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'PENNY-A-MEAL' FOR
FOREIGN MISSIONS

That doesn't sound like very much
and in reality it isn't very much, but
if we could get only one-tenth of the
people to co-operate with the plan we
certainly could do wonders for the
Lord.

Our needs are so many, so send for
your sticker today and start filling that
Mission Jar.

We appreciate the following poem
sent in by Mrs. Maud Dean of Hunting-
ton, West Virginia.

THE DEVIL AND MY MISSION JAR

*Those pennies in my mission jar,
One hundred makes a dollar;
That's something done 3 times a day,
The Devil just can't swallow.*

*He says the bills will not be paid,
And doctor bills come week-ly;
"You give too much just to the church,
Why try to live so meekly?"*

*"Those people over 'cross the sea,
Don't mean one thing to you.
Why pay someone who says they'll
preach—
Are you right sure they do?"*

*The Devil says, "Right here at home
You know your money is scarce;
Three cents each day will help buy
bread,
That's why so flat your purse."*

*Oh, yes! He tells me that I'll starve
If I pay tithes, a tenth of each
dollar,*

*And with pennies fill my Mission Jar—
That's something he can't swallow.*

*Sometimes the Devil talks to me
Through members of some churches,
Who wear rich clothes and drive fine
cars
And carry nice fat purses.*

*Sometimes my money does get scarce,
And bills keep piling high;
But I just pray and trust the Lord—
He doth my need supply!*

*Now, when the Devil comes to me,
In thought, or person speaking;
I say, "You just as well get back,
I'll practice what I'm preaching."*

*Ha, Ha! The Devil's on the run,
My Mission Jar keeps filling;
The Lord will help me fill it full,
For He doth know I'm willing.*

*No, I won't starve for paying tithes,
Or for paying Foreign Missions;
For those who don't, I am afraid
Too late they'll see, they've missed it.*

Remember, the next Fifth Sunday
is November 29. That is Mission Jar
Sunday, and we are playing for gener-
ous Thank Offerings from all over the
nation. Begin now to lead your church
in a special Thanksgiving Offering for
Foreign Missions.

Rev. Raymond R. Riggs

HOLDS TO 'KING JAMES'

Flat River, Missouri
October 20, 1953

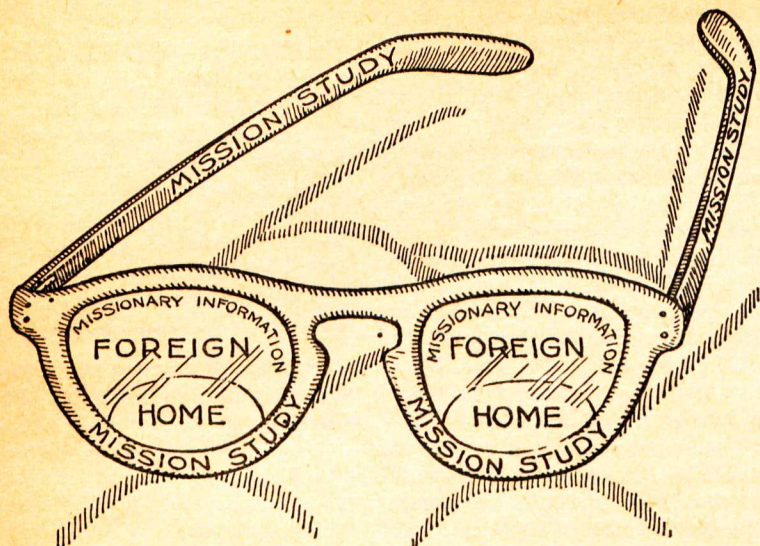
Dear Friends in Christ:

I too, want to say "Amen" for what
has been said about the new Bible.
We must hold on to the King James
version. In the Bible we read this
Revelations 22:18-19, "For I testify
unto every man that heareth the words
of the prophecy of this book, If any
man shall add unto these things, God
shall add unto him the plagues that
are written in this book: and if any
man shall take away from the words
of the book of this prophecy, God
shall take away his part out of the
book of life, and out of the holy city,
and from the things which are written
in this book."

Enclosed is my renewal for the Gem.
May God bless and keep you all.

Mrs. Floyd Francis

Christianity, like a watch, needs to
be wound regularly by prayer.—Sel.



MISSIONS:

Willard C. Day, D.D.

"DO THE WORK..." II Timothy 4:5.

These words came from the Apostle Paul's lips and were directed to young Timothy. However, this command—"Do the work"—carries out the continuity of thought introduced by the Son of God. He said, "I must do the works of him that sent me." John 9:4.

No one can be saved without a charge to keep. The poet said, "There is work to do. Solomon said, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10.

FOREIGN—HOME MISSIONS

—Which?—

We do not read in the Bible either term—HOME or FOREIGN. We never find an argument recorded as to which is the greatest: neither do we find any of the Apostles attempting to prove the greatness of either. But we do find that every writer of the Bible sets forth the idea that the gospel is for the whole world. We simply use these terms to identify the two phases of the kingdom work. One cannot read the Bible and believe it, and yet deny either phase.

Let's investigate the Scriptures on this matter: Matt., chapter 28, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." Mark, chapter 16, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every

creature..." Both of these passages are used frequently by all ministers, but yet some deny the fact that we should send workers to the other places. It is like using the text: "Will a man rob God?" I have heard this text used with the following applications: Will a man rob God of time? Will a man rob Him of glory? Will a man rob Him of love? And they never mention the substance of the text, "Tithing," because they don't believe in it.

In the baptismal formula is used a portion of what we call the *GREAT* commission or *BROAD* commission, but yet they don't believe in a gospel for the whole world. Everyone believes that Christ died for all, then let's tell all about it!

I am working for the Home Mission Department of the church, and this work is dear to my heart. But, if you ask me why I am a home missionary, my answer would be, "Because I want to establish churches, teach churches to tithe and pray, so that we can send out workers to every corner of the earth." Now, one will say, "I am all out for foreign missions!" Yes, but where are you going to get your men and women to work on these foreign fields? The answer is this: unless we have churches in the home land and preachers who will put the whole world before their congregations, we cannot produce workers for the other fields.

Study the life of Paul. He organized churches, ordained elders, and directed preachers, and then went to the far

away places on missionary journeys.

The home mission board of our great denomination is working and planning with one thought in mind—that is to organize ourselves in the states to the extent that the light of the gospel will shine around the globe, and thank God, we are having great success in His work! But it is *not* the thinking of any member of the board or our public relations man to override the great work of the foreign mission board and their efficient promotional director.

Much has been said about the boards conflicting. This thought should be disallowed, and I am sure it is in the mind of those who have visited the national headquarters. There you will find in one room "The Office of Foreign Missions," in another room "The Office of Home Missions," and in another "The Office of the National Executive Secretary," and other offices carrying on business for us. Each morning at 9:00 o'clock, Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional man for foreign missions; Rev. Damon C. Dodd, public relations man for the home mission board, and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary, meet and have a prayer meeting for the purpose of receiving Divine energy and guidance. Where that sort of unity is found there will be no conflict.

New churches are being organized every day under the direction of God's servants, and as they become a part of our National work, they help to strengthen the line of defence in this great land of ours.

Stop giving to foreign missions? *NO!* And if you have never started giving to home missions, start today! Our goal in Missouri is \$2,000.00 for 1953-1954. Send your contributions to Mrs. Jewell Campbell, 313 Lincoln St., Monett, Missouri, the state treasurer and she will send regular disbursements to Rev. Damon C. Dodd, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

An old lady in England, who had stood the bombings with amazing fortitude was asked the secret of her calmness in the midst of such frightful danger. She replied, "Well, every night I say my prayers, and then I remember how the parson told us God is always watching; so I go to sleep. There's no need for both of us to stay awake!"

—Selected

WATCH YOUR APPETITE!

Mrs. John Grider-Greenfield, Mo.

Just as the welfare of the physical body depends upon the proper diet it receives to maintain its proper functions, so also the spiritual body is dependent upon the proper diet to bring out the efficacious possibilities for which it was created.

In our modern day much thought is given to the diet, as an essential to the growth and development of the body, and by conclusive evidence it has been proven that the kind of food taken into the body determines the condition of the body with regard to vitality and strength. This same fact may be applied to the spiritual side of life. Jesus once said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

What is the spiritual body? In I Cor. 6:19, 20, Paul asks the question "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." This explains to us what the spiritual body is—it is the abode of the Holy Ghost. If so, then what kind of food is necessary to sustain it and render it the most effective for the purpose God intended?

What is the proper spiritual diet? Jesus said on one occasion, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. And too, He said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34. What better explanation could we get as to what spiritual food is. Paul told the Colossians (3:1), "Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God," and to (v 2) "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." The Psalmist said in Psalm 19:8-11, "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea,

than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by keeping them is thy servant warned: and in keeping them is great reward."

What are the indications of a healthy spiritual appetite? Needless to say, a manifestation of Christian virtues—"Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." (Gal. 5:22, 23) as set forth by Paul. He also said, "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts," and "Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another."

David gave a very good explanation in Psalm 42:1, 2: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." That is the ever present attitude of those who have truly been born again, and are seeking to live godly. The devoutness of Job is typical of many who have "tried as by fire." When his tormentors were taunting him, he clung with unswerving devotion and said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him," and "He also shall be my salvation." Job 13:15, 16. In his unflinching faith, he found salvation. Paul said in I Peter 2:1, 2, "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speaking; as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

The blood of martyrs down through the ages has been one of the outstanding testimonies to the results of a healthy appetite. How do you suppose those who defended the gospel to the extent of laying down their lives were able to summons necessary grace for the hour? They waited upon God. Isaiah 40:31 tells us, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

What are the signs of malnutrition of the soul? They are many, but they may be summed up in one phrase—the love for things of the world. Paul gave some results he found in one of his churches: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now

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are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" I Cor. 3:1-3.

In I John 2:15, 16 we are told to "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Paul warned of, "Him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth." II Thess. 2:9, 10. He told Titus there would be those who "Profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:16.

How shall we select our spiritual food? John said in I John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." And in III John 11, "Follow not that which is evil." Paul told the Colossians (3:16) to, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." He also told Timothy, concerning abstaining from questionable things of which he might be tempted, "If a man therefore purge himself of these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." II Tim. 2:21.

God is saying in essence, "Watch your appetite," for you will reap the inevitable results of the things your soul feeds upon. You cannot feed upon the 'husks' of the world, and expect to increase in the wisdom and stature of our Lord. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

SMALL GROUP OF DEVOUT PEOPLE BUILD CHURCH

September 30, 1953

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a picture of our new Free Will Baptist Church located at Mill Creek, Missouri (see picture on front page).

The church where we were previously located was badly in need of repairs and was too small for our needs. We were unable to obtain more ground so as to enlarge our building. God placed it on the hearts of His people to build a new church. We started a building fund the Fifth Sunday in January, 1950. The women of the church gave to this fund \$175.00, which they had earned from quilting and selling quilts. We announced our plans for a new church. The League Convention, which was held at our church, voted to give us \$18.00. The Sunday School Convention gave us an offering of \$25.00. The Fredericktown Church gave us an offering of \$150.00. Our building fund began to grow. God came to our rescue and we were able to obtain about three-quarters of an acre of ground and build a 38 x 50 foot basement at a cost of \$2,000.00. This was completed in 1951, and we moved in the basement on Thanksgiving Day.

God continued His blessings upon us both spiritually and materially, our building fund continued to grow, and in June of this year we felt that we were in a position to complete our building, which was contracted to a local firm. The building was completed September first at a cost of \$7,000.00, making a total cost for land and the building \$9,540.00. Our indebtedness at present is \$320.00. Our present location is just a short distance from the old church. We are planning an all-day service the First Sunday in October as a day of worship, thanksgiving and prayer unto God who has made this work a success. We wish to thank each and everyone who has contributed time or money toward the completion of the church.

I am starting my fourth year as pastor of this church. While we only have a membership of about 35, I have never worked with a more faithful and determined people to accomplish the work they have in their hearts to do. We have learned that to build a church we need faith in God, patience and hard work.

We are planning a revival in the very near future. We covet your prayers for our work here at Mill Creek.

Very truly yours,

Rev. L. A. Ferguson,
Fredericktown, Mo.

ARKANSAS ITINERATE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Arkansas, the land of opportunity! These words are true. They are true regarding fellowship with the saints of the Lord. This was definitely proven this year at the Arkansas State Association while in session at Bellews Chapel Church near Newport, Arkansas. A most gracious time was enjoyed and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting as led by the capable moderator, Rev. Othel Dixon.

It was a real joy to me to be back in my home state and renew "old" acquaintances and make many new friends. One of the highlights of my visit was being able to point a young wife to the Lord Jesus Christ. It happened after church one night in the home of her mother where I was staying. She actually became converted during the evening service but would not surrender. However, after she arrived home we gave her the plan of salvation from God's Word and as tears streamed down her face, we knelt in prayer and "settled it all." Her name is Mrs. June Chism. Please remember her in prayer.

Another touching scene at the Arkansas State Association was the Memorial Service held at the grave side of the late Rev. L. C. Doyle. Bro. Doyle was one of the pioneer F.W.B. preachers in Arkansas and endeavored to lead the state into the National Association sometime before she affiliated. I remember hearing him preach when I was a lad, sitting on the front seat and my bare feet would not touch the floor. The Lord called him home last year. His faithful wife and widow and many of his children were present, also his preacher brethren. Each of us felt very keenly the presence of the Lord as we paid tribute to one so dear who had meant so much to the Cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist Church of Arkansas.

From the State Association we began our itinerate in the interest of Foreign Missions. Everyone was kind and re-

sponsive. Many of our people in this great state have not been informed of all the activities of our denomination. I found everyone anxious to know and anxious to do what they could for our program. There are several new and growing churches, pastored by young consecrated men with a vision. Yes sir, I am encouraged about Arkansas, the land of opportunity! We traveled about 1,700 miles and I want to express my gratitude to every pastor for his cooperation, and unless I miss my guess Arkansas will almost double her quota this year for Foreign Missions.

Itinerate Report—

State Mission Board	\$120.00
State Association	54.25
Highway 71 FWB Church	16.25
Armour Ave. FWB Church	73.05
Saline Association (received at State Meeting)	3.05
Russellville FWB CHURCH ...	40.45
Pine Bluff FWB Church	20.06
Willoughby FWB Church	63.85
Greenbrier FWB Church	35.00
Mt. Harmony Church	23.00
Alice Brooks	28.25
Sutton	16.14
Arbor Grove FWB Church	34.00
Pocahontas	130.00
Total	\$657.80

Rev. Raymond Riggs, prom. secy.

EXTENSION SCHOOL TO BE CONDUCTED IN ALABAMA

The Extension Department of Free Will Baptist Bible College will conduct its first extension school at Eldridge, Alabama, November 16-27. Rev. Leroy Forlines will be in charge.

Classes will be conducted in the Educational Building of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Rev. W. H. Ryland, superintendent of the home, has been directing the advertising in the surrounding area. A large enrollment is expected from the churches located near Eldridge.

The extension school is designed to make training available to anyone who wishes it, especially to those who cannot enroll for resident credit in the College. Ministers and workers in the Sunday School, League, and Woman's Auxiliary are especially urged to attend.

—Contributed



From The Editor's Desk



PERSONALLY YOURS—

This month, I wish to depart from form just a little, and bring to you some of the things that confront your editor. Of course it would be impossible to reveal everything that crosses our desk and our mind. It would even be difficult to give an accurate picture of the problems and blessings encumbent with our work.

The month of October has been a very busy one. In fact, the entire fall season has been one of a very heavy work schedule. There is no immediate indication of a let-up. For this we are thankful. Certainly there is no pleasure in idleness, especially in the service of the Lord. Then, too, the more the out-go, the better the income. So we do appreciate the things we have to do. However, it sometimes taxes all our physical qualities to the limit. When this happens, we have to lay off the extra hours a little bit and rely on people's understanding if we are a few extra days meeting their needs. And indeed, we find folks quite understanding when delays are necessary.

October showed a definite upswing in interest of the Gem. We now have several new subscribers on our mailing list. This certainly makes us rejoice. Conversely, we are always grieved if we lose a friend from the list. Please be prompt with your renewal, and at the same time urge others to subscribe. We are sorry that we ran out of extra Gems this month for sample and promotional work: the demand was unusually heavy for the extras, and we are grateful. Any time that we can supply you with extra Gems for promotional work, please let us know.

I suppose that it is natural that we would hear only the good things folks have to say about the Gem, but we are very flattered about the content of recent correspondence. There has been an abundance of compliments. We hope we may continue to have your opinions of the Gem. If it has helped you in any way, we will be helped to know it. The purpose of the Gem is to be of help to people everywhere, and to be

an honor to God. If we fail in these purposes, we are no longer justified or willing to continue in this field of labor. Since we have never claimed exemption to imperfection, we will very humbly and thankfully receive any adverse criticism you may be able to offer. By realizing both our success and our failures, we will be much better able to serve you.

Among our recent correspondence is one short letter that touches my own heart. I would like to share some of the letter with you. "I began pastoring churches when I was 24 years old. Our only conveyance was a horse and buggy. Sometimes I pastored as many as four churches. Some of these were 35 miles away. It would be necessary to return home Sunday afternoon or after the evening service in order to be at work on Monday morning. I have worked at farming, in general merchandise and drug stores and in wholesale houses. But after 48 years of this kind of work, I believe the Free Will Baptist Church comes nearer complying with the New Church than any other that I know about." There are probably many others who can equal this record of service, but each such account brought to our attention causes us to realize we are certainly endowed with a priceless heritage that has been built through great sacrifice by those who have pioneered the work in yesteryear.

The Gem Office recently received an issue of volume 1, number 1, of the "Free Will Baptist Promoter," official publication of the new Progressive Association of Oklahoma. Rev. Ralph Staten is the Promotional Secretary of the Association, and is also editor of the paper. The publication will be issued as funds are available, which it is hoped will be monthly. Thus both an association and another publication are born. The paper, just as the Gem, takes exception to no other Free Will Baptist publication, but encourages our people to subscribe to all of them. It will be primarily used to assure communication among the people of the new association and to promote the enterprises of the denomination there.

Late September initiated the revival season in the State of Missouri, with services opening in Kirksville the same evening of the close of the State Association at nearby Greentop. The tent was hastily moved to accommodate the services at Kirksville. Rev. Damon C. Dodd of the National Home Mission Department, was the evangelist in this revival. At the conclusion of the meeting the group organized into a church and called Rev. Lester Jones, native Missourian, recently of the South, to be the pastor. Great prospects are in evidence for this new church.

Rev. Harry E. Staires, pastor of the Lawnwood Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, came to Missouri for a short revival with the Mountain Grove Church. With the church prayed up and ready, the revival moved off quickly and souls came to repentance. Rev. Willard C. Day is the pastor.

Rev. O. T. Allred alternated with Rev. Francis Clark, pastor of the Blue Eye Church, in bringing the messages in a revival at Blue Eye. Several souls were saved and the church greatly revived and encouraged.

As we go to press a revival is in progress at the Monett Church, with Rev. Winford Davis the evangelist, and Rev. Cecil Campbell the pastor. The revival is in the fourth week.

A revival is in progress at Verdella Church in Central Western Missouri. Rev. Willard C. Day is doing the preaching; Rev. Kenneth Turner is pastor. Rev. Paul Williams is bringing the messages at a revival at Hickory Grove, also in Central Western Missouri. Rev. Conrad Williford is the pastor. Many other revivals are being planned for the near future. Incidentally, we would like to have complete reports of all revivals.

OVERLOOKED EARLIER—Sunday School average attendance for September in Farmington Mission was 23. *Late Arrival*—the report of Hannon Sunday School (near Liberal) was an average of 57.

Now, allow me to go off on a tangent. Probably this is not unusual. However, I wish to deal with the controversial Kinsey report. Probably too much has been said about it already—especially

the articles catalogued as 'pro.' Most certainly too much publicity has been given it. As a result, perhaps some people now desire to examine its content who would not ordinarily be interested in such a book. I have not seen a copy of it: I do not care to see a copy of it. In the case of the Revised Version of the Bible, I did want to see one. After I had briefly examined it and found it to be what it was, I felt compelled to examine it even more carefully so that I could give a comprehensive report of its (un)acceptability and (lack of) usefulness. Probably our people also deserve a qualified estimation of the Kinsey report. I have therefore looked around for someone who could and would report in an honest manner and whose report would reflect an accurate summary in the light of Christian integrity. I am sure I have found that report in the following article by Dr. Harold L. Lundquist who agreed to read it at the request of the editors of *"The Christlife Magazine,"* that readers might have expert opinion of a Christian leader. The article is as it appeared in the above mentioned Magazine.

"The extensive pre-publication publicity regarding the Kinsey report (Sexual Behavior in the Human Female) has naturally reached the eyes of many Christian folk who are asking themselves whether they ought to buy and read such a book.

"Some would say that we as Christians have no business being interested in such matters at all, and that we must not so much as discuss the matter of sex.

"Others have an inordinate curiosity about such matters and secretly indulge in much thinking and reading along this line.

"Both attitudes are wrong. We do not gain by shutting our eyes to the important problem of sex, for it is here by the creation of God, and is a most powerful force, whether we recognize it or not. It's like a preacher friend of mine said about backsliding: 'We, in our church do not believe in backsliding, but we do practice it.'

"On the other hand, to take that which God intended to be pure and fine—and one of the high privileges of mankind—and make it a sordid bestial thing and a source of constant talking and so-called 'joking,' is certainly wrong. Sex should be an open subject

to be handled discreetly, chastely, and in the light of God's guidance and grace.

"The Kinsey report on women (and we assume that the same is true of the volume on men) presents itself as a medical volume published by a company which prints books for physicians. It is couched for the most part in medical terms (we shall comment on this later) and arranged like a medical textbook.

"Had the matter been permitted to rest there we might have no occasion to write this review of the book. But certain disquieting elements make us feel that the preparation and sale of this book was with the definite purpose that it be widely circulated among those who should not have it. We note

(1) The skilled and persistent publicity before publication. Making expert use of the inordinate interest and prurient curiosity of men, it has created an 'appetite' for the book and printed 250,000 copies of a 'medical' book which would ordinarily be widely circulated at 5,000 copies. Who is expected to buy the 245,000?

(2) The material in the book, particularly in the places where it really 'instructs' the reader in the wrong use of sex, is written in medical language but with a slant which gives a clue to any fairly intelligent reader. There is stuff here that is downright destructive, real 'dynamite' in the hands of a young person.

(3) Much material is given which (at least so it seems to us) would be of little use to a doctor and which he would not want, but which will appeal to the erotically-minded reader.

(4) There is definite support by the writers (albeit, given in a somewhat 'left-handed' way) to the idea that Christian ideals of morality are too high and hence hinder full sex development, which they say would come if we were more free about sex controls before marriage; in fact, on the part of the younger boys and girls. While the writers may believe this (and we do not doubt their sincerity), there could be little purpose in trying to convince a doctor on that point. The approach is one which will obviously delight those who want what they call 'free love,' and an 'uninhibited sex life.'

"There are other questions which may be raised about the study. The sample of 5,940 women is not very large for a nation where we have mil-

lions of women. It does not include a sufficiently large percentage of spiritually minded women. It is also rather 'spotty' as far as occupations are concerned. Yet it must be acknowledged that there has evidently been an effort to reach a cross-section of womankind.

"What does the study reveal? Well essentially that the sexual behaviour of women is much like that of men—good and wholesome on the part of those who have standards, sordid and animal-like on the part of those who have no Christian standards.

"Should we as Christians buy and read the book? Yes, if you are a doctor of medicine, or a trained social worker, a lawyer who has to handle legal problems in this field, or a balanced individual in a field of religious endeavor where such knowledge is helpful. No, if you do not belong to these occupations. It is very plainly not the kind of reading for the home—certainly not for growing children nor for young adults. Too much of its contents has already been revealed in the extensive magazine discussions, and surely no more than that can be needed.

"As a matter of fact, I am not happy that I had to read it, although I might claim necessity on two or three of the grounds indicated. I have read it because the editors and I felt that the readers of *"Christlife Magazine"* should have a first-hand review of the book from a Christian viewpoint. I have asked the Lord to give me a mental and spiritual 'bath' to wash away the sense of having been soiled by reading it. I have asked Him to renew in my heart and mind the high principles of sex which He had in mind when He 'created man in his own image, . . . male and female . . . and blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth . . . ' Gen. 1:27-28."

WE MUST WORK

We must work, for night is coming
Even now is at the door;
Souls more valuable than rubies
Will be lost forevermore.
We must work; the world is hungry
For the peace that Jesus gives.
All must work and pray together
'Till they cry, "We've heard—He lives!"

—Selected



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Now THEN we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. II Cor. 5:20.

By a deep conviction of sin and by our saving faith in Christ, we are His ambassadors. Coming out from a life of ruin and destruction, we go forth a representative of Christ and heaven. We do not go alone. Christ said, "Lo, I am with you." Matt. 28:20. It is so wonderful that the presence of Christ comforts us. We are saved, and on a mission—with Him going before. The love and presence of Christ constrains us to follow Him. His love is a flame that kindles ours.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

Being reconciled through Christ, we have intimate fellowship with Him. Through the instruction of His Word and the blessing of prayer, our fellowship with Him grows richer and sweeter. The task of winning the unreconciled has been committed to us. As His love and fellowship becomes great in us, the deeper our love and passion for the lost becomes.

Every good man is a peacemaker. Both unconsciously by his character and disposition, and consciously by his efforts to promote concord and amity among his fellowmen. The Christian minister, however, goes deeper when he aims at securing harmony between God and man, and he purposes to effect this reconciliation, not by the use of ordinary persuasion, but by the presentation of the Gospel of Christ. The Christian ministry presumes the need of reconciliation. There is a moral Ruler and a moral law, righteous and authoritative. Against this Ruler men have rebelled, they have broken the law, and thus introduced enmity and conflict. Divine displeasure has thus been incurred, and divine penalties by which just displeasure is expressed.

The life of an ambassador must be pure. We are Co-workers with Christ, so it is important that our lives ex-

emplify Christ, and our conduct refrain from anything that mars a Christian testimony and witness. It is our pleasure to be resigned to all service and suffering. "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." I Peter 4:16.

We are commissioned and sent forth by the King of Heaven, and receive our authority from the King's Son. He sends us forth with the highest commission, "Go ye into all the world," to present Him to all peoples everywhere. Let us prove ourselves worthy to be called His Ambassador and enjoy His blessings.

Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys, W.A. Editor

"HAVE WE DONE WHAT WE COULD?"

Dear Co-Workers In Christ:

We are glad to report that our Auxiliary is in good working order. We enjoy the Auxiliary work very much. For the next few minutes may our thoughts dwell on one of our departments especially—The Youth Camp.

We are thankful to the Lord for His many blessings and the progress of our Youth Camp. Also, we are thankful for Bro. and Sis. Reeves and Kenneth, for the Youth Camp Board, and all who have worked so hard to make our Youth Camp a success.

The Camp is a wonderful training station for our youth. We can't give them too much spiritual training because "our youth of today is our church of tomorrow."

We accredit much of our spiritual growth to the training we received as a youth. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and keep the main line open to our Youth Camp.

We have been asking ourselves the question, "Have we done what we could" for the progress of our Youth Camp?

We have a burden for our Youth Camp and the children it represents. In feeling this burden and wanting to do something about it, our Auxiliary

presented the following suggestion to our church and it was wonderfully accepted: That each church member give one dollar for our Camp Fund. Several pledges have been given by folks who do not belong to the church. We are thankful for each one who has contributed to this wonderful cause.

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place: and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Matt. 17:20. God help us to have just a little faith, and build a better Youth Camp.

May we, the churches of the State of Missouri, join hands and agree to not let our Youth Camp be on vacation but one year.

God bless each one who contributes to this wonderful cause.

Carterville (Mo.) Auxiliary

AUXILIARY ASSUMES LEAD IN WANDA EDWARDS FUND

To Every Free Will Baptist of Missouri:

The Executive Committee of the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention answered a very hearty "yes" when asked if the Convention would take the initiative in raising funds for Wanda Edwards' passage and supplies for service as a Missionary in India.

Wanda will graduate from the "City School of Nursing" in St. Louis in October, 1954. It is her hopes and ambition to go to India shortly after her graduation. Of course we realize that that is a year ahead, but we also realize that the amount to be raised will be quite large and we certainly don't want her to be delayed on account of lack of money for her passage and supplies.

Surely all of us as Free Will Baptists of Missouri will be willing to give of our material substance to make Wanda's ministry as a Medical Missionary possible since she has been willing to wholly dedicate her very being to this task. She has depended upon the Lord for her provisions for

her education and He has graciously supplied her needs. He has used her mother, relatives and close friends to provide those needs, but these needs are so great that He must depend upon every Free Will Baptist in the State of Missouri to meet them. Let us not fail to supply the needs for if we do we will not only be failing one of our own girls but we will also be failing our blessed Saviour who said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." Matt. 25:45b.

A list of needed supplies is furnished below, but you can also start now putting aside in a special fund any amount of money that you feel the Lord would have you give for this cause.

Here is a partial list of essential items for duty as a Medical Missionary to India:

- 12 single sheets
- 6 double sheets
- 12 pairs pillow cases
- 2 pillows (foam rubber preferred)
- 3 double blankets
- Washing machine (gasoline)
- Refrigerator (gasoline)
- Iron (gasoline)
- Luggage
- 2 Pressure cookers (1 large, 1 small)
- Filing cabinet
- Bicycle
- Typewriter
- Flashlights

Remember, the need is great! The laborers are almost in readiness—let us do our part!

In Him,

Mrs. Agnes Smith

REPORT ALL DEPARTMENTS OF CHURCH ON INCREASE

Third F.W.B. Church
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sis. Jeffreys:

Our Woman's Auxiliary met September 24, with the president, Sis. Edmiston, leading the devotional, and all singing, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Sis. Barker. Piano solo, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," by Sharon Barker. The program from our year book, "The Light of Truth Shines on Our Community," was studied. The introduction was given by Sis. Denton. Subjects: "What are the needs of our community?" by Sis. Barker; "My re-

sponsibility to my community," by Sis. Parrott, and "How the needs may be met," by Sis. Cole.

Sis. DeWitt gave an interesting report on her recent visit to the F.W.B. Home for Children at Greenville, Tennessee, and a report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention at the State Association.

Our women plan to use the proceeds from our recent bake sale to purchase two new gas stoves for our church kitchen.

On October 4, following the Sunday morning services, our women served a basket dinner and gave Bro. and Sis. Barker a lovely shower. We were happy to have pastors and members from the other F.W.B. Churches in St. Louis as guests through the noon hour.

We thank God for our good pastor and his family. God has richly blessed us the last few weeks. We are thankful for the steady increase in prayer meeting and in Sunday services. Our League has increased 65 percent in the past four weeks, for which we are thankful.

Our revival will begin November 8 and continue through November 22, with various ministers bringing messages the first week, and Rev. James Franklin will be our evangelist the last week. We are asking the praying people to pray that our church might be a blessing to our community and that lost souls might find Christ.

We pray for God's help and guidance through the coming year.

Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Secretary
Rev. James Barker, Pastor

NEW HARMONY MISSION

The New Harmony Mission met with Mrs. Iva Daniels on Wednesday, October 7, for an afternoon meeting.

The devotionals were opened by singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord," and "Are You Washed in the Blood?" Prayer by Dora Fugate. There were 12 members, eight children and two visitors present. The president read for a Scripture, the first chapter of Revelation. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was answered with a verse of Scripture. There had been 130 Bible chapters read, six sick calls made and six cards sent since the last meeting.

Our work for the afternoon was on a comfort.

We received as an offering \$3.34, and .50 for dues, also a \$3.00 donation.

Mrs. John Grob became a member.

We were dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

The Mission met with Mrs. Anna Buchanan on Tuesday, October 20, for an afternoon meeting. Devotions were opened by singing, "The Haven of Rest." Prayer by Mrs. Buchanan. The president read for a Scripture lesson Mark 1:9-16. The lesson for the meeting was, "The Light of Truth Shines on Consecration." Topics were given by Anna Buchanan, Myrtle Lay, Mildred Gilliam and Mildred Gregory. Roll call was answered with a Bible verse by nine members, two visitors and five children.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Reports were 121 Bible chapters read, four sick calls made and nine cards sent since the last meeting.

An offering of \$11.85 was received. We tacked two comforts for the hostess which was \$1.50. Also .50 in dues and a donation of \$15.50 was received.

Mrs. Oscar Western became a member.

We were dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

Our next meeting will be with Sis. Mildred Gilliam on November 3.

Iva Daniels, president
Myrtle Lay, secretary

STUDIES CONSECRATION

The Hazel Creek Woman's Auxiliary met Wednesday, October 14 with Dora Sponsler. There were 12 members and nine children present.

The president led the devotional, with all singing, "The Haven of Rest," followed by sentence prayers. The Scripture reading was Mark 1:9-15.

Emma Van Laningham introduced the lesson, "The Light of Truth Shines on Consecration." Topics were given by Leona Thompson, Lizzie Filkins, Ethel Thompson and Oletha Parsons. We were dismissed with prayer by Ethel Thompson.

A Co-Laborer Fund offering of \$1.40 was received. Reports included 700 Bible chapters read, 17 cards sent out and 54 good-will calls made.

(See page 10 for final W. A. article.)

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZES A WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

October 24, 1953

To the Gem:

The ladies of the newly organized First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville, Missouri, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dare, October 23 for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary.

Sister Alta Mikel had been elected president, and Elsie Dare secretary-treasurer at the organization of the new church on September 30. Sister Mikel took charge of the meeting and 11 ladies became charter members. The following officers were elected:

1st vice Lillian Wood
2nd vice Myrtle Jones
3rd vice Betty Swisher
4th vice Velma Wellman
5th vice Lola Matthew

We plan to meet twice each month. As several of the ladies work, one meeting will be held the First Thursday afternoon, and one meeting the Third Wednesday night after prayer meeting.

Pray for us that we might do great work for our Master.

Elsie Dare, secretary

CUBA MUST HAVE CHAPELS

October 21, 1953

Reverend Raymond Riggs
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bro. Riggs:

I have visited the copper mining town of Mate Hambre where we have had a young preacher for over a year. The boy has been preaching in homes and as a result has a number of fine enthusiastic converts, in fact we marvel at the enthusiasm they are showing. Since we started the work there we have tried in every possible way to get permission to build. The owners are very Catholic and because of putting us off so often we despaired of getting any results. Some of the American officials are very interested in our getting a church building, especially one American woman. Mrs. Willey and I visit them quite often.

Antonio, the pastor, came in to the School Sunday with a group of the Christians and said that the owners

with a group of officials of the company called him in and asked him what he would preach and teach. Finally they said, "We will give you permission and a lot to build a church, but Mr. Willey must come and give us the plans for the building and select the lot." So I went yesterday and selected a very nice lot and presented plans for a cement block church building, 70 feet long which will include the auditorium and living quarters for the pastor—70 by 30. The contract is being drawn up in the name of The Free Will Baptist Church which will be included as property under the Cuban Constitution we have on all properties.

I feel like if we can encourage this group with a loan to begin the foundation, it will be worth while. The concrete work will be done by the brethren there; the company helping in the fill-in. The town is a typical mountain town very much like our coal mining villages. The building lots are not level, so they must be filled with the waste from the mine.

Another place that needs encouragement is the fishing village of Arroyas where we have a growing congregation of earnest believers. Moses, the pastor, has an opportunity to buy a lot in the center of the town for \$140.00. We must take advantage of this as soon as possible. This lot is cheap for the location.

You will do us a great favor if there are any funds available for these two to at least start, and I am sure we shall see an immediate response on the part of our Cuban Christians.

I have just returned from a very precious trip from a field that you visited with me years ago near La Palma which offers real possibilities. We shall have to build there, but the Cuban Christians will do that.

I trust that things are picking up in the department. Praying for you—

Yours in Him,

Thomas H. Willey

During the 1953 session of the Cuban Association, a request from our Cuban brethren was presented to loan \$9,000 to erect much needed Chapels in various places in Cuba.

The Cuban brethren do not wish this to be a gift: they are asking for a loan. The Foreign Mission Board has proposed to make this loan, contingent of course, upon necessary funds over

and above current budget being available.

There may be someone who reads these lines that could make a generous loan toward this great need and project. In such event, please notify the Foreign Missions Department or send funds designated for Cuban Chapels.

Promotional Secy-Treas.
Rev. Raymond Riggs,

NEW MISSION STARTED

402 Patterson Street
Farmington, Mo.

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

I hope that the work at the Gem is doing fine.

I wish to report on our work here at our little mission in Farmington. Yes, it has been the prayer of many for some years for a work to start in this town of over 4,000 with not an evangelistic fervor outside the Holiness movement. Well, praise be to our great God and wonderful Saviour, it is now a reality. Please pray for us that souls may be won to Christ. We seek not prestige or praise as some do, that is why we need your humble prayers.

There were some who said, "I have lots large enough to build a church and parsonage on," but since our starting we learn that these were available on condition that a certain preacher or preachers be used. Thank God, I am born of God, flexible, working for the salvation of the lost, and what is given to the Cause and not for special friends to see or know about.

We hear the echo ringing from the National Association right on down through our Local Association—expand, build, grow. More churches are needed in which to evangelize, but where is the effort?

Thus far we can brag about our good services, especially that the blessed presence of the sweet Holy Spirit has met with us in every service. New faces have been seen in our services except once, and we praise God for each one.

We plan to organize into a church as soon as possible, and certainly when we make—or rather when God makes us some more good old Holy Ghost filled Free Will Baptists to join with us in this work, then we feel that God would have us organize.

In a financial way, God has brought

to our treasury about double the amount we expected. Praise God for His wonderful way of providing for us when we pray and trust Him. We do need your prayers here at Farmington, to pray for us when you pray His will, not ours.

God has blessed our group with some wonderful and talented young people. One is Rev. Willard Earnell, who preached the first sermon in the name of Free Will Baptists in Farmington, and he sure did a marvelous job, anointed by God with the Spirit. If ever a man speaks in the Spirit, he certainly does, in his humble fashion that none but Darnell can perform. Yes, we all have our way to be used of God.

We extend an invitation to anyone passing through to please stop. Our services are now being held in a business building at 109 E. Harrison St.

Would you please pray just one special prayer for us.

Humbly yours,

Rev. Charles H. Moyers

ROSE ANN LEWIS IS BRIDE OF REV. LEONARD GARDNER

Bethesda Missionary Temple was the scene of a lovely wedding Saturday, September 12, when Rose Ann Lewis and Rev. Leonard Gardner exchanged wedding vows.

Nuptial music was given by Harry Beall and Mrs. Felda Campbell as soloist and organist.

The bride wore a lovely chantilly lace gown which was floor length with a chapel train. Her head piece was of the latest coronation crown with fingertip scalloped lace veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses with a white purple lipped orchid. Her only jewelry was a white gold cross which was a gift of the groom.

There were ten attendants who were as follows: maid of honor, Virginia Davis; best man (brother of groom), Charles Gardner; first bridesmaid and usher, Melda Maynard and John Barbu. Succeeding bridesmaids and ushers as follows: Betty Headrick and Don Pollard, Sandra Lewis (sister of bride) and Billy Barr. Ring bearer and flower girl, Ronnie Gellach and Karen Langley.

Parents of the bride are Rev. and Mrs. Mark Lewis of Hazel Park, Michigan. The bride's father, pastor of

the Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church, performed the ceremony, with Rev. James L. Beall and Rev. Mrs. M. D. Beall officiating.

Bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rothard Gardner of Clawson, Michigan.

The bride and groom were met outside the church by a horse and buggy which took them away from the church.

The reception was held in the Bethesda Church parlor. About 250 guests were in attendance. The bride and groom received many, many beautiful gifts.

The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Jackson, Michigan. When they returned, they moved to their newly built home in Clawson, Michigan where the bridegroom is assistant pastor to Rev. Dafee at John R. Evangelistic Center.

—Contributed

MY IMPRESSION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

About the middle of the year 1952 the President and the Secretary of the Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches made a visit to the Seminary "Cedros del Libano." We were interested in finding out what the Free Will Baptist Church was doing. On that occasion we were cordially welcomed by Rev. Rafael Rodriguez Josue and Mrs. Thos. H. Willey. It was rather a short visit, but we were favorably impressed. The more we learned about the pastors and members of this church the more we were convinced of the splendid work carried on by this evangelical denomination.

Last year Rev. M. B. Salabarría, President of the Council, was invited to deliver the commencement address. During the celebration of the annual meeting of the Cuban Council on November, 1952, we were pleased to have among us a group of pastors headed by Rev. Thomas H. Willey. As they told us of their experiences on the field we could appreciate in a better and clearer way the type of work they carry on. We also noticed the attractive personality of the young fellow pastors.

I was invited this year to attend their Tenth Annual Convention. I spent three unforgettable days at the Seminary "Los Cedros del Libano." I

intimated with the Willeys and found out how much they are loved by everybody. The Annual Convention was a fine one: good meetings, well chosen topics, wonderful choir selections, interesting business meetings, Christian fellowship, inspiration. Those present were deeply convinced of the fact that "it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity." One could readily notice how joyful and grateful to God each one was. Methodist, Nazarene, Association of Churches and Presbyterian delegations were present—all of them as part of one body.

The Willeys, and Rev. Wolfe Hansen, Director of the Seminary "Los Pinos Nuevos," Rev. Raymond Riggs and I had long talks on the matter of evangelization in Cuba.

The Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches is pleased to acknowledge the splendid missionary work carried on by the Free Will Baptist Church and is thankful to God for the wonderful results obtained during the past ten years.

We surely enjoyed the friendship and good fellowship of the Free Will Baptist brethren who are called to do so much good in our country. We all pray God's richest blessings upon this work, its leaders, pastors and members.

Rev. Raul Fernandez Ceballos
Executive Secretary, Cuban
Council Evangelical Churches

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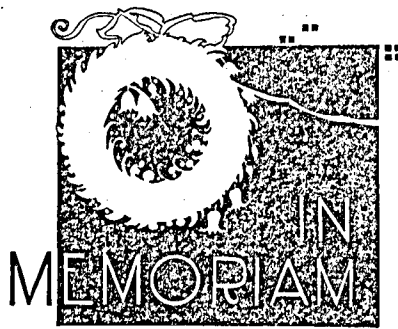
"I like to think of myself as being broad-minded; I would let each country be free to choose whatever religion it prefers."

How broad is this man's mind?

In Moslem countries a woman "has no soul." Her lot in life is to please her husband, bear children, carry the water, cook and tend the livestock. She is bought by her husband for about fifty dollars. One Moslem husband out of five has two wives. Half her babies die before they are two years old. From five to ten percent of the men can read, but almost none of the women. Some husbands beat their wives daily to make them work. Others beat them "only when they need it."

Our Missionaries travel a good many miles in a year to win such people to a more abundant life.

—Selected



GRANDMOTHER THOMAS

Emma Jane Swartz, oldest daughter of John and Rachel Swartz, was born in Fairfield, Ohio, April 15, 1862, and departed this life at the age of 91 years on October 10, 1953 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Thornton of Arcadia, Kansas.

As a child of four years she moved with her family to the vicinity of Shelbyville, Illinois where she spent her girlhood days. In the year 1879, on June 29, she was married to Loton Thomas. To this union eight children were born. Their first three were born in Illinois after which they came to Missouri and settled near Hannon. There the rest of their children were born and raised. All of them married and, with the exception of one, established their homes near Hannon.

Grandmother Thomas at an early age gave her heart to God and lived a consecrated Christian life. She was a charter member of the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church. She was also an active member of the W.C.T.U. for many years.

Words fail to express our feelings about Grandmother Thomas, as she came to be called by young and old alike. She was a cheerful, happy person. She loved to be with people, and was the happiest in the midst of her large family. We sum it up thus: "She was good. She was holy. She loved everybody and everybody loved her."

As the years sped by she was called on to give up her beloved husband and her three oldest sons—Wilbur, John and Oscar. Bravely carrying her sorrow, she maintained her own home until four years ago when she went to make her home with her two daughters.

In spite of her advanced age with its accompanying infirmities, Grandmother Thomas retained an active mind and a joy until a fall 11 weeks previous to her passing rendered her helpless and ill. All that the loving hands of her children, grandchildren and neighbors and friends could do was of no avail. After a long eventful life she has gone to her reward.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, five children who are: Mrs. Pearl Lewis and Mrs. Edna Thornton of Arcadia, Kansas; Ross and Lon Thomas of Liberal, Missouri, and Jay Thomas of Toledo, Oregon. Also, one sister, Mrs. Carrie Hughes of Kansas City, Missouri, 28 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Hannon Church. Rev. Winford Davis officiated at the services. Grandsons made up the escort, and the granddaughters had charge of the flowers.

"Under His Wings," "Beyond the Sunset," and "Peace In the Valley," were sung by Bud, Ralph and Dean Talbott and Boyd Thornton with Mrs. Mary Carr at the piano. At the cemetery Rev. Davis sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Burial was in Worsley Cemetery.

Editors Note: Grandmother Thomas, as she has always been to your editor, was one of several persons living a life of high influence to me. Quiet and unpretentious, kind and always with a smile, she tried diligently to be a good steward of every virtue, material, opportunity and responsibility God gave her. Her departure brings sorrow felt far beyond her immediate family, and leaves a vacancy in the home, in the church and in the community.

MISSIONARIES ARE VERY BUSY IN CUBAN FIELD

Pinar del Rio, Cuba
September 15, 1953

Dear Mr. Riggs:

Classes have started here in the Bible School and there isn't a moment to waste! Rising bell is at 6:00, with the first class at 7:30 and continuing until noon. The afternoon is taken up in the work program—farming, cleaning, washing, ironing, and all that is involved in the necessities of living

and maintaining a school. In the evening there are three hours for study and lights out at 10:00.

Secundino, the cook, who came to us recently from the central part of the island, said he was born in a little fishing village on the north coast. He had had no contact with his relatives for many years and wanted to try to locate them. He and Mr. Willey went by bus to La Palma, then went back across the hills and to the coast on horseback. They found his uncle and several cousins, none of whom had ever heard the Gospel. In visiting in the area, they found many families who didn't know there was a Bible, and had never heard of God's wonderful plan of salvation. Wherever they went, the people begged them to stay and read more of the Word, and to return soon to feed their hungry hearts.

As soon as the dry season comes, we plan to take a group of students into the section every second Sunday. We will take them as far as possible in the car, then they will scatter—some going on by horseback, others walking—each one will conduct two or three services and visit in many homes. There are groups of homes scattered throughout the hills, and in each place there are multitudes of children. Pray for this needy field that many will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. This is only one needy field and we are surrounded by many more. Please continue to remember the workers in each field, that they will be able to constantly reach out to new fields and that the Christians in every field will grow in Grace and in Knowledge of Him.

Praise the Lord for these fine, consecrated young people who have heard the Lord's call and are obedient to His command. They need your prayers that they might remain true to the Word and faithful to the task.

Richard and Roger also have a heavy course of study and work. Please continue to remember them in prayer.

We are grateful for your remembrance of us. May the Lord richly bless you and keep you.

We recently received a letter from Mrs. Adeline Tirrill, 1571 Q Street, Springfield, Oregon. She states that she was saved about one and one-half years ago through a young couple who started a Sunday School in the same block where they lived. She further states, and I quote from her letter,

"Now with about 40 to 50 in our little Sunday School, we have bought property and have started the first Free Will Baptist Church in Oregon. My husband is deacon and Sunday School superintendent. I am Sunday School teacher and Benevolent Secretary for our church. We are holding church in a big double garage on the church property, but hope to start on our building soon."

You may already have this information, but I thought I'd send it on to you in case you do not have it.

We do not know anyone living in Springfield, Oregon, but she said a young couple had been attending the church who told them about us. She failed to give us their names.

We do not know why our support has fallen off so much in recent months but we are thankful for that which has come.

In His service,

Edith and Herbert Phenice

NOTE: This letter recently came from our missionaries in Cuba—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenice. They are a great asset to our work there, so please pray the Lord to supply their support.

—Raymond Riggs

RENEWED SUPPORT URGED

May we come to you with a further word in regard to our denominational needs?

Through all this section of the country, many revivals are being conducted in various churches, all of which are needful and beneficial. We, as Free Will Baptists in the State of Missouri (and I suppose in other states also), need a revival of interest in all our denominational work. In our Mission program, God has given us worthy men and women who have said 'yes' to the call of God to carry the Gospel to those in other lands: others are in training for this great work. Needy fields are ripe to harvest here in the home-land. With many leaders of some of the larger denominations leaving the fundamental teachings of the Word of God, lining up with the National Council of Churches, and endorsing the efforts which are now being made to form a super world church, the fields are white to harvest to those of us who will still preach Christ, the

Divine Son of God, born of a virgin, crucified for our sins, raised for our justification, and coming again for His own, and the Bible the inspired Word of God. These are our challenges in the Mission field, and we are again asking you to make this a special object of prayer each Monday.

On Tuesday, pray for our College, where young men and women are trained for full-time Christian service. Pray for the faculty and the student body, and for the financial needs of the college, both for the operation and the expansion of the school.

For special prayer on Wednesday, we are asking you to pray for our church papers—our means of communication and information. We want to make a special appeal to our people in the State of Missouri to pray for, to subscribe to, and to ask others to subscribe to the Free Will Baptist Gem. Someone will say, "Well, does the paper need our support that much?" It isn't so much what the paper needs as that every Free Will Baptist family needs the information which this paper carries concerning all departments of our work. Also, pray for and subscribe to our new National paper, the "CONTACT" that you may have for one year by sending \$1.00 to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, editor, at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, and simply say to send me the Contact. If we can get every Free Will Baptist to read our church papers, I believe that they will then do something about the needs of our work.

On Thursday, pray for our superannuated ministers, and for the program to help them financially.

Friday, pray for our Youth and our program to properly train them for Christian service. Perhaps here we should say something about our Youth Encampment program. The Youth Camp Board is charged with the responsibility of renting a camp that is equipped with modern facilities for the next session. Then, after that, if something which shows great possibilities doesn't develop, no doubt we will be going right ahead to improve our own camp just as fast as the Lord makes it possible. We, as the Board, must have continued support of our churches through the State Co-Operative Fund. There will continue to be some expense in keeping up the insurance and whatever other things that are needed to protect and maintain

the property. Also, there will be the expense of securing a suitable place for next year's session. Any amount received over and above these necessary expenses will be held in trust by the treasurer of the board, Rev. Wm. Reeves, to be used as determined by the Missouri State Association while in regular session. So as you pray for this very worthy work, please keep your regular support coming in through the Co-Operative Fund and by special gifts. Also, I would like to say here that if anyone knows of a camp that is equipped with modern facilities and is conveniently located, that can be rented, we would appreciate you letting us know about it.

For special prayer for Saturday and Sunday, pray for your local Church, Sunday School, League, Prayer Meeting, and the Auxiliaries.

When we do these things we will have a revival of interest and vigorous support in all departments of our work, which in turn will bring many souls to Christ.

Rev. O. T. Allred,
Promotional Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

The following average Sunday School attendance records are for September.

Fredericktown	200
Lawnwood (Tulsa, Okla.)	140
First Church (Elizabethton, Tenn.)	203
Fourth St. Louis	49
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool	44
Richwoods	59
Third Church, St. Louis	90
Marble Hill, S.E. Mo.	36
Phillips Chapel (Springdale, Ark.)	126
Mountain Grove	172
Wolf Creek, Mansfield	44
Carterville	45
Monett	79

The following are carried over from last report:

South Side (St. Louis)	130
Fellowship, Flat River	166

We have some new reports this time. Also, some of the regular reporters are back again. Thanks so much. We want to encourage every Sunday School to send in averages just as soon as that last record is compiled each month.

REASONS FOR—

SOUL WINNING

Rev. A. A. White-Herrin, III.

There can be no greater reason than that Christ commands it and expects it. If He is a Master, He has a right to command and you must not ignore the command. Mark 16:15 is perfectly clear: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Consider also our Lord's words: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16. What is fruit? It is propagating part of the tree. The peach tree bears its fruit, and every peach has a seed, and every seed is a potential tree, and so more fruit also.

Trees, fruit, seeds for other trees and more fruit—this is nature's plan. This is also God's plan. A soul saved, and that soul touching another soul. Why are you a Christian? Not merely that you might be saved finally; nor even that you might enjoy Christian life now, but that through you the Holy Spirit might touch another life for the glory of God.

You must consider the deep need of men. The world is lost in sin. Men are totally lost, was what Jesus, and Paul, and John, and others believed. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

We are prone to seek all the good things which our Lord has purchased for us, and which He offers to us; but are we willing only to *take* and not to *give*? Have we opened our hearts to the marvels of John 3:16, only to close them to the responsibilities of I John 3:16? This is our John: "Too busy," "Too tired," "Too many cares," we say. But was He too busy in heaven to come to redeem man? Was He too tired as He sat at the side of the well to speak the words which turned an entire village to God?

It is our privilege to tell His message of salvation to individuals we meet. Let us—by His grace—tell all men everywhere the story of His wonderful love.

THE THISTLE SEED

Years ago there was not a single thistle in the whole of Australia. A Scotchman who very much admired thistles—rather more than I do—thought it was a pity that a great island like Australia should be without that marvelous and glorious symbol of his great nation. He, therefore, collected a packet of thistle seeds, and sent it to one of his friends in Australia.

Well, when it was landed, the officers might have said, "Oh, let it in; is it not a little one? Here is but a hand full of thistles; oh, let it come in; it will be but sown in a garden—the Scotch will grow it in their gardens; they think it a fine flower, no doubt; let them have it; it is but meant for their amusement."

Ah, yes, it was but a little one; but now whole districts of country are covered with it, and it has become the farmer's pest and plague. It was a little one; but, all the worse for that, it multiplied and grew. If it had been a great evil, all men would have went to work to crush it. This little evil is not to be eradicated, and of that country it may be said till doomsday, "Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth." It would have been better if the ship which brought that seed had been wrecked. No boon is it to those of our countrymen there on the other side of the earth, but a vast curse.

Take heed of the thistle seed; little sins are like it. Take care they are not admitted into your heart. Endeavor to shun them as soon as Satan presents them. Go, seek by the grace of God and His Holy Spirit to keep them away; for if not, these little sins will multiply so fast, that, although you remain wholly unconscious of it, they will be your ruin and destruction.

—Spurgeon

"TRUST IN THE LORD"

First F.W.B. Church
Flat River, Missouri
October 25, 1953

Dear Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys and Gem:

Indeed it is a blessing to talk to or pray or work with those who have the Lord Jesus first in their lives. We read in Psalm 90:1, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." That is why we are Mission

workers today, working and praying for the unsaved to be brought to the Lord. Let us work while it is day, for the night comes and no man can work.

The Lord will care for His own. God's people have trusted in Him over and over again. Still the Devil will try to make you doubt God, and another trial will arise. If you are not careful and prayerful, you will find yourself saying, "I cannot stand this." Then is the time to go to your secret place of prayer, and take all of your cares and troubles and lay them at the feet of Jesus. When you ask the Lord to help and comfort you, and believe the Lord is big enough to help or do the things you ask of Him in faith believing, He will surely do it. May the Lord bless you and the staff is my prayer.

Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, secretary

A MODERN JONAH

Have you secured a copy of the book, "A Modern Jonah" yet? It is by your own missionary to India, Rev. Paul Woolsey. You may order it from the Foreign Mission Office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. One dollar per copy.

Many fine testimonials are coming to the office as to the great worth of the book. From Rev. Riggs, Promotional Secretary, comes the following:

"The book *The Modern Jonah* is going quite well, however, many have not purchased their copy. The proceeds all go for Foreign Missions, and the book will prove a real blessing to you. Order your copy today!"

NEW RECORD ATTENDANCE

Dear Bro. Jeffreys and Co-Workers:

We are glad to be able to report an increase in our Sunday School here at Marble Hill. Our new record attendance was reached September 27 with 49 present.

We truly are thankful for the increase and give unto our Lord all the praise. Always remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Madeline McFarland, reporter

Don't sit around and talk about what you are going to do. Do it!—Selected

LONE STAR CHURCH REPORT

Seymour, Missouri
October 9, 1953

Dear Friends:

I thought you might like to know what we are doing over here at the Lone Star Free Will Baptist Church. We are located about three miles east of Seymour on Highway 60, then one-fourth mile north. Rev. Allen Ledbetter is our pastor for the coming year, with the new year starting last Saturday night and Sunday when he filled his appointment.

Our deacons are Bro. Phillip Hosiner, Bro. John Cameron, and Bro. Scott Kasterke. Our church clerk is Sister Gordon Heckendorn.

We have Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 o'clock. We are just a little country church, but we know the love of God and are anxious to see souls saved.

Your Sister in Christ,

Mrs. Charles Foxworthy,
Correspondent

THREE RULES FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING

- (1) Let everyone give something!
- (2) Let everyone give as the Lord has prospered him!
- (3) Let everyone give cheerfully!

"God loveth a cheerful giver." Give to help reach others.

—Gospel Messenger

VISITS THE ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The following is part of a recent correspondence from Rev. Wm. Buster, evangelist from Thebes, Illinois, who visited the recent session of the Arkansas State Association convened at the Belews Chapel Church near Grubbs.

"They had a really spiritual service throughout the entire session. They had reports from 163 churches. They carried on their business in such a way as I feel pleased the Spirit.

"The fellowship that I enjoyed with these brethren was wonderful. The Association showed a marked interest in the National Program.

"I left before the last session, but was greatly encouraged by what my eyes had seen and my ears heard, and

last but not least, by what my heart had felt as I worshipped the Lord with these fine, hospitable people. May He richly bless them through this coming year is my sincere prayer."

SEND IT IN

If you have a bit of news,
Send it in!

Or a tale that will amuse,
Send it in!

A story that is true,
Or an incident that's new
We want to hear from you—
Send it in!

Never mind about the style
If you think the news worthwhile
It may help, or cause a smile—
Send it in!

—Anonymous

TILL IT IS DONE

Tomahawks in hand, the Indians crept toward the strange tent. As they cautiously peered under the flap, their intention to kill was forgotten. They were overwhelmed with astonishment.

There, in the center of the tent, was a man on his knees. As he prayed, a rattlesnake crossed his feet and paused in position to strike. But the snake did not strike. It lowered its head again and glided out of the tent.

It was a long time later when David Brainerd, the man in the tent, found out why the Indians at the village received him with such honor as they did. He had expected that they would want to kill him. The reason for their change of heart was the report their comrades had brought of the marvelous thing they had seen.

The Indians looked upon David Brainerd as a messenger from the Great Spirit, which indeed he was. He had come into the deep forest to preach the Word of God to the savages.

Surely it is a great thing to feel that in all good work the protection of God is with the worker.

Fear takes flight before the thought that if God is with us, no one can stand against us.

As a motto for life, as a strong help in all good work, could we not gain much from his conviction?

—The Boys' World

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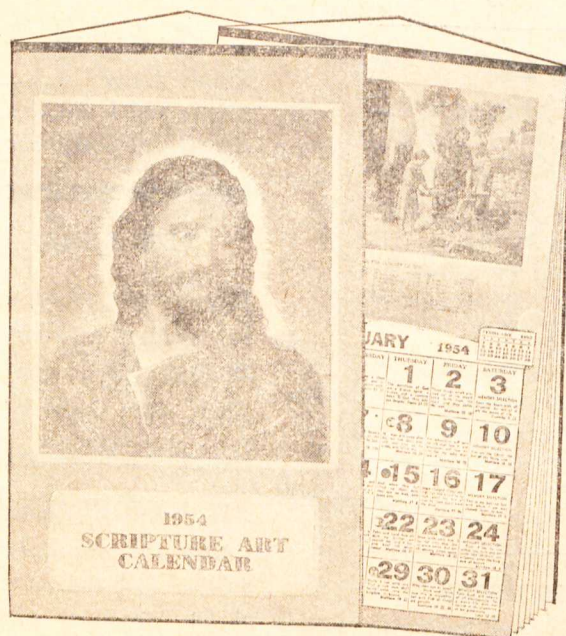
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AN ENCOURAGER

Encourage one another. Comfort one another with these words: Everybody should encourage every other body, every one should be a helper to every other one. We should be co-workers with the Comforter. This, and this only, makes life noble, sublime, Divine, and while we inspire hope and cheer in others it comes back to us in waves of swelling joy, and we reap while we sow, and we come to be braver and stronger ourselves. An encourager, a helper of others is the highest style of work that the Executive gives out. Not a condemner, but an assister, a consoler, another comforter. Having Him enthroned within we insensibly become an encourager, a blessing to every one with whom we come in contact. Not that we try to be, and study to be, and determine to be; but He in us, naturally is; and our contact with Him makes us as He is. This is the secret. He in us. Thus we are enabled to comfort another with the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. He encourages us. He never discourages. He never speaks cross, does not upbraid, never chides, ever loves, and always helps. He is indeed an Encourager. The bruised reed He will not break, the smoking flax He will not quench. He is indeed a lover, a friend, and His desire is that we call Him Ishi! Husband!

—Contributed

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