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But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and and I unto the world. Gal. 6:14.

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Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. Mark: 10:21.



And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Mat. 10:38.

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For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. I Cor. 1:17, 18.



And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him."—Jn. 19:16-18.



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Greetings to our brothers and sisters scattered throughout the U. S. A.

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As our faces are turned toward the home land, our thoughts are concerned about what we will find at home. From all reports progress has been and is being made in every department. We trust the spiritual growth has kept pace with the numerical and material development.

Each of you who by your prayers or means or both have supported the foreign mission program have really been a foreign missionary through us and your other missionaries here in India, in Cuba or in Africa. We are glad to hear that you are planning to go to Japan in the personalities of two of our fine young people.

God has used each of you to establish Free Will Baptist work in Cuba, South and North India, and soon we believe we shall hear of Free Will Baptist churches in Japan, and other Latin American countries and throughout the world.

The antigod and antichrist forces are marshalling for battle on every side. The last great struggle may be just around the corner. What we do we must do quickly. If we do not desire to go empty handed before the judge of the quick and of the dead, we must harvest our sheaves at once. It is not only true in regards to our foreign mission work but in every phase of the work: Bible college, Christian institutes, vacation Bible schools, camps and conferences of all kinds, home missions, superannuation, general promotional work, orphanages, young people and woman's work, Sunday school and all church and Christian activities and endeavors. May each of us stand ready to be used of God in any way that He sees fit.

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## IS CHRIST REALLY RISEN?

There are many today that believe that Jesus Christ was not risen. There is solid truth outside of the Bible that could persuade any sensible reasoning man to believe that not only was Christ crucified but arose the third day from the grave.

As Easter time approaches we realize it is no time for legends, myths, or fairy tales, because the faith of seven hundred million Christians depend on the resurrection. The devout Christian needs no proof of the resurrection, but the kingdom needs recruits and recruits come from the unbelieving. They have a right to ask question and test the resurrection.

According to history books there was a Nazarene named Jesus and was mentioned by several Latin and Jewish historians in the first century. The Jewish race of that day did not believe that Jesus was their Christ but in their history books or as sometimes called "calendar," they merely say this about the man, and I quote, "That a Nazarene called Jesus, lived for a time in Palestine during the middle decades of the eighth century after the foundation of Rome; and this man was publicly executed as a rebel near Jerusalem just before the Jewish Passover celebration in the month Aprilis during the seven-hundred-eighty-third year after the founding of Rome."

This is a solid truth and no can can deny it or he would have to tangle with history. With these facts, we know that Jesus after death was buried. Later his tomb was found empty and his body was never found although untiring efforts were made to recover it. Witnesses of the Gospel as well as enemies of Jesus admit the tomb was empty. Even the chief priest paid large sums of money to the soldiers to say his body was stolen. Nevertheless His empty tomb brings us two alternatives. 1. Somebody stole the body, or, 2. A supernatural being raised it from the death. The hardest disbeliever might think that Jesus was only a natural man who died and was buried and some of His half-crazy followers stole and hid His body, then invented the lie that He came back to life again. We that are Christians know it is not so but let us look at further evidence.

After Jesus was arrested, most of His disciples fled and scattered to the hills. If Jesus was just a natural man that didn't rise from the grave, His disciples would probable have lost their confidence in Him and their enthusiasm would have soon cooled off. They would have gone back to their jobs embarrassed by their failure in following the so-called imposter. They would have forgotten Jesus if it were not worthwhile because of the dangerous hatred of their victorious enemies. These disciples didn't stop regardless of the cost because they knew it was

worth while. They knew Jesus was really the Christ. They had talked with Jesus after His resurrection. All of the disciples were killed while in service of their Christ with the exception of one, John, who died a natural death after being banished to the isle of Patmos. Surely there was something very strong that led these men in the steps of Jesus all the way to their death.

After His death, Jesus did not lose His influence. If His life would have ended at the tomb, His teaching and life would have been forgotten in less than a century. Fifty years after the crucifixion, if some stranger would have asked one of the children of the disciples about Jesus, they would probably have admitted that He was a good man but a failure and that somebody stole His body from the tomb and it was never found. His influence would have probably dropped that much in a short period. But instead, 1900 years later we find His influence is higher than ever before. From a possible five hundred believers of that day, it has risen to some seven hundred million professed believers. Many schools, colleges, hospitals, and churches have been dedicated to "Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God."

If Christ had not been risen, none of the 27 New Testament books would have been written. All of them are based on the resurrection of Christ. If He was not risen why write and continue to print about a so-called imposter?

The church has survived and grown for the past 19 centuries. What started as a handful of believers is now seven hundred million that acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God. Nothing has affected the world since creation as that resurrection morning in April when the Sabbath was changed to Sunday and our present day calendar began on that day.

These are mere facts that any sensible person should believe and they prove that Jesus was really the Son of God and did arise and sits at the right hand of the Father waiting to hear the cry of the wayward sinner to save him. Do you believe Christ arose and wants to save? Read Rom. 10:13, 14.

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## GOD TOUCHED LIVES

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### I SAMUEL 10:26

The story connected with this text is most interesting. God had a plan for Israel and it called for His being their king. But Israel became dissatisfied with this arrangement and requested a king like the other nations about her. God allowed them their request and Saul was chosen king for Israel. Even though this was not God's choice He did His part in preparing Saul to be king over His people.

Notice what the Lord did to Saul in getting him ready for this new office. God promised to prepare Saul's heart for his new task. "And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man," I Sam. 10:6. In verse 9 we are told that God gave him a new heart. Not only did the Lord prepare Saul's heart but He knew Saul would need help in this work, so He prepared some men to assist him. "And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched," I Sam. 10:26. The failure Saul was to experience later could not be blamed on God. The Lord had touched Saul's heart and also the hearts of those associated with him.

### God's Work Requires His Preparation

The work God had for Saul to do demanded special preparation. God knew, whether Saul did or not, that Saul could not succeed in his own strength. For Saul to make the kind of king suitable to God he must be divinely equipped. The work of God is supernatural and requires supernatural power. The people had chosen a man head and shoulders above all the other people. Their standard for choosing a king was based on the physical, that which pleased the eye and satisfied their pride. But the most perfect human strength without the divine touch is not sufficient. You may be ever so suave and your personality ever so perfect but unless it is all surrendered to God you will be as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal to God. You may have ever so good a voice ever so well trained, but before you can sing for Jesus Christ or do the

work of God, that voice must be surrendered to God and have the divine touch. Your oratory may be ever so beautiful and convincing but before you can ever be used of God to melt and move the hearts of men your oratory must be given the divine touch. Just as God prepared Saul's heart and the hearts of those associated with him through the divine touch, so He will touch our hearts.

### Touch of Cleansing

The first thing the Lord did to Saul was to give him a new heart. We read that God gave him another heart. I am sure that Saul had a sinful heart. There was something wrong with it, he needed a new one. Our preparation must first of all be a heart preparation. The Lord started in the right place to prepare Saul for the job He had for him to do. He started on the heart. He did not start with the intellect. We make a great mistake when we place more emphasis on the intellectual than we do on heart preparation.

Any man who does the work that God has for him to do has to have his heart right. The only person who can make it right is the Lord. Notice the Lord gave him another heart. A person may polish up his life and make it look good on the outside but before he is prepared for the Lord's service, the Lord has to get on the inside and work on the heart. The only person in all the universe who can take pride out of the human heart is God. He is the only one who can take lust out of your heart. He is the only one who can take envy, hate, greed out of a person's heart and life. Yes, there must be the divine touch in every heart God uses. David realized his need of this divine touch upon his life and he said, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," Ps. 51:10. David knew if he was used of the Lord, he must have a clean heart. He realized if his prayers were answered, his heart had to be clean. He said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me," Ps. 66:18. He wanted a clean heart. To have a dirty heart interfered with his fellowship. He was a man after God's own heart. He had had a warm passionate heart toward the Lord and one day sin entered into his life. His heart became cold, the candle of love had gone out.

The vessel was dirty. And he cried out to the Lord and said, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults," Psalms 19:12. All of us who are serving the Lord should line up before God and say, "Lord I want you to inspect me. I want you to see if you can find some pride in my heart and life. I want you to find all the envy, hate, passion, malice, sin of any kind in my heart." David stood before the Lord one day for such an inspection. He said, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting," Ps. 139:23, 24.

There is only one way to deal with sin and we find that stated in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Again Psalms 51:17, "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

I fear that sin has separated many of us from God. We do not have power. We do not have victory because our hearts are pure before the Lord. Remember, if there is some habit in your life that is filthy and dirty before God, God will not honor you. God will reject every dirty, unclean vessel. God is not desperate enough to use defiled, filthy vessels. He is still very selective. His holiness will not permit Him to be otherwise. God is looking for clean vessels. If we realize that we are sinners before Him and confess our sins and allow Him to touch us with a touch of divine cleansing, then, we are in a position to be used.

### Touch of Compassion

There is another touch that is necessary before we can work for the Lord, and that is the touch of compassion. Our hearts may be ever so clean before the Lord but unless they are filled with His love, we are still not qualified. A minister friend of mine told me that he used to be called the "crying preacher." When he preached he would weep. His tears became offensive to many of his parishioners and they began to criticize him for crying so much. He began trying to control his tears and his emotions, tried not to feel anything deeply enough to be stirred by it so he would not have to weep. When he did learn to control himself, much of



his power was gone. He had trained himself not to feel anything too deeply and be moved by it. I believe firmly that what we need today is to be able to weep over lost men. It has been well said that the church is too dry-eyed. The sob needs to be re-established in the church. Some one said the "O" has been taken out of our supplication. Dr. Archibald aptly says, "the average intelligent American is more fearful of exhibiting his emotions than he is of losing his soul." Our ministry is not primarily directed to the intellect but to the heart. Men must hear a heart throb in our voice and see a tear in our eye before they can understand that we care for them.

Oh, how the Holy Spirit needs to tenderize our hearts and make us able to weep.

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove  
With all thy quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.*

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him," Psa. 126:6. The promise of sheaves is to those who weep. Men may not understand our theology or our profound messages but will be able to understand a tear or a heart of compassion.

Tears are not popular. Many will not understand them. They are offensive to the proud among us. To some, tears are associated with fanticism or weakness, not so with God. When He sees a tear He knows there is a tender, compassionate broken heart back of it. A tear represents agony, concern, care. The church must agonize before God in prayer and supplication if her pleading with men is to be effectual. We have made our religion comfortable and are not willing to bear the burden of compassion. The Christian life is described as a race not a lounging room; a warfare not a recreation center.

"When Zion travails she brings forth." Arthur Archibald was right when he said, "There is, as yet, no twilight sleep offered to ease the birth process of bringing into being members of God's kingdom. Somewhere, someone must be agonizing that a new life may be born." Jesus knew this agony and we see it in His prayer in Hebrews 5:7, for Jesus in this

earthly life "offered up prayer and supplications," crying aloud and weeping. His prayer had a sob in it. His supplication had pain in it. Jowett well expressed it when he said, "When we cease to bleed, we cease to bless."

### Touch of Power

We will never do what God has for us to do unless we have His power. Our strength is too small and inadequate. We may improve our natural powers through education, culture, and all the improvement methods known to man but the necessity still prevails to "tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power..." This is God's work and only God can do it through us as He pours His might and power into us. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord..."

Many of us have been and are disappointed in our work for the Lord because we have put forth our best effort but accomplished so little. He would have us know that "ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..." Notice the words "receive" and "after." In other words they did not have this power but received it after the Holy Ghost came upon them. The power to do His will is a gift received when all conditions are met and He comes upon us. For us to receive power for daily living and for service we must desire it. Too many among us are complacent, self-satisfied, not desiring any more than an assurance of salvation. There is a deeper life in Christ than most of us ever experience. There is victory for daily living and power for service. Many are disappointed over the up-and-down manner of their Christian living. More was expected out of the Christian life than has been found. So many have asked:

*Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul refreshing view  
Of Jesus and His Word?*

It has been interesting and encouraging to note that in the past few years there seems to have been a growing desire among many Christians for a deeper, richer, more victorious Christian life. Maybe you have had such desires. But it is not enough to merely desire. Desire must crystallize into action. To have power for victorious living there must be a complete

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act of surrender. Yieldedness is a must to those who would have power.

Let us think for a moment about what happens to you who do not have power. First, you will be disappointed in your own personal life. You will likely settle for a nominal Christian life. There will doubtless be a feeling that the Christian experience does not mean so much to a person after all. If there is disappointment in your life over your Christian experience, there is something wrong. Paul said, "He (Christ) is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." You will find more than you ever expected in Christ when you have tapped the source of power.

Another thing that will happen if we fail to have the power of God upon our lives is failure in service. It takes Omnipotence back of us to do His work. Many of our lives are too barren, too fruitless. Our Saviour would not have us to be weak and powerless. The Holy Spirit will give us power for service if we will allow Him to.

Do you remember when the father brought his son to the disciples and they could not heal him? In the face of this human need the disciples, the Master, and the whole cause of Christ were embarrassed because of their lack of power. In Jesus' rebuke to the disciples, it is implied that they might have healed the lad had they been willing to pay the price. Jesus said, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

Yes, there is power for us if we are willing to pay the price through yieldedness, prayer, and self-surrender. Moody had that touch of power that enabled him—a simple, unlearned shoe salesman—to become a mighty power for God. Finney had the divine touch of power that made his service fruitful. May the Lord touch us for cleansing, compassion, and power.

*Grant me Thy power, boundless and free:*

*Power with men and power with Thee.*

# There had to be a Resurrection!

Rev. Walter A. Squires, D.D.

*God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:1-3.*

The resurrection of Jesus was the central theme in both the preaching and teaching of the first Christians. We have reason to believe it continued to be such down to the end of the Apostolic Age and beyond.

The establishment of Easter services was no doubt an honest attempt to conserve and further emphasize this central belief of the Christian religion. However, we question whether it has always been as helpful as it was expected to be. The resurrection of Christ is too important to be left for consideration on one day of the year, or even during a limited number of days.

Pre-Easter services have helped to restore this essential and apostolic emphasis to Christian teaching and preaching, but such services have only a small place, and sometimes no place at all, in many churches. Faith in a risen Saviour must be made to enlighten the whole yearly program of all the churches, if we are to regain the spiritual power of the Church at its beginning.

Lack of adequate emphasis on the resurrection of Christ has, I believe, been a chief cause why the faith of some has grown dim. Lack of faith at this point undermines the very foundations on which the whole structure of Christian conviction rests. Lack of sustained and prayerful meditation on this matter cuts us off from a chief means of attaining progressively what Paul calls "the breadth, and length, and depth, and height" of the knowledge available through Christ.

In view of these facts, a sermon on the resurrection ought never to seem

untimely. We need post-Easter as well as pre-Easter and Easter meditations on this great theme.

Let us consider once again the significance of our Lord's victory over death and the grave.

Consider first the resurrection of Christ as the supreme validation of His teaching.

The truth of Christ's teaching is sustained in many different ways. It is sustained by the inherent nature which it possesses; its logical character, its freedom from anything which can rightly be regarded as contradictory, one portion of it to another portion. It is sustained by individual experience. "They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true." It is confirmed by the facts of human history—the eras which preceded His ministry, the times in which He lived, and the centuries since He lived and taught on earth.

Greater than any of these, however, is the vindication in His resurrection.

Individuals differ in their opinions concerning the logic of His thoughts. Our inner experiences, however certain we may be concerning them, are ever open to the charge of subjectivism, by unbelievers in religion. There are a good many different conceptions concerning the interpretation of history. All of these vindications, we maintain, are valid, but they appear to be more open to attack than the vindication in the resurrection.

If Christ died and rose again, as He said He would do, who could logically question the truth of all He said on other matters?

In Paul's great message on the resurrection which he sent to the church in Corinth, we are shown convincingly that almost every belief and every hope of religion are established as true by the victory of Christ over death. In the risen Christ, Paul beheld the confirmation of our faith in our resurrection, the central fact of the whole gospel message, our basis for





the hope of a reunion with our loved ones in heaven, and our grounds for believing in an ultimate consummation when sin should be no more.

Remove these great beliefs and hopes from their central place in religion, and what have we left? That the teaching of Jesus, with its beliefs, its hopes, its ideals, and its power to transform men and nations, might forever endure, there had to be a resurrection, an objective, supernatural, universe-wide vindication of His teaching. That vindication was given, once for all, when He who was dead emerged from Joseph's tomb, alive forevermore!

The resurrection of Christ is also the supreme vindication of His conduct. Jesus not only taught a sublime and faultless system of truth, He lived a sublime and faultless life.

Some people have ridiculed the type of life Jesus lived. The German unbeliever Nietzsche called the ethics Jesus taught and in harmony with which He lived, "a slave morality." Such bald assaults on Christ's self-sacrificing life of service have not been many. Nevertheless, there have been millions whose conception of the Jesus' mode of life did not differ greatly from this one in so far as practical results are concerned. They have not accepted His example as their ideal; it has seemed to them impractical in the world of which we are a part. They have often paid to it lip service in prayer and song, but to take up their cross and follow Him, that has been another matter.

And yet the transformation of individual lives and the salvation of society depend, not alone on an intellectual assent to the beauty and worth of Christ-like conduct, but also on a sustained and prayerful effort to be like Christ in every relationship of life. What a disaster would it have been if the earthly sojourn of the Christ had ended at the sealed tomb! God's plans for human redemption include no such disastrous defects. That the life which Jesus lived might serve as the model for every human life, it had to be seen in its entirety.

The Scriptures give such a comprehensive view of Him. John and Paul and the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews offer us inspired accounts of Him as the eternal Word of God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. The Gospel narratives reveal to us His

loving service, His self-sacrifice, His sufferings, and His death. They also depict His triumphant victory over death. If that triumph had never taken place, or if we had never heard of it, would we still possess the eternal gospel?

If the conduct of Jesus was to serve as the ideal for all mankind and for all time, it was necessary that we know the sources of such conduct, its cost in sacrifice and tears, but also its eternal glory and rewards. That Jesus might be our perfect model now and through eternity, there had to be a resurrection.

Finally, we note that the resurrection of Christ was a cosmic crisis.

We have not touched the deepest significance of Christ's resurrection. It was something more than a validation of His teaching, something more than a vindication of His conduct. We shall not begin to understand that sublime event as we should, until we view it in the light of all we believe concerning Jesus Christ—His divine Sonship, His role as the creative Word, His office as Sustainer of the universe.

We must conceive with all the powers of mind we possess and the light of experience and Scripture we can bring to bear upon this truth, who it was that died on the cross, and who it was that came forth alive from the guarded tomb; not merely the man Jesus, but the Word of God, the Creator of men and worlds, the One in whom "all things consist."

It was the darkest hour of time and eternity "when He the mighty Maker died for man the creature's sin." Wrong was on the throne. Truth was on the scaffold. Hate and envy and jealousy and cruelty had had their way. Caiaphas and Annas and the others had achieved their end. They were glad. The disciples were scattered and terrorized.

Jesus was dead. The tomb was sealed and guarded by armed soldiers. A three-day triumph, apparently final and complete, of evil over good, of wrong over right, of darkness over light, of death over life!

But the universe could not continue long on such a basis. The Light of the world was extinguished. He who is the life of men was Himself silent in death.

God, because He is God, must intervene. There had to be a resurrection. Christ arose!

—Selected

## NORTH MISSOURI REVIVAL

Greentop, Missouri

March 22, 1952

Dear Gem Readers:

We would like to report the good revival which has recently closed at the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, where Rev. Mildred Gilliam is pastor.

Our evangelist was Rev. John Rogers of Fredericktown, Missouri. We feel that we were very fortunate to have Bro. Rogers who is certainly a man of God. We thank God for his ministry and that God sent him this way to help in our revival. Although there were no souls saved it was not the fault of God or the evangelist, for the Spirit of the Lord was very much manifest in each service. Each message was filled with the power of God and we found him to be a man who was not afraid to speak the truth. His children were blessed and shouted the praises of God. Truly at each service we left the church feeling it had been good to be there. There was good attendance each evening in spite of the fact that there was much sickness in the community at this time.

We thank God for the good people of the other churches that came and helped to make the meeting a success; especially the good people from the Church of God (Holiness) from Kirksville, Mo. for their untiring efforts for bringing special numbers in song and instrumental music so many evenings.

We almost have our new basement completed that we started last fall. We are looking forward to installing a new heating system sometime this summer.

We ask an interest in your prayers that our church might go forward and do more for our Master in the future than we have in the past.

Your friend in Christ,

Leona Thompson

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals.

## EDITOR'S PAGE CONDENSED

A page somewhere near this section is usually devoted to comment by the Editor. However, in this issue it has been necessary to depart from custom to a considerable extent. Actually two departments are omitted this time. "The Editor's Page," and the "Newsy Briefs." There just were not enough of the classification of "briefs" to compose this section. We are therefore again urging you to get in your brief reports of your church activities. This section has always been much in demand. In the necessary re-arrangement it became necessary to "select" some outside materials. They are very good and worthy of space, but we prefer contributions from our readers and urge you to get busy and furnish us with these customary articles. Also, we have had to omit one or two small articles because of this arrangement. Our own limited space and temporary cessation from the promotional phase does not mean that adequate support has been realized in the different departments. On the contrary, the needs are many. Just be patient and we will be back soon soliciting your help and prayers for needy and worthy causes. But for this issue we will limit ourself to sincerely wishing you a very happy Easter, and to the unsaved we hasten to add that this cannot be fully realized outside of Christ who made Easter. If you do not know Jesus, get acquainted now.

It is now time to plan those Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Our catalogs will soon be out. Write us for yours. They are free and without obligation.

## "AMERICA FOR ME"

*J. M. Doughty - Strafford, Missouri*

Henry Van Dyke, author of the poem "America for Me," was professor of English in one of the great universities of New England. He wrote many poems and a number of inspiring helpful books. Among these books are: "Out of Doors," "In the Holy Land," and "Fisherman's Luck."

In 1913 he was appointed ambassador to Holland. He served in this position with distinction for four years. But he became homesick for

America and resigned. As he was leaving Holland for home he wrote, "America for Me," which any patriotic American should read time and again.

One line of this poem especially appeals to me. It is, "But the glory of the present is to make the future free."

We have in America many millions of people who are slaves to habits. A greater part of these folks learned one or more of these habits before they were twenty years of age.

If boys and girls could realize that when they smoke an occasional cigarette they are forming a very expensive and injurious habit that will rob them of their freedom in the future they would be more careful to refrain from smoking.

Smoking cigarettes or pipe is injurious to boys. I have seen high school boys that smoked so much that they had little ambition and little endurance in games, and their health in general was not good.

Recently I attended a field demonstration. The speaker for the day had the tobacco chewing habit so badly that it interfered with his speaking.

A short time ago I was talking to a farmer-father who smokes and I asked him what it cost him a day for cigarettes. He said ten cents a day. That is \$36.50 a year. (This figure is much below the average for even the normal smoker.—Ed.) This farmer does not have money for fertilizer for his crops and pastures, although he knows from observation that his soil needs fertilizer.

It is worse for women to smoke than it is for men, as women are inside the home more than men and children have to breathe the smoke. It would be well for each girl and woman to read "Why I Do Not Smoke," in the January issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

But worse than the tobacco habit is the drink habit and the drinking of alcoholic liquors appears to be on the increase. Highway accidents are happening more often. Many of these wrecks are caused by drinking drivers.

The brewers and distillers are spending so much on advertising and for the service of shrewd lawyers that it is difficult for temperance workers to accomplish much in an organized way in fighting them. But we can do much as individuals by refusing to buy anything from a merchant who sells

liquor. In a tactful way we can talk to young people and children about the evils of strong drink. We should show our disapproval of social drinking and of taking liquor for medicine. I have been reading a book on first aid. The doctor who wrote the book cautions against the use of liquor.

Some of our churches now refuse membership to people who have the tobacco habit or drink liquor.

In the sermon on the mount, Christ said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Does intoxicating liquor promote perfection?

In I Thessalonians 5:22 we find Paul admonishing us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

## THE CHURCH WALKING WITH THE WORLD

The Church and the World walked far apart

On the changing shore of time;  
The World was singing a giddy song,  
And the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come give me your hand," said the merry World,

"And then walk with me this way,"

But the good Church hid her snowy hand,

And solemnly answered—"Nay.

"I will not give my hand at all  
And I will not walk with you;  
Your way is the way of eternal death,  
And your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me a little space,"

Said the World with a kindly air,

"The road I walk is a pleasant road,  
And the sun shines always there.

"Your way is narrow and thorny and rough,

While mine is flowery and smooth;  
Your lot is sad with reproach and toil,  
But in rounds of joy I move.

My way you can see, is a broad fair one,

And my gate is high and wide;  
There is room enough for you and me,  
And we'll travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World,

And gave him her hand of snow;  
And the false World grasped it, and walked along

And whispered in accents low,

"Your dress is too simple to please my taste;



I have gold and pearls to wear;  
 Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,  
 And diamonds to deck your hair."

The Church looked down at the plain white robes  
 And then at the dazzling World,  
 And blushed as she saw his handsome lip,  
 With a smile contemptuous curled;  
 "I will change my dress for a costlier one."  
 Said the Church with a smile of grace;  
 Then her pure white garments drifted away,  
 And the World gave in their place  
 Beautiful satins, and fashionable silks,  
 And roses and gems and pearls;  
 And over her forehead her bright hair fell  
 And waved in a thousand curls.  
 "Your house is too plain," said the proud World,  
 "Let us build you one like mine,  
 With kitchen for feasting and parlor for play,  
 And furniture never so fine."  
 So he built her a costly and beautiful house—  
 Splendid it was to behold;  
 Her sons and daughters met frequently there,  
 Shining in purple and gold.  
 And fair and festival—frolics untold,  
 Were held in the place of prayer;  
 And maidens bewitching as syrens, of old—  
 With world-winning graces rare.

Bedecked with fair jewels and hair all curled—  
 Untrammelled by Gospel or Laws,  
 To beguile and amuse and win from the World,  
 Some help for the righteous cause.  
 The Angel of mercy rebuked the Church,  
 And whispered, "I know thy sin;"  
 Then the Church looked sad, and anxiously longed  
 To gather the children in.

But some were away at the midnight ball,  
 And others were at the play;  
 And some were drinking in gay saloons,  
 And the angel went away.  
 And then said the World in soothing tones—  
 "Your much loved ones mean no harm—

Merely indulging in innocent sports,"  
 So she leaned still on his proffered arm.  
 And smiled, and chatted, and gathered flowers,  
 And walked along with the World;  
 While countless millions of precious souls  
 Were hungering for truth untold;  
 "Your preachers are all too old and plain,"  
 Said the gay World with a sneer;  
 "They frighten my children with dreadful tales,  
 Which I do not like to hear.  
 "They talk of judgements and fire and pain,  
 And the doom of darkest night.  
 They warn of a place that should not be  
 Thus spoken to ears polite!  
 I will send you some—a better stamp,  
 More brilliant and gay and fast,  
 Who will show how men may live as they list  
 And go to heaven at last,  
 "The Father is merciful, great and good,  
 Loving and tender and kind;  
 Do you think He'd take one child to heaven,  
 And leave another behind?"  
 So she called for pleasing and gay divines,  
 Deemed gifted, and great, and learned;  
 And the plain old men that had preached the cross  
 Were out of her pulpits turned.

Then Mammon came in and supported the Church,  
 And rented a prominent pew;  
 And preaching and singing and floral display  
 Soon proclaimed a gospel new.  
 "You give too much to the poor," said the World,  
 "Far more than you ought to do;  
 Though the poor need shelter, food and clothes,  
 Why thus need it trouble you?  
 "Go take your money and buy fine robes  
 And horses and carriages fine;  
 And pearls and jewels and dainty food,  
 The rarest and costliest wine.  
 My children they dote on all such things,  
 And if you their love would win,  
 You must do as they do, and walk in the way,

The flowery way they're in."  
 Then the Church her purse-strings tightly held  
 And gracefully lowered her head,  
 And simpered, "I've given too much away,  
 I will do, sir, as you have said."  
 So the poor were turned from the door in scorn  
 She heard not the orphans' cry;  
 And she drew her beautiful robes aside  
 As the widows went weeping by.  
 And they of the Church, and they of the World  
 Journeyed closely, hand and heart,  
 And none but the Master, who knoweth all,  
 Could discern the two apart.  
 Then the Church sat down at her ease and said,  
 "I'm rich and in goods increased.  
 I have need of nothing, and naught to do,  
 But to laugh and dance and feast."  
 The sly World heard her and laughed within,  
 And mockingly said aside,  
 "The Church has fallen—the beautiful Church,  
 Her shame is her boast and pride."  
 Thus her witnessing power, alas, was lost,  
 And perilous times came in;  
 The times of the end, so often foretold,  
 Of form and pleasure and sin.  
 Then the Angel drew near the mercy-seat,  
 And whispered in sighs her name,  
 And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed,  
 And covered their heads with shame.  
 A voice came down from the hush of heaven,  
 From Him who sat on the throne;  
 "I know thy works and what thou hast said,  
 But alas! thou hast not known  
 That thou are poor and naked and blind.  
 With pride and ruin enthralled;  
 The expectant Bride of a heavenly Groom  
 Is the harlot of the World!  
 Thou hast ceased to watch for that blessed hope,  
 Hast fallen from zeal and grace;  
 So now, alas! I must cast thee out,  
 And blot thy name from its place."





# THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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## TO ALL Y.P.A. DIRECTORS

Have you sponsored a Stewardship Declaration Contest this year?

Within a few short months the time will have arrived for our National Stewardship Contest. We are urging each State to be represented with a contestant.

Local Auxiliaries should sponsor a contest in your own church. The winner will compete in your district contest. (If you have no district convention, represent directly in your State contest.) The winner of your district contest will compete with the winners from the other districts or churches in your State contest.

If your State Auxiliary Convention has already met this year, you may set aside a day before July, 1952, at a church centrally located for your participants and select your State winner. Only one contestant from each State is eligible for the National contest.

*Who is eligible?* Boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, from your Sunday Schools, Leagues or Youth organizations.

*Subject Matter.* Must absolutely be one of Stewardship—of time, talent, personality, possessions, etc.

*Where can I obtain Suitable Materials?* Any Stewardship book will furnish ample material for speeches which should not be over 10 minutes long. (See W.N.A.C. 1952 Year Book, page 35, section III for suggested books.)

*Contestants will be judged on the following basis:* Value in teaching Stewardship, 50%; poise, 10%; expression and interpretation, 10%; memorization, 15%; enunciation, 15%.

The contest will be held during the National Auxiliary Convention held at Shawnee, Oklahoma, July 14-15, 1952.

Names of contestants and oration title should be sent to Mrs. Paul Pursell not later than July 1, 1952.

Mrs. Paul Pursell  
Box 997  
Bristow, Oklahoma

## FELLOWSHIP AUXILIARY IN ALL-DAY SERVICE

Flat River, Missouri  
March 18, 1952

Good morning to our many friends everywhere.

We are glad to report that the good Lord is still blessing our Woman's work in Flat River. We know this morning that every good and perfect gift is from above, and we know that God does love His children and will bless us if we will only stay in His will.

We met in our all-day services on February 28, with 14 members and four visitors present. The theme of our study was, "Consecrated hearts," and truly we do need to consecrate our all to the Master's cause. Unless we give our best He is not pleased with our service. There were several good topics given on prayer and consecration. Then all enjoyed a wonderful praise service, and how God did bless everyone, after which we all enjoyed the noon lunch and a sweet fellowship together.

We were called together at one o'clock by the president, Sister Lewis, for Bible study. The study was from Romans, 12th chapter. All enjoyed the study and all left feeling in their heart it was indeed good to be in the house of the Lord.

Pray for our work in Flat River, and may God bless every one is my prayer.

Mrs. M. Hilderbrand, Rep.

The president, Sister Lucille (Mrs. Wallace) Sells, took charge of the services which opened by singing of songs suggested in the manual. Prayer was by Sis. Vada Reeves. After a few opening remarks and the business session conducted by the president, the leader, Sis. Lucille (Mrs. Lloyd) Sells, conducted the program of the afternoon. The different topics were given and following the last topic each member related something regarding their conversion. The Spirit of the Lord fell upon us and there was shouting and many tears, and God's Spirit did so abound in our midst that we are certain God placed His approval upon us in our Auxiliary work.

One of the most devoted members, Sis. Gertie Dudley, has been very ill and in two hospitals, but we thank the Lord, He has heard and answered prayer and she is now able to sit up a short time each day, for which we are so thankful.

After the lesson study we enjoyed a social hour during which the hostess served refreshments which were enjoyed by all present.

We ask that each of you pray that our Auxiliary may grow and learn more of the work, and that more folks will really become interested in the work of the Lord. Thus may our Auxiliary be the means of helping lost ones find the Christ and the weak ones to be strengthened and be able to be stronger Christians and better workers for His cause.

Yours for Christ's cause,

Vada Reeves, Reporter

## NIANGUA AUXILIARY

Niangua, Missouri  
March 18, 1952

Dear Co-Workers in Christ:

The ladies of the F.W.B. Church of Niangua organized a Woman's Auxiliary class last spring. We are glad to report that our membership is growing steadily now. We have 20 members enrolled at present, with most of them attending each meeting.

We met on the Second Thursday of March with Sis. Nola Wilkerson, with 14 members and one visitor present.

## LEADINGTON REORGANIZES

March 22, 1952

The Leadington Auxiliary reorganized March 3, 1952 with ten charter members. Mrs. Henry Head was elected president. Mrs. Anna Lincoln, recording secretary. Mrs. Fred Boren, treasurer.

We have added four more members since our organization. We invite your prayers in our behalf as we endeavor to do God's will in this field of service.

A good habit is a good investment.



**Report of Woman's Editor:**

Received:

St. Louis Third Auxiliary .....\$1.00  
 Fredericktown Auxiliary ..... 4.00  
 Total .....\$5.00

**NEWS LETTER**

THANKS! Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Cor. 9:15. Surely our hearts rejoice always in the abounding grace of our ever living Lord; and in every blessing that is ours to enjoy because of this grace. As women, we praise God and thank Mrs. J. E. Frazier, our executive secretary for the wonderful Year Book of Programs for 1952. Despite the many handicaps that she had through sickness, etc., she labored most earnestly to the end that we have a book of which we are justly proud. Don't you think it would be an excellent idea to just let her know by way of a note on your order for literature or better still write a special letter of commendation to her for the good work that she did this year.

PRAY! In a recent note from Mrs. Eunice Edwards, our recently elected literature chairman, she said, "Please pray for me as I undertake the great task of editing our literature for another year." I am sure that she would like this request heralded to the farthest bounds of our denomination. At the time you have set apart for prayer for our missionaries, I am sure that you would find time to pray for this most humble servant of God and that in the year of 1953 our women throughout our national convention would receive the blessing and the fruits of these prayers. Who knows but the fruit might return to your own household?

GROWING PAINS! My, but that is an odd subject for a paragraph in our letter! Yes, it is. But did you know that that is just what our President, Mrs. H. B. Sloan, has just informed us is happening to our literature department. The question comes, "What are we going to do with surplus literature, etc?" We have grown to the extent that we need a storage space and our mailing department is so large that we need special room for that. Then on top of this, we hear from Bro. D. C. Dodd the challenge to establish National Headquarters for Free Will

Baptists, a dream long cherished in the hearts of many. Now, women, our part is to pray and to stimulate interest and give that this dream may come true that our growing pains may be relieved and greater growing encouraged.

PREPARATION! Now that we have our enlistment campaign (or I trust that everyone has had a most successful campaign), it is time for us to begin our plans for a stewardship study course. A stewardship study course will inspire the old members to a renewal of their vows to God and will lead the new members to realize the privileges and responsibilities that lie in their wake through the woman's auxiliary. Don't forget to order a supply of Tither's Pledges to climax your study course. It is also time to plan for our Week of Prayer preceding the week of Easter. Let us make this the best and most interesting week ever in the history of our organization. Remember Christ inspired people are a people that do not have to be gouged to serve, but are eager to give their all as a token of appreciation for the gift of God to redeem us from sin.

It is also time to begin to plan for the Daily Vacation Bible School. Early preparation and study on the parts of your teachers insure you of a successful attempt to impart the word of God into the hearts of the children of your church and community. Perhaps you would like a special blessing in your church this year. May I tell you how you may have just that? Invite one of the boys or girls from the Bible college to come to your church to assist or direct in your Bible School. Already you are saying, "Oh, that will mean added finance." (Remember II Sam. 24:24). Surely, it will, but God will give back to you enriched lives and an enlivened church if you will bring these students into your church.

To climax the thought of the things that we should begin to prepare for, I would like to remind you that it will be only a short time until July, when we wend our way to Shawnee, Oklahoma for our National Convention. If you have never attended one of these, please start planning to go this year. You will receive a thrill, that comes from no other experience, when you mingle your voices in praise with women from the bounds of around

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twenty states and to know that you are a vital part of this great organization. Let us make this the RED LETTER year in reports, in attendance and above all in accepting the challenge that comes to us through our 1952 Watchword: "The Hour is Come That The Son Should be Glorified." John 12:23.

Gertrude Ballard  
 Ayden, N. C.

**AUXILIARY ECHO**

I would like to drop in for a short time, and tell how the Lord is blessing us here. We have as our pastor, Bro. H. E. Staries and his good wife and with the help of our Heavenly Father are doing a wonderful work. Our Auxiliary met March 6, for an all day's meeting in the home of Sis. Mart Casey, with 20 members and one visitor present. Our total membership is thirty-seven.

The meeting was opened by our President, Sis. Violet Tyree, with singing and prayer. Scripture reading, Luke 11:1; Matt. 6:9-13. Business session was ably carried out by our president. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served. All enjoying it, and especially the men who were working on the new seats for our church. The afternoon session opened by singing, "We'll Work 'Till Jesus Comes." Devotional by Sis. Kenny. Introduction, rendered by Sis. Staries, which was inspiring to all. Topics given by Sis. Wood, Sis. Sylvester, Sis. Mamie Casey, Sis. Armstrong and Sis. Light. Discussion on prayer good.

Motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be in the home of Sis. Scott. We covet your prayers.

Mrs. Alice Scott, 4th V. P.  
 Box 742  
 Olton, Oklahoma



## HARVEST IN SOUTH INDIA

Kotagiri, So. India  
February 28, 1952

Dear Praying Friends:

"One soweth and another reapeth." And then all of us have the blessed privilege of rejoicing in the harvest. I have often been blessed by the position David took in dividing out the spoil after he and his six hundred men had set out to pursue the Amalekites and recovered the spoil of Ziklag. Two hundred were hindered from following on and so were left to look after the stuff. Upon the victorious return of the four hundred David had to reprove them for claiming all the credit and wishing to keep all the reward to themselves. "Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given us. But as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike." The "tarrying by the stuff" is a most important part of the battle, and as we give thanks for all of you who look after the "stuff" at home, we come now to share with you in this letter the blessings of victories won through your faithful ministries there.

Last Sunday, February 24, was one of those victories. Brother Woolsey (after a great victory in his own district) flew down from North India, and Miss Wilson came home for the week-end, to fellowship in the occasion. Saturday night a long-delayed church organization was perfected, and on Sunday some of the people of whom we have been writing and requesting prayer were baptized and received into the church. The old man who had been dragged to the temple in an attempt to force him to offer sacrifices in the last Deepavali Festival, was baptized along with his son. His family had attempted to frighten him by saying he'd never come out of the cold water alive. He has a bad heart, asthma, and several other complaints, and walks very feebly; his eyesight is almost gone. But to everybody's amazement the old man came forward to the baptism like a youth in his stride, and a glow on his face that thrilled us all. Instead of fearing the water, he seemed unable to get down into the pool quickly enough. As he came up his heart seemed strengthened in two ways! Mr. Woolsey said he'd

never been in colder water in his life, but it did not harm even the feeblest of the candidates! Rangusamy was baptized Abraham, and the new Abraham has not even had a slight cold. His son, Arrumkam, in his baptism was realizing a desire of five years standing; for when Mr. Woolsey, immediately after his arrival in India, baptized two young men here Arrumkam had come to the baptism with a changing of clothes under his arm determined to be baptized also. We put him off because he was very young and we had not had opportunity to deal with him previously. It was a special satisfaction, therefore, to him and to us to baptize him now along with his aged father. He was called Isaac, son of Abraham. As soon as Abraham had changed his clothes, in spite of his usual feebleness, he kept walking about uttering words of praise to the Lord, so happy he could not contain his joy. He said, "I have faith that when another baptism is held I shall see the rest of my family follow Christ in baptism." Pray with him and us to that end.

The other Rangusamy, who with his wife had been sealed in demon worship some years ago, was one of the candidates. Many remarked that these two men were the most important men in the village and that surely the entire village would soon follow them. This younger Rangusamy, baptized Daniel, had been declaring he would be baptized, but, while we were confident of his experience, we did not feel certain it was God's time. As it happened, he had not managed to get to the preaching service. Sunday is not a holiday in heathen countries, business does not stop, and it is extremely difficult for Christians to suitably observe the day. We imagine he had decided not to be baptized. After the morning service we all gathered around the baptismal pool outside and made ready to administer the sacred ordinance. Just as Mr. Woolsey was about to ask the first candidate to step down, the attention of the crowd was drawn to the path where a man came running breathlessly, stripping off his jacket and unrolling his turban as he came. Into the building he darted with great speed. "I'm sharing in this baptism!" he declared, as he entered, to the brother who had been helping the candidates to prepare. And in almost less time that it takes to tell it, he

stood in line with the others at the pool, face radiant and triumphant. Afterwards when we were meeting to receive the new members and observe the Lord's Supper, a visiting brother shook hands with Daniel and asked, "What's your new name?" promptly he replied, "Daniel, a NEW MAN!" His wife, along with Abraham's wife, is still outside the fold. May we count on your prayers to bring them in as well as to keep Daniel and Abraham walking in the blood-sprinkled way in these days of trial and temptation and definite persecution. A day or two after the baptism there was a festival held for a girl on her "coming to age," and traps were wickedly set to deceive these two men and to ensnare them in heathen worship. But as the cunningly framed invitation came to Daniel, he washed his hands and replied, "This is what I've done with all of you and all your heathen ceremonies. There is nobody and no thing necessary to me any more, except the Lord. He is all I need. I cannot come."

Rangaraj, a lad of sixteen, had been longing to be baptized for some time and had given satisfactory evidence of conversion. But we cannot baptize minors without written consent of the parents. It was very touching to see how persistent Rangaraj was in persuading his parents to give the certificate. They were afraid of their own families, and of course if consent was given in writing they could never deny it and clear themselves before enraged relatives. But he was not to be denied, nor were the faithful prayers of those who waited before the Lord on his behalf while he pleaded with his parents from day to day. The Lord worked, and finally came the dirty but cherished note, bearing two thumbprints, of the mother and father respectively. And bearing the note came Rangaraj himself, his face beaming with triumph. Joseph is his Christian name.

The other four candidates were from the Tea Estate, a man and his wife, now Peter and Lydia. Then two unmarried men who were baptized David and Samuel. So you see, they were an array of apostles and patriarchs!

Circumstances leading up to the week-end were a part of the blessing and inspiration. We had planned to hold this occasion early in January but my accident had prevented our preparations and necessitated the post-

ponement. Meanwhile we began alterations on the school building (where we would hold these meetings) and also undertook to construct a concrete baptismal pool on the premises. Running water is so scarce around here and so much inconvenience involved in finding a suitable place, that we decided it worthwhile to invest \$25.00 and install a tank. But the week preceding the 24th mist and rain began and slowed down the work. We do not expect rain at this time of year and it had been so very dry that we were longing for rain, and so could only thank God for this blessing. Yet, you may well believe, there were mingled feelings in my own heart about it. What would we do if the rain continued? Even the building was in danger of not being completed. But God knew His time-table, and the workmen worked faithful. The tank was completed and the contractor handed it over on Saturday with the warning that we dare not put water in before 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning! I said I thought that was soon enough! The school building was completed, except for the outside colorwashing and painting of woodwork. That did not matter for our purposes. And on Sunday Morning there was mist but no rain. Just before baptism the sun came out for a few minutes. Every one marveled. Clouds continued, with no rain, but glances of sunlight here and there. We held service again in the afternoon instead of night, so that everything was finished and all had left the church before the heavy down-pour came. People are still talking of the blessing of the Lord that day, an occasion we'll long remember with inspiration. A spectator was heard to remark, "Surely this has been of God."

May this give new encouragemet as you continue to keep us before the Lord in your prayers.

In His glad service,

Laura B. Barnard

If you think the world is all wrong, remember that it contains people like you.

Scrapping will reduce anything to scraps.

Not what we gain, but what we give, Measures the worth of the live we live.

## YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Niangua, Missouri  
March 18, 1952

Dear Gem Readers and Youth Camp workers:

Just a few lines to tell you of our Youth Camp activities, as spring is so near and soon our camp sessions will be here.

We have been very busy arranging flower beds and setting out shrubbery and flower bushes. We have driven several miles this spring gathering up flowers, some from the Long Lane district and some from the Macedonia section and we yet have the dahlias to set out.

We now have a roller to which we can hitch the horse and roll the lawn, hillsides and playground. This helps very much after all the rough winter weather.

The hillside next to the highway is mostly cleared of brush and the smaller trees (they were useless), and rose bushes have been planted, with frames to climb upon placed near them. We are making a new entrance sign for the camp, to be placed as soon as the weather permits.

The camp pig is growing steadily now and will make some good eating for the session this year, but it costs money to feed him. Anyone wishing to donate on the feed, it will be accepted with gratitude.

Funds for the "regular camp" treasury are coming in very slowly at present, the treasury being very very low at the present time. Concerning the special funds for clearing of the camp indebtedness, we wish to thank the following for their nice offerings: First Q. M. of Mission Association, \$51.63; Union Church of Mission Association, \$15.20; Mountain Grove, \$37.15; Merl's Chapel Church of Indian Creek Association, \$25.00; Mrs. Coy Rader, Niangua, Mo., \$5.00; Total amount, \$133.98. This is what we have received and paid, up to this present date, March 18 on the camp bill.

Mrs. Gladys Filmer of Niangua, gave the camp some nice plates, cups, saucers and glasses for which we are very thankful. Mr. and Mrs. George Clift of Black Oak Church gave a nice lot of drinking glasses; Mrs. Willa McDaniel of New Prospect Church gave a box of fruit; Mrs. May Rader of Niangua gave dish clothes. We

sure thank all these folks for these nice gifts. We could use some more drinking dippers, wash clothes and some extra plates very nicely and if any one has large bowls or crocks they don't need, we could use them in serving food.

Praying God's richest blessings on one and all.

Yours for Chirst's service,

Rev. Wm. Reeves

## INDEPENDENCE IS SCENE OF FIFTH SUNDAY RALLY

Central Western Missouri Free Will Baptists convened with the Independence Church near Stockton for their regular Fifth Sunday Rally Day program. All but one church of the association had delegates present and the house was filled to capacity with some having to stand.

Services started with the regular Sunday School lesson, "Luke, Physician and Historian," being studied. After the lesson, Sis. Izola Zellmer, president, took charge of the activities. Following several congregational numbers and a solo by Ramona Bough, Rev. Marie Hyatt delivered the morning message, "A Growing Christian," based on Exodus 40:17-34. By using the setting and significance of the tabernacle and its furniture, a five-fold picture of the Christian was given depicting the progress from the first association with the blood offering to a final perfect fellowship and constant communion with God. Benediction was by Rev. Arlie Hoover.

Storm threatening skies subsided sufficiently for the spreading of a sumptuous meal at the noon hour. Rev. Callie Achord asked the blessing on the food. A fine hour of fellowship was enjoyed.

The afternoon session consisted of a variety of vocal and instrumental numbers including solos, duets, quartets, and chourses, and humorous and serious readings, all of which gave a lesson and were to the glory of God. In the brief business session Hannon was selected as the next host for the meeting in June. The offering for the day amounted to \$40.00, one half of which was given to the foreign mission program. Final benediction was by Rev. Lowell Martin.

—Contributed



**SEND FIRST AID MATERIALS**

Erwin, Tennessee  
March 26, 1952

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

I am enclosing a letter from our beloved missionary, Trula Cronk. If you can print it, please do, so that others may know.

Our Auxilliary at First Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin, Tennessee, is doing a good work. We are still striving for better things. We had a very inspirational meeting last night, under the leadership of Mrs. Gladys Dayton, program chairman.

We plan to sell flavoring and make a quilt to sell.

Two objectives we have are: Our Youth Encampment and our coming revival. We are praying that God will send a great revival in our hearts.

Pray for us that we may be found faithful.

In His service,

Mrs. Maggie B. Sisk, Pres.

**"Thanks for the Package"**

Kishanganj, Purnea Dist.  
Bihar, North India  
February 2, 1952

Dear Mrs. Garland:

The lovely parcel of first aid supplies arrived yesterday and we were really glad to get them. It was such a well planned box with just the things that are always so useful. We want to express our thanks but we hardly know how. The thoughtfulness in sending it cheers us much. We know that those who take the bother that a foreign parcel requires are very interested and we always find assurance in every remembrance that people back home are remembering to pray for us out here. Sometimes we feel so far away and so alone so to speak that we wonder how people keep on remembering us after these years away. But what a joy it is to be reminded so lovingly that we are not forgotten and that your hearts are here in this work just as ours are. Please express our thanks to all who had a part in this gift. We feel bad to be always on the receiving end and to have no way of really expressing our appreciation.

Tomorrow is foreign mission Sunday back home, I believe. How glad we are that this day has been set aside to concentrate on the Lord's work in other countries. I am sure

that the Lord will bless those who share in the prayer burden as much as those who go out and as we all join together tomorrow I know there will be blessings untold. Of course Sunday here is your Saturday night.

In the morning we will have services here with our boys and then taking a little lunch we will rush off on our cycles to a village about six miles out to have services with a small group of Christians there in the afternoon and try to get back before dark. It is not safe to be out on country roads after dark because of the tigers and leopards that roam the countryside, to say nothing of mad jackels. Last year I was bitten by a mad jackel and then this fall both Dan and I narrowly escaped being bitten by one. We had just come in from camp and were spending the night with the Woolseys at Sonapurhat before coming on to Kishanganj. It was still quite hot and their house is rather small so Dan said, "We'll just put our net and bed up on the porch and save cluttering up the house so." We were dead tired and Dan went to sleep as soon as he lay down but I didn't know he was asleep. I felt the mosquito net pulling and pulling and I thought Dan was pulling it with his foot. Then I heard it tear so I said, "Dan, that's enough, the net is tearing." My calling out aroused him and he sat up and there was a mad jackel tearing the net to come in just by Dan's foot. Another second and he would have been bitten but we managed to get out at the other end. By that time both Woolseys were coming out to see what the comotion was all about. The old jackel just sat and drooled and stared, finally we managed to get him off the porch. Jackels in their ordinary state won't come near a human being. It's only when they are mad. We called out the cook to come and shoot him with his bow and arrow but he missed and he had only one arrow, got him in the leg but that didn't help. So soon the neighbors gathered and one foolish boy, not realizing the danger of a mad animal, ventured near enough to kill him with the axe and we went back to bed on the porch.

The Woolseys have their sailing date so they'll be starting home soon. I think the boat sails the 6th of April. They are eager to get home before the homecoming at the Orphanage on May the 10th so they can see many of the

Tennessee and Virginia friends soon after arriving when they are all gathered at the Orphanage. Makes me homesick to think of it. We have been busy in the mela (fair) for over two weeks. We had a booth where we sold Gospels and Bibles and preached. Two missionaries from Purnea came over and helped us. The dust is so terrific that we were all sick before the first week was up and all of us are still coughing dreadfully. It will be dust from now on to July when the rains begin. Luckily we go away to continue our second language study May and June so we'll get away from some of the dust.

We have found a more suitable house to rent and we want to get moved before the heat gets to bearing down too fiercely. It is a similar house but much bigger than the one we are in now. We are really thankful to find it as a bigger house is so much cooler and gives better protection from the monsoon too. It was originally built by a Moslem to accomodate his three wives. A few weeks ago the man died and the wives are forced to rent it. Anyway they couldn't live there without their husband so they are off to live with relatives with all their children. I hope that it won't have too much of a harem atmosphere. It is of typical Mohammaden style in every way even to the filth that comes with it I suppose. It's an awful dirty place but we'll get it cleaned up a bit with some whitewash and paint. Housing is terrible in Kishanganj as the population has grown many times faster than the houses. As no Europeans ever live here there aren't any European style houses. Only one or two government houses have glass in the windows and there isn't a screen in a single window in Kishanganj. Most people never heard of such a thing. There is a possibility that we are going to get electricity for the bazar area at least. I doubt if we will be able to get it put into a rented house but we are hoping against hope. To have a fan in the hot season would be wonderful, to say nothing of a bright light to read by.

Let us again say, "Thank you" for the first aid supplies and for all the thoughtfulness and work that went with it.

Yours very sincerely,

Dan and Trula Cronk

**MEN VERSUS THE BIBLE**

MEN SAY: "God will not blot any one's name out of the Book of Life."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Ex. 32:33.

MEN SAY: "The soul that is once saved will not die."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4.

MEN SAY: "After once saved you cannot turn from righteousness and be lost."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die." Ezek. 18:24.

MEN SAY: "The Lord is married to the backslider, and he cannot be lost."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery, I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce." Jer. 3:8.

MEN SAY: "Angels fell." And then will tell you "saved men cannot fall."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement." II Peter 2:4.

MEN SAY: "You cannot turn from your righteousness and be lost."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." II Peter 2:21.

MEN SAY: "You cannot be led away."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also be led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." II Peter 3:17.

MEN SAY: "You cannot depart from God and be lost."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." Heb. 3:12.

MEN SAY: "Once saved, always saved."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not." Jude 5.

MEN SAY: "You cannot sin unto death."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it." I John 5:16.

MEN SAY: "The body sins, but does not effect the soul."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." I Cor. 3:16, 17.

MEN SAY: "You cannot depart from the faith."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." I Tim. 4:1.

MEN SAY: "You cannot be cast away."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast away." I Cor. 9:27.

MEN SAY: "If you are once a servant you will always be a servant."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 24:48-51.

MEN SAY: "If you are once on the vine, you are always there."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh

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away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." John 15:2.

MEN SAY: "You cannot fall away and be lost after once being saved."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God, afresh, and put Him to an open shame." Heb. 6:4-6.

MEN SAY: "You cannot so sin that you will be lost."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matt. 12:31, 32.

MEN SAY: "Christians shall not die spiritually."

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." Rev. 3:2.

Rev. Thomas H. Dixon  
Checotah, Oklahoma

—Selected



## AUDITORIUM DEDICATED AT ANNUAL BIBLE MEET

The main sessions of the Annual Bible Conference got under way at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, March 24, at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. The history of this conference as a source of information and blessing has resulted in wide attendance from over the various states. This year was no exception in information, in blessing, or in attendance.

Thirty minutes of the first of each session was given to devotional exercises. Following this at 9:00 o'clock each morning, one of the feature speakers of the conference brought a Bible lesson. These feature speakers were Rev. Willard Day, pastor at Mountain Grove, Missouri, and Rev. Chester Pelt, pastor of churches in Florida. These speakers were featured also in the evening services and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11:20. The messages of each of the speakers was attended by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and were enthusiastically received. Rev. Day presented Christ in His relation to man and how man may be assured that Jesus never fails. Rev. Pelt used the central thought of the freedom of the will.

Various other speakers were presented at 10:30 each morning. These included Billy Morris, Ronald Creech, and Roy O'Donnell, with this period under the direction of the Alumni on Wednesday morning. The afternoons were free to be used in fellowship as desired. A religious film preceded the evening speaker and these portrayed different phases of the life and work of the Apostle Paul.

One of the highlights of the conference was the Dedicatory Service on Wednesday in which the new college auditorium was dedicated to the purpose of being used to the glory of God in the furtherance of the work of the Lord here on earth, particularly in the educational system of the college as it teaches and trains workers for Him.

The service opened with the Doxology, the hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him," and the Glory Patri. Prayer was by Rev. James Miller and the scripture reading by Rev. Luther Gibson. The message of the hour was delivered by Rev. J. L. Welch, which was based on Ezra 6:14, "And they

builted, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel." The prayer of dedication was by Rev. J. R. Davidson, previously of the college staff and with it at the beginning.

One of the items of information emanating from this conference is the phenomenal growth of the Bible College. Even with the new auditorium just now dedicated, there are at present more applications for entrance at the fall term than the facilities will accommodate. This is a great challenge to the staff and to Free Will Baptists everywhere and is even more colossal in nature when it is realized that it is not anywhere near the regular time of receiving applications for the fall term. So rather than stop to pat ourselves on the back for a job of building well done, we must face immediately the fact that we have only begun to meet the great need of the hour.

Some of the different National Boards used the opportunity to meet in called sessions while in attendance. It is known that several vital problems were before them, but final action on them is not yet available for publication. This will be disseminated from the different boards concerned.

The conference closed at the conclusion of the program Thursday noon, with those in attendance knowing that it had been good to be at the conference, and formulating plans to be on hand for the next annual meeting.

—Information contributed

## U. N. W. A. N. T. E. D

We almost have an orphanage here when we count all the children who are dependent upon us. Each child has a story of his own concerning the circumstances that brought him to us. Ndwehwe was starving to death in his village, so we took him, and now he is gaining weight and is very happy. Dobedobe was left in a relative's hut by her wicked mother and the old grandmother became responsible to care for her. One day while working in the garden, the old woman went into a rage and struck the child across the eye. I found the child in the village and suggested that I take her with me for medical help. She was a scared little girl as she followed me on the path in the late evening. Nurse Farley soon reported that the

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eye could not be saved, so the little girl was told to go back home. She just wept in her sorrow of leaving the Mission, knowing that she was unwanted, and dreaded her future. So she was permitted to stay. Now she is so happy, reminding one of a little contented, purring kitten.

Beauty is the daughter of a widow at one of our out-stations. Her mother was saved while we were building the church there. Now she has sent her child to us to teach.

Phasula is a big boy of fifteen years of age. Last year he came, stating he wanted to learn to read and write. Struck by his sincerity and longing to catch him for the Lord, we allowed him to stay. We are convinced that the Lord sends these children here that they might hear the Word and come to know the Saviour. Phasula has now accepted Christ as Saviour and feels called of the Lord to be a preacher. What a glowing young fellow he has become and a real leader and inspiration to the other boys.

Nhlanguano receives the greatest portion of spankings. He was sent to the hospital to care for the old grandmother while she cared for the little sick brother. He soon forgot to minister to her but attached himself to Harold and the boys and worked with them and went to all the meetings. When the grandmother and he went home, he begged to return here. His family told him he could come, so he is here. Who could say no? You see in each little face the image of the Lord Jesus Christ being formed and the prospect of each little life being developed into a strong Christian as they are nurtured up in the things of Christ.

Mrs. Joesphine Stevens  
Mseleni,  
Zululand, Africa