the awakening ember
it entered our

hearts and gave us hope.

As the drowning man who receives the
life line from

the distant shore so it was to us when
we realized

that there was yet hope for our sin-
dark souls.

Then like the planted seed these words
began

to grow in our hearts and blossom
forth with

great flower.

We knew that blessed Jesus could de-
liver us from our

prison and set us upon salvations rock.

Oh, Lord in high heaven above look
down and have mercy on

me a sinner.

Cleanse my soul from scarlet sin and
into my heart

enter in.

Teach me in humility to walk and each
hour with you to talk.

Guide me in righteousness and in your
light,

keep your everlasting glory always in
my sight

and guide me through the darkness of

the long, long

night.

Inside of me let your love ring clear,
drive from me uncertainty, doubt and
fear.

become my life and my every thought,
teach me to be humble before what
thou hast wrought

God of Mercy, God of Love watch and
pilot my stumbling

steps from above...
until at last from these stormy shores

I depart,

I might take up my abode within your
heart.

We who were dead in sin has he
brought to life

again.

Because his mercy was great and his
love was

everlasting He reached down into the
miry clay and

delivered us from the one who held us
in His sway.

We who have known the bitterness of
sin and the futility

of life without his holy spirit know
that the important thing

is to live for him.

He placed us upon the everlasting rock
and by his grace we

shall remain.

Till the trumpet sounds his returning
refrain!

The above in blank verse, showing
man enticed and practicing sin, his
enslavement to sin, and his release
from sin by the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, written and contributed
by Rev. E. W. Deming, former student
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Tennessee.

MOST PAINFUL SICKNESS

Here, for a moment, I speak as an
alcoholic. I remember—I can never
forget—the years in which I suffered
from acute alcoholism.

They were the most painful years
of my life. I suffered constantly, not
just one kind of pain, but ALL kinds
of pain. I suffered physically, ment-
ally, emotionally, financially, and soci-
ally—in every department of my life.
I tell you honestly and on behalf of
those suffering three million human
beings, that alcoholism is the MOST
PAINFUL disease known to man.—
Mrs. Marty Mann.