

The Free Will **Baptist Gem**

Vol. 26—No. 6

Monett, Missouri—June, 1955

Per Year—\$2.50 1.00

IN MEMORY

In memory of those gone before,
We decorate their graves today;
To show respect and thoughts of them,
And that we miss them while away.

The flowers we place upon each grave
Will never bring them back to us;
But those who left with faith in God,
We'll go to them, if Him we trust.

The memory of those that we love,
Bring comfort to our hearts this hour;
To know they left us praising God,
We're thankful as we place each flower.

The memory of some little babes,
Whom we know that Jesus loves;
As on their graves we place a flower,
We know they're safe with Him above.

But let us place a little flower,
On souls while yet they live;
A flower of kindness, joy, and love;
A friendly smile, Oh, let us give.

Because the flowers upon the clay,
Will never ehlp the soul that's gone;
Respect to show to them is all,
When their stay on earth is done.

But if we'll place a flower upon
A living soul while here they trod;
Our words of cheer and friendly smiles
May turn their hearts to serve our God.

—Composed by Maud Reynolds Dean, W. Va.

Note: The June release is closer to Memorial Day
than May issue: Hence the memorial poem now.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

ORGAN OF THE MISSOURI STATE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.
SERVING THE CHURCH EVERYWHERE.
ENDORSED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Published Monthly at Monett, Missouri

EDITOR AND MANAGER

REV. LLOYD T. JEFFREYS

Entered as Second Class Matter July
14, 1939, at the Post Office of Monett,
Mo., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

TERMS

One dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per
year cash in advance. Paper will be
discontinued when subscription expires.

STATE ASSOCIATION

— Officers —

MODERATOR Rev. O. T. Allred
904 Fifth Street, Monett, Mo.

CLERK-TREAS. . . Mrs. Lorene Williford
Belton, Missouri

— Executive Board —

John Bough, Sec'y. Stockton
A. W. Brook Mountain Grove
Rolla Smith, chm. Flat River
Paul Williams Carterville
Lester Jones Kirksville

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

— Officers —

EXEC. SEC'Y. . . Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

MODERATOR Rev. Chas. Thigpen
242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

CLERK Rev. George Waggoner
Okawville, Illinois

COLLEGE MANAGER . . . Dr. L. C. Johnson
3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

W.A. EX. SEC. Mrs. H. B. Sloan
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

— National Boards —

(Chm. †, Sec'y. §, or Prom. Sec'y.)

GENERAL † Rev. Chas. Thigpen
242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

FOREIGN MISS. . . Rev. Raymond Riggs
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

HOME MISS. Rev. Damon C. Dodd
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

LEAGUE § Rev. Clarence Bowen
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

SUPERANNUATION § . . . Rev. J. O. Fort
Ayden, North Carolina

PUB'CATN - LITER. † . . Rev. J. C. Griffin
1409 N. Pasteur St., New Bern, N.C.

COLLEGE TRUSTEES † . . Rev. J. L. Welch
1604 10th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL † . . Rev. Wm. Mishler
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey
Miss Bessie Yeley
Miss Lucy Wischert
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicle
Apartado 27
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Miss Laura B. Barnard
Miss Volena Wilson
"Westfield"
The Nilgiris,
Kotagiri, South India

Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna
Kishanganj,
Purnea District,
Bihar, North India

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery
c/o Kesaki Wada
325 2 Chome
Nakameguro
Meguro-ku
Tokyo, Japan

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk

NEW DOOR OPENED FOR
SERVICE IN JAPAN FIELD

Since I last wrote to you, the
Lord has opened a wonderful door
of service for us. Twice a month
I go to a Japanese high school and
teach the "Life of Christ" in
English. I am the teacher of their
English Bible Club. They do not
understand all that I say, so a
Japanese pastor's wife, who is a
teacehr of the school, interprets
for me. I feel that it is a real
opportunity to be with the people
and to teach them about our Sav-
iour. We are working on plans
for Aileen to do the same thing
in another high school near the
one where I teach.

Wesley Calvery

TV MISREPRESENTATION

Many television viewers were given
the Roman church interpretation of
the resurrection in recent television
shows. Among other parts of the pro-
gram, many saw Mary resurrected and
crowned as "Queen of Heaven" by her
illustrious Son. For many, many peo-
ple, this will be thought of as the
rankest kind of unfaithfulness to the
Bible teaching. The doctrine of the
present state of Mary is a comparative-
ly new dogma in the Romish order.
Only recently has it come to be accept-
ed fully. That is in line with tradition-
al dogma development in that order.
To others, the thing will look and
sound for what it is, pure bunk of the
bunkies sort. The trouble here is that
having it mixed with the doctrine of
the resurrection of Jesus, it is probable
that many will write both off as bunk.
Then of course, there are the poor
suckers who will gulp it down red-
line, hook and sinker.

No truth of God has ever yet been
offered to mankind but what Satan
tried to adulterate it with falsehood.
No possible and lasting good can come
from falsehood. We predict that the
constant presentation of superstition
and traditionalism by the Roman ad-
herents will be a detriment to true
religion in our land. Protestantism has
one strong hold. They have the Bible,
and to it they should cling with even
more resolution than ever before.

— General Baptist Messenger

TRINITY TEMPLE OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

We are happy to report the progress
of Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist
Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to your
paper for the past quarter, ending in
April.

We now have a total membership
of 80 and an average of 119 in our
Sunday School. Our Woman's Auxili-
ary has been doing some marvelous
work and the Lord is blessing through
their efforts.

We have introduced a new work
into our church by sponsoring a Boy
Scout troop for this community where
our church is located. The enrollment
for the first month of this activity was
12. We are very proud of our boys
and we do encourage this movement
as part of a child's training in disci-
pline and cooperation with others
which goes hand in hand with their
religious training.

We have a wonderful field to work
in, and through the guidance of God
and the leadership of our pastor, Mel-
vin Bingham, we hope to harvest this
great field for the glory of our Saviour.
Our foremost aim is to win souls to
God's Kingdom and we feel sure as
our church "kneels at the cross" our
prayers will be answered.

Lois Light, secretary

Gospel Preaching to be Featured

The heart of the program for the Nineteenth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is gospel preaching, according to the program committee.

Instead of the usual two or three sermons, there will be five major messages during the two-and-one-half day program, the committee has announced. The speakers named for the convention are among the outstanding pastors and denominational leaders, with the list being complimented by the name of a missionary home on furlough.

Three of the speakers are pastors, while one has just left the pastorate for a position as a Christian educator.

The program will open on Tuesday evening, July 12, with the keynote message being brought by Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Moulton took over a new work in Savannah about two years ago and has built it into a leading church. Keynote for the opening session is, "O Zion Haste," with the Scripture coming from Ephesians 5:16, "Reckoning the time, because the days are evil."

Mr. Moulton will speak on the subject, "Three Minutes to Midnight." Special music for the service will be brought by the sixty-voice convention choir from the Tulsa churches.

The emphasis Wednesday morning will be on "Christian Training, an Investment in Leadership" with the Scripture from I Timothy 1:12, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord... for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." The message for this service will be brought by Rev. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mt. Allen Junior College, Mt. Olive, North Carolina. Mr. Raper recently resigned a pastorate to lead this institution which is supported by North Carolina Free Will Bap-

tists. Mr. Jack Paramore, a sophomore at the college, will bring the music.

Time will be taken out of the Wednesday afternoon business session for "Moments of Mis-

May was successful in raising the \$15,000 to pay off the mortgage on the building.

Another special feature of this Wednesday evening service will be the music. Miss Freida Willis of Johnston City, Illinois, will sing "When They Ring the Golden Bells," and will be accompanied on the marimba by Mrs. E. T. Burwell, also of Johnston City. The convention choir, under the direction of Mr. I. L. Stanley, will also sing at this service.

Rev. Ralph Staten, pastor of Goshen church at Belmont, North Carolina, will preach the final sermon on Thursday morning. His subject will be, "Possessing Our Unpossessed Possessions." Keynote for the service is, "Our Hope for Years to Come," with the Scripture coming from II Corinthians 2:14, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..."

An all-important business session is scheduled for Thursday afternoon with the selecting of a site for the 1956 convention and the election of officers among other items to be handled. Final adjournment is set for 3:30 p.m.

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, moderator elected and installed at last session, will preside over the convention.

The convention sessions will be held in the Will Rogers auditorium, located just a few blocks off U.S. Highway 66 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The auditorium seats 1,500 and is ideally located near suitable accommodations for the convention delegates.

See the program on pages 8-9 of this issue for the dates of the sessions.

Never waste time reflecting on opportunities you have missed. While reflecting you might miss more.

—Mutual Moments



Rev. Chas. A. Thigpen-Moderator

sonary Challenge" with Rev. Daniel R. Cronk, home on furlough from India, speaking on the subject, "To Every Tongue and Nation." Special music will be brought by Rev. Clyde Cox, Concord, North Carolina.

The Wednesday evening service will emphasize evangelism with the keynote, "Bear the Message Glorious." Speaker for this service, at which a capacity crowd of 1,500 is expected, will be Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark. Mr. Rivenbark, who is pastor of Fairmount Park Church in Norfolk, Virginia, will speak on "The Travail of Zion."

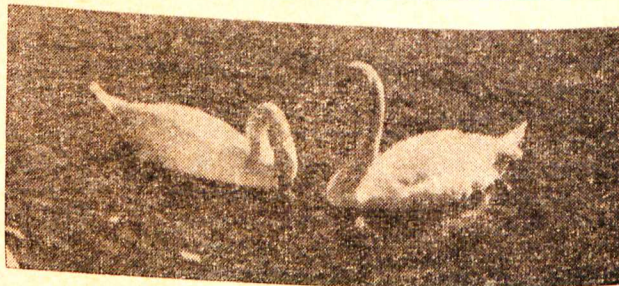
Plans are being made to have a mortgage-burning ceremony and dedication service for the denominational headquarters building at this service, but is contingent upon whether or not the "Loyalty Gift" Appeal conducted during



From The Editor's Desk



OUR



SONG

With this issue of the Free Will Baptist Gem, your editor brings to a close his services as editor and an employee of the Gem and the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. It isn't an easy thing to do, and certainly has not been an easy decision to make.

By way of recapitulation, I commenced my duties with the Free Will Baptist Gem on February 8, 1949, now well over six years ago. A little less than 10 month later, necessity enjoined on the Executive Board the selection of a new editor. Their selection fell on your's truly. We have tried diligently ever since to justify that decision. Now, with this, the 66th edition that we have produced for you. I hope that in some measure we have been successful. Also, except for one year, the duties of manager have fallen on my shoulders. Added to this we continued for some time quite active in the gospel ministry, driving considerable distances, but finally had to give this up in consideration of health. So the intervening years have been fraught with responsibility and work—plenty of both!

But the Lord and His people have been very good to us, whereof we are thankful. We have enjoyed strength and grace necessary for our duties. The people of Monett have cooperated in so many helpful ways. Friends of this work everywhere have encouraged us when we could best use this kind of help. And we have maintained our family with sufficient materials to sustain us. So how could we be otherwise but thankful.

I do not minimize on the labor incumbent with this office. It has

been hard work—and lots of it. We know what it is to be tired—so very tired. In fact, there has only been twice that I can now remember when there wasn't something urgent waiting when I walked into the office, regardless how early the hour or how late I had stayed the previous day; and those two times lasted but a matter of hours. So we have worked innumerable hours over time. Also, Mrs. Jeffreys has been a wonderful help in the work here. For some time she worked many hours in the office and plant. Most of this time was donated. She has regularly assisted in the work which I take home to do, and for this no charge has ever been made.

We do not complain in all this: neither do we seek praise. For there was a reason for our continuing here. We have been able all along to see the merit of this work. It has been our pleasure to receive correspondence revealing that the Gem was very instrumental in bringing souls to Christ. We have received notes of thanks from countless friends who have been encouraged and helped by reading it. We have been able often to put churches in touch with ministers and ministers in touch with churches. And in many other ways we have observed the real value of the Gem. So we have long foregone personal desires and ambitions in order to produce the Free Will Baptist Gem, its by-products, and numerous services. And we have loved it!

Of course there is the dark side to any bright cloud. This we mention briefly, and without indictment or bitterness. We be-

lieve a better system of distribution is in order. We think a better and greater support is justifiable and entirely in order. In fact, it is our observation that too many have been "penny wise and pound foolish," perhaps not only in this enterprise, but also in many other departments of our beloved work. And if we may be frank for this brief moment, a far better response is needed among pastors, moderators, superintendents, and all other leaders.

With the announcement of my retirement from this position, there comes inquiry from many of our disturbed constituents, "What of the future of the Gem?" Inasmuch as this goes to press before that issue is settled, I am unable to assure you. There are some who toy with the idea, "Put it on ice until our State Association." Others (my observation is the vast majority) are opposed to any such interruption of service. Certainly I am. But I am resolved to act in the same manner in which I think a retiring pastor should act: in other words, when through, then refrain from any further statement of policy in the field from which departing. Hence, I shall from this point on regard myself correctly as but an interested member of our State Association, and make no contentions beyond that point. It might be well to inform you that there is in prospect one of the finest families I know of anywhere who are willing to come to Monett and take charge of the Gem in the near future. They are already a very great asset to our State, and certainly would add prestige to this work. There is no question in my mind

but that they would do a most commendable work here. But their coming is contingent on several conditions, for which I urge you to be praying, and ready to support in a very positive way.

With our convictions of the great importance of this work, you may wonder why we are severing our connections here. The reasons are simple. Primarily, there are two reasons. First—and least important to us, is that this work follows a similar pattern to that of a pastor. In other words, we are thinking of the fact that a pastor eventually passes the point or time of his effectiveness at any given place. His theme and his method is anticipated ahead of the hour of his message: the interest wanes, he is taken for granted, and his efforts are no longer received with the same cooperation. Then it is time for him to move on. Thus, if our observations are correct, we have similarly passed the time of most usefulness in this field, and the only correct thing to do is vacate our position. The other reason, and far more important to us, is that we are called to preach the Gospel of the Living Lord. This we have had to forego to a large extent for the past few years. So we have become very anxious to get busy again in this phase of the Lord's work. To this end our decision was already made to not continue here longer than the end of our associational year. However, we are needed urgently now to help mold a new work, in the initial phases of that work, that it might be established. Also, in order to meet the need of any new work, it is generally necessary to supplement one's income in other ways, which we will have to do. A position is now available, making this possible. But it also must be taken immediately and requires moving there. So we are closing our duties here in order to be on the new field by June 13. After that date, you can contact us at Greenfield, Missouri. And we will always rejoice to hear from you.

Naturally, there are many regrets in our mind. We are not infallible. So we look most on our own shortcomings with re-

gret. There have been numerous times when the arm was just too short to meet the need. Many marvelous opportunities to serve you have thus been thwarted or blighted. Of extreme regret—and difficult to accept, is the fact that our new connection will probably deny us attending the State Association, or regularly attending my own Local Association, in both of which we have been active for some time. And we were looking forward to attending our National Association again this year. This, too, will likely not be possible now. And without doubt, the greatest regret to us personally is that this is our last issue to you, and the day is at hand in which we will open the door of the Gem office for the last time in official connection with it. After nearly six and one-half years it is a part of us and of our lives.

And now, there will be some very fond memories also. You—our friends, supporters, and co-laborers—are it. We won't forget. We love you, and we always will. Thanks so much!

We re-affirm our pledge to cooperate in every enterprise of this great union of churches—the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

In the familiar vernacular of journalism—

THAT'S THIRTY

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PLAN IS SPELLED OUT

Nashville, Tenn.—Ever since the convention adopted the Cooperative Plan of Support last year denominational leaders have been working on a plan to get the system into operation by July 1, on which date it becomes effective.

On the basis of this study and a meeting of thirty national and state leaders last December, the Executive Committee has adopted a list of seven recommendations with a two-fold aim: (1) to put the plan into effect without founding the existing program and (2) to reconcile differences which arose over the Cooperative Plan as it was first presented.

The proposals made by the Executive Committee have been released by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, chairman of the committee and moderator of the National Association. Mr. Thigpen emphasized that the proposals are only recommendations which will be submitted to the convention for adoption as law or rejection. They will be studied by the entire General Board before being passed on for a decision by the delegates.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. That 20 per cent of the total denominational budget for the next fiscal year be designated as the Cooperative Budget, and that out of said amount the total budget of the Executive Department would be met.

2. That as a supplement to the Cooperative Budget each respective department be encouraged to promote its particular phase of the work and to receive designated funds as individuals, groups, or churches may feel so disposed to give.

3. That the Budget Committee apportion to the various departments on a percentage basis all money that comes into the Cooperative Fund.

4. That the Executive Committee be empowered to elect a Cooperative treasurer on a part-time basis who will receive and distribute all Cooperative Funds.

5. That all churches be encouraged to give 10 per cent (the tithe) of their general offerings to the Cooperative Fund as a minimum of their denominational giving.

6. That the Executive Department receive no additional Cooperative Funds when its budget has been met.

7. That all ear-marked money be sent to the department as designated by the donor.

Mr. Thigpen urged a careful study of the recommendations and asked that serious thought be given to any other proposals that would make the plan more workable and help harmonize denominational feeling.

Satan

Satan—a Hebrew word meaning an Adversary, an Enemy, an Antagonist, a Foe, an Opposer.

Satan is antagonistic, opposing all who wish to do right, one who makes to believe a lie, is all the time nagging, making us unhappy, not knowing what do do. He is our foe, doing us all the harm he can: one who lies and hinders:

It (Satan) is used as a proper name or title four times in the Old Testament. In Job 1:6 it is recorded "...when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them." The Lord spoke and talked to him. Again in the second chapter of Job we see where the "sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord," and again Satan was with them, and the Lord had another conversation with him.

In Zechariah 3:1, we read that Joshua was standing before an angel of the Lord, and Satan was standing at his right hand to resist him. Yes, Satan resists and hinders us in doing good.

In I Chronicles 21:1, we see that Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked (tantalized and incited) David to number Israel, against the Lord's will.

The personal existence of a spirit of evil is clearly revealed in Scripture. Some deny the existence of Satan, saying he is only a myth, and that sin is only an error, through man's weakness, and the lack of knowledge.

In Job, the distinct mention of Satan is as the adversary. The temptation of Eve, in Genesis 3. Satan is referred to as the serpent. Here, in the serpent, Satan appears as a subtle being, of quoting Scripture and lying. In II Corinthians 11:14, he (Satan) is revealed as transformed into an angel of light. Here we see how cunning and wise Satan can be.

New Testament names add the Devil, the evil one, Apollyon, the angel of the bottomless pit Abad-

don, the destroyer, the prince and ruler of the kingdom of evil, an evil spirit, a demon, the great adversary of man, and many other names and adjectives of which we will note later on. He is also known as Lucifer, the chief of evil spirits, or a fallen angel.

The Archangel Michael, and Satan as a dragon, fought a war in heaven, and Michael and his angles won and cast the old dragon and his angles out of heaven into the earth, because of Satan's sin of pride and being the enemy of God, Christ and man.

From the beginning of the Gospel, Satan appears as the personal tempter of our Lord (Mat. 4:1). Through all the Gospels, Epistles, and Revelation, it is asserted or implied, again and again, as a familiar and important truth that Satan is our personal tempter, an evil spirit, who is a tempter. He tempted and caused the fall of Adam and Eve. The Satan of Job is a reckless, mocking spirit, who seeks to break down loyalty to God by causing him (Job) to undergo unmerited sufferings. Here he is counted with the sons of God. He afflicted Job only as God permitted him. In the New Testament, Satan is lord of the underworld, ruler of demons and of surpassing intelligence and malice, the name being used interchangeably with the Devil.

Why God created, or permitted Satan to exist, tempting man, I do not know. Of the nature and original state of Satan, little is revealed in Scripture. He is spoken of as a spirit (Eph. 2:2), as the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. In Matthew 12:24 he is called Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. It seems in Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 12:7-9 that Satan had charge over angels and they were subject to him. We conclude, therefore, that he was of angelic nature, a rational and spiritual creature, super human in power, wisdom and energy, a great super thinker, with a dynamic power over mind, his evil thoughts permeating the minds of angels and men, embroiling the spirit of good

and the spirit of evil. He is a great procrastinator, promising and never giving. He also causes men to procrastinate, putting off becoming a Christian until too late.

We as human, do not realize, or consider the power, wisdom and energy of Satan. We too often think we are as wise as he, and argue with him, as Eve did, and down we go. He must have been created by God (but God did not create evil) and was given a high estate, but through pride, and wanting to be equal with God, he evil and rebelled against God, he was overthrown and cast down to earth. In Matthew we see where he, in forms of demons, had power to possess the souls of men.

We will now give some Scriptures describing his character, nature, and his works, how he works and his ultimate doom. I may repeat some statements, but I want us to know more about Satan, our enemy.

In John, he is the prince of demons, prince of this world—the two expressions being united in Ephesians 6:12.

He is presumptuous—Job, first chapter, as he tempted Job, and Matthew 4:2-10, as he tempted Christ.

He is proud: I Timothy 3:6, "Not a novice (a new convert), lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil." That is, if a new convert be made a preacher, a deacon or an officer of a church, he may become over anxious and do things of which many may criticize or condemn severely.

He is powerful: Ephesians 2:2 and 6:12. He is prince of the power of the air, and we wrestle against powers. He is the most powerful force in earth today, outside of God. We may think we are powerful, but we are weaklings in his hands: only by God's help can we overcome Satan.

He is wicked: I John 2:13, "Believe ye have overcome the wicked one." He is very wicked, and causes our enemies to laugh at us. Oh, the wicked things he has persuaded man to do.

He is malignant: Job 1:9. He spoke evil of and slandered Job,

to be hurtful of him.

He is subtle, cunning, wise: II Corinthians 11:3, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." He (Paul) warns us to be careful, lest Satan, through his cunningness or deceit, cause us to become proud and wise in this world's wisdom, and lose our salvation.

He is deceitful: II Corinthians 11:14, "And no marvel about this, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

He is fierce and cruel. We see in Luke 8:29 how he afflicted a man of Gadarene. Also in I Peter 5:8 where Peter warns us, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking who he may devour." We read how a hungry lion goes about in the jungles roaring when seeking his prey. This roaring frightens the prey, and it leaves the shelter and flees into the open. The lion can see it and makes it easier for him to catch the prey. Satan uses the same methods. I hear the Word and may not quite understand it: along comes Satan and causes me to misinterpret it. Or I may have a sound doctrine, and along comes one of Satan's angels of light and teaches another doctrine, quoting Scripture to do it. Then I get all confused and do not know what to believe, and backslide, and will be lost. Paul warns us not to believe every doctrine that comes about. If there is a doubt in what is true, read the Word and pray, and give God the benefit of your doubt. A professor in college once said, "If there is a doubt about it, it is wrong in the first place."

He is cowardly: James 4:7, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from thee." How can we resist him? Draw nigh unto God, and God will draw nigh unto us, giving us strength and grace to overcome. Satan cannot stand an earnest prayer made unto God.

He is compared to a fowler: one who catches and kills. And Satan catches a soul that is weak in faith, and kills what faith he has,

therefore killing the soul. Christ warns us of such: Matthew 10:28, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy soul and body in hell."

He is a sower of tares: one who sows corrupt and obnoxious thoughts in our minds.

In John 10:12 he is pictured as a wolf.

He is a slanderer. He slandered God and Job by accusing God of hemming Job in with riches that he might serve and worship him, and Job by accusing him of worshipping God on account of the riches he had received. Thus he accuses God that He permits people to become rich that they might worship Him. Far from it; there are many wealthy people who do not love God or praise Him for their wealth.

Satan is a liar and the father of it: he is a murderer, and was one from the beginning (John 8:44).

He hinders God's work. He and his angels were cast out of heaven (Revelation 12:9).

He hinders one from hearing the Word (Luke 8:12).

He has the power of death (Hebrews 2:14).

He was a sinner from the beginning, and if we commit sin, we are of him (I John 3:8).

He was the author of the fall (Genesis 3).

He and his angels were cast down to hell (II Peter 2:4).

He tempted Christ (Matthew 4:10).

He perverts Scripture (Matthew 4:6). He perverted Psalm 91:11-12 by inferring the promise meant that Christ could tempt God the Father by placing Himself in a dangerous position, and requiring God to take care of Him.

He opposes God's work (I Thessalonians 2:18), "Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us." He hinders the gospel (II Corinthians 4:4), "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

He works lying wonders (II Thessalonians 2:9), "Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

We can be possessed by Satan (Luke 22:3), "Then entered Satan into Judas."

We can be blinded by Satan (II Corinthians 4:4).

We can be deceived by Satan (Revelation 20:8).

We can be ensnared by him (I Timothy 3:7), "Lest he fall into reproach, and the snare of the devil."

Saints can be tempted by Satan (I Chronicles 21:1), "And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David," and (I Thessalonians 3:5), "I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain."

We can be sifted by him (Luke 22:31), "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat."

We can overcome Satan (Revelation 12:11), "And they overcome him by the blood of the Lamb."

The doom of Satan (Revelation 20:10), "And the devil (Satan) that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Here we have seen the character, power, and weakness of Satan, and his doom. My friend, be not deceived in thinking Satan is only a myth, that he is weak and foolish, and that you are wise and powerful enough not to fall into his snare.

We can conquer him by faith in the blood of the Lamb.

Warren Moffitt, Winigan, Mo.

You can carve your own tombstone by chiseling in traffic.

—o—

Each failure a man experiences should be a new starting point.

—Mutual Moments

Programs for National Conventions

The Twentieth Annual Session of the

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Keynote: Our Need for Such A Time as This

Watchword: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14b)

Convention Hymn: "Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Monday, July 11

Thought for the day—One of our needs is to understand the times in which we live

Scripture—A Time for Sound Doctrine (II Timothy 4:3)

Afternoon

1:30—Executive Committee Meeting

Evening

7:00—Registration

7:30—Meditations, led by Rev. Dan Cronk, missionary to India

—Convention hymn

—Invocation

—"A Time for Sound Doctrine"

7:45—The business of organizing

8:00—"This Convention, Under God, Will Help Meet the Needs of These Times"

—Address of welcome by Mrs. Mae Walker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

—Response by Mrs. Hubert Post, East Tupelo, Miss.

8:05—Inspirational singing

—Special music—Tulsa First Church Y.P.A. Quartet

8:15—"A Time of Whited Harvests in India," Mrs. Dan Cronk, missionary to India

—Film on India, narrated by Rev. Dan Cronk

9:30—Benediction

Tuesday, July 12

Thought for the Day—Another of our needs is to know that God is able to equip us spiritually for these times

Scripture—"Take unto you the whole armour of God" (Ephesians 6:13)

Morning

9:00—Meditations, led by Rev. Dan Cronk

—Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

—Prayer

—"A Time for Spiritual Introspection"

—Solo, "Cleanse Me," Miss Wanda Edwards, St. Louis, Missouri

9:20—"Our Times Are in His Hands," president's message, Mrs. R. B. Crawford

9:30—Business period

10:20—Music

10:25—Declamation service led by Mrs. Paul Purcell

—Presentation of awards

11:15—Inspirational singing

—Special music, Tulsa First Church Y.P.A. Quartet

11:30—"Christ Is Our Need for Such A Time as This," Mrs. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba

12:00—Benediction

Afternoon

1:30—Meditations, led by Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary to Cuba

—Hymn, "The Kingdom Is Coming"

—Prayer

—"The Needs of Cuba in These Times"

1:50—Business period and reports

—Election of officers

—Installation of officers, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, New Berne, North Carolina

3:15—Closing hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have"

—The last words

—Adjournment and benediction

Organist—Miss Barbara Hancock, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Pianist—Mrs. LaVerne Lee, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

Theme: Our Mission High Fulfilling

Scripture: "Notwithstanding, every way... Christ is preached" (Philippians 1:18)

Tuesday Evening, July 12

Keynote: O Zion, Hasten

Scripture: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16)

7:15—Prayer meeting, Rev. J. L. Welch, leader

7:45—"Sing of the Ways of the Lord," Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. Stanley, pianist; Mrs. Raymond Riggs, organist

7:55—"We Ask the Lord's Blessings," Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. C. B. Thompson

8:05—The Association called into official session and introduction of the moderator by Rev. George W. Waggoner

—Moderator's remarks, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen

—The appointment of Committee on Committees

8:15—A Welcome from the West, local official

—Our Churches Bid You Welcome, Rev. John H. West

8:30—"Heavenly Sunshine," Time to get acquainted

—The congregation sings

—Special music, convention choir

8:40—The Keynote Message, "Three Minutes to Midnight"

The messenger, Rev. Louis H. Moulton

9:20—Adjourn session

June, 1955

The Free Will Baptist Conn

Wednesday Morning July 13

- 9:00—Prayer meeting, Rev. Homer E. Willis, leader
- 9:15—"Sing Praise Unto Him," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- 9:25—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. O. T. Dixon
- 9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee
 - Seating of delegates
 - Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies
- 9:55—Report of Committee on Committees
- 10:00—Report of General Board, Rev. George Waggoner, secretary
- 10:50—Intermission
- 11:00—The Hour of Worship

Keynote: Christian Training—an Investment in Leadership

Scripture: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord... for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (I Timothy 1:12)

- "Sing of the Goodness of the Lord," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- Special music, Mr. Jack Paramore
- 11:20—The message, "The Challenge of This Century" The messenger, Rev. W. Burkette Raper
- 12:00—Adjourn session

Afternoon

- 1:45—The Hour of Praise and Prayer
 - Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris
- 2:00—Miscellaneous business
- 2:30—"Fellowship One with Another," Report of the National Association of Evangelicals by Rev. George Ford
- 2:45—Report of Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
- 2:55—Moments of Missionary Challenge
 - Special music, Rev. Clyde Cox
 - The message, "To Every Tongue and Nation" The messenger, Rev. Daniel R. Cronk
- 3:35—Report of Sunday School Board, Rev. William J. Mishler
- 3:50—"The Word for the World," Report of the American Bible Society by Rev. Albert C. Johnson
- 4:05—Report of Board of Publications and Literature, Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 4:15—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members
- 4:30—Adjourn session

Evening

Keynote: Bear the Message Glorious

Scripture: "For the preaching of the cross... is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18)

- 7:15—Prayer meeting, Rev. Mark M. Lewis, leader
- 7:45—"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

- Special music, Miss Freida Willis
- Offertory, with music by Mrs. E. T. Burwell
- 8:05—Dedicatory service for Headquarters Property
 - Reading the Scripture, Rev. Lester Jones
 - "Dreams Do Come True," Rev. R. B. Crawford
 - Recognition of state chairmen for "Loyalty Gift" Appeal
 - Burning the mortgage
 - Prayer of dedication, Rev. D. C. Dodd
- 8:30—The congregation sings
 - Special music, Convention Choir
- 8:40—The message, "The Travail of Zion" The messenger, Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
- 9:20—Adjourn session

Thursday Morning, July 14

- 8:45—Prayer meeting, Rev. Milton Hollifield, leader
- 9:00—"Sing Unto God Our Strength," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
 - "Teach Us Out of Thy Law," Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss
- 9:15—Report of Stewardship Commission, Rev. Damon C. Dodd
- 9:20—Report of Superannuation Board, Rev. J. O. Fort
- 9:30—Report of Planning Commission
- 9:45—Report of Executive Secretary, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
- 10:00—Report of Policy Committee
- 10:30—Report of College Board of Trustees, Rev. J. L. Welch
- 10:50—Report of Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 11:10—The Hour of Worship, Presentation of silver anniversary gift to Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey

Keynote: Our Hope for Years to Come

Scripture: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..." (II Corinthians 2:14)

- "Sing of the Mercies of the Lord," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- Special music
- 11:20—The message, "Possessing Our Unpossessed Possessions." The messenger, Rev. Ralph Staten
- 12:00—Adjourn session

Afternoon

- 1:30—"Come Before His Presence with Singing," Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- 1:35—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board, Rev. Henry Melvin
- 1:45—Report of Placement Committee for 1956 session
- 1:55—Report of Board of Home Missions, Rev. Damon C. Dodd
- 2:15—Report of Radio-TV Board, Rev. J. D. O'Donnell
- 2:25—Report of Budget Committee
- 2:45—Miscellaneous business
 - Reports of committees
 - Final report of Nominating Committee and election of officers
- 3:30—Final Adjournment



THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

EDITOR: REV. MRS. OPAL JEFFREYS, 304 EUCLID, MONETT, MO.



STATE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Myrtle Jones
502 West Elizabeth, Kirksville
ENLISTMENT CHM. Violet Newsom
Fredericktown, Missouri
YOUTH CHM. Alice Dickey
5516 Appleton, Kansas City
STUDY COURSE CHM. .. Oletha Parsons
Box 178, Greentop
PROGRAM-PUBLICITY CHM. Agnes Smith
601 Buckley, Flat River
BENEVOLENCE CHM. Emma Ellis
8914 Springdale, Beakley 21
SECRETARY-TREASURER. Eunice Edwards
Box 636, Desloge

YOUTH AUXILIARIES

The Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Northeast Missouri Association reports the organization of two youth auxiliaries under the direction of their pastor, Rev. Stanley Letterman.

The Go-Tell Auxiliary for juniors has seven members. We chose for our name "Sheila Marie" as a memorial to little Sheila Marie Hanna who gave her life on the mission field for Christ. Jerry Filkins is our president; Bobby VanLaningham vice president; Eva Pearl Sponsler, secretary, and Martha Letterman, sponsor.

The Young People's Auxiliary has nine members, and call themselves the "Willing Workers." President is Wanda Burgin; vice president, Jeanetta Van Laningham; secretary, Phil Sponsler; song leader, Bernice Burgin, and the sponsor, Maizie Sebits. General Director, Stanley Letterman.

We meet at the church once each month on the Fourth Friday night in a combined session for the devotional period. Then each goes to separate rooms for classes. Our average attendance is about 12 members, three visitors and two leaders.

We have a very eager and willing group of boys and girls who are progressing very nicely in this new work for our Master. Remember us in your prayers.

KIRKSVILLE Y.P.A. BUSY

The Volena Wilson Y.P.A. of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville met on May 17, together with their sponsors, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones.

We are taking as a project the financing of several of the youth to the Youth Encampment at Niangua.

One prayer service was held during the month. A group did visitation at one of the nursing homes; also visitation of one sick home. Reports showed that a number had done personal witnessing to other young people, and invited them to church and Sunday School.

One special service at a neighboring church was held and one special service was held in our own church.

The Lord has called one of the boys from our group, Bro. Keith Phipps, to preach the Gospel. Keith is planning to go to Bible College this fall.

After the program was given from the program book, and hour of fellowship was held in the recreation and fellowship house. Refreshments of cake and pop were served.

LET US HAVE A REVIVAL

Let us have a great revival—
An old-time revival;

One that will glorify the Lord,
Saints revived and renewed.

Yes, we will have a great revival,
A glorious, victorious revival,
A Pentecostal, Holy Ghost revival,
Coming down from the throne of God.

Yes, we will have a great revival,
Saints will be blessed,
Sinners will be converted unto God,
Through the preaching of the Word.

Through our great revival, our church
Will glow and grow,
And God will be glorified
To His honor and glory.

Through our revival Saints will
Rejoice, seeing sinners repenting,
Confessing, and Christ accepting,
Their hearts rejoicing in the Lord.

Yes, we will have a great revival,
And Christ will be glorified.
Through our great revival God will
Be praised and glorified.

Warren Moffitt - Winigan, Missouri
(The second verse taken from song
written by Rev. Munday.)

STEVENS' BUSY IN AFRICA

Mesleni Mission Station
P.O. Ubombo, Zululand
South Africa

Dear Friends:

I have been trying to think of some method of writing this letter so that I could include all that has happened during the last two months since our arrival back in Africa. So much has happened, yet this space is so small! I think I shall just give you the tid-bits of the events and I am sure you can see into these as to the need of prayer and praise.

Zinzile, middle age native woman, often crossed the mission to her home on the hill. Even though we spoke to her about believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour she refused. Years went on like this but two months ago she announced she was now ready to believe, and she did.

Right in the midst of my meeting a young girl spoke up that she wanted to believe and had been wanting to for many days. Her father said she must wait until she was married to her husband, who already had two wives, and if he agreed then she could become a believer. No words could persuade her to allow Him to come into her heart now.

Monday morning, news came that the second wife of a young man near the mission had hanged herself down by the river. We went for a service there, and as we were leaving the Kraal the women quickly noticed that the door to the dead woman's hut was

June, 1955

in shreds, thus signifying that she was not loved by her husband. How our hearts break to see the sorrow in this custom of many wives among the Zulus. As one of the women said, "A husband may have many wives, but he will only love one."

Three women stood in church Sunday saying, "I choose the Lord."

February 1st—brought us 65 children who came to live on the station and go to school. Wonderful opportunity to influence 65 lives.

We are deeply grateful for the orphans and underprivileged children.

The mission books show that right now our greatest need is for operational expenses to travel to various preaching points and hauling.

"When it rains it pours," and this has been true in the literal sense during the rainy season. We have rejoiced during these muddy days to see the International truck in action. It is simply joy to be stuck deep in mud and hook up the wench to a tree in front and sit by and watch her pull herself out. What a blessing.

Mbonabi, our native pastor, comes saying that he has just received a letter from one of our men who is working in Durban saying that he now yields himself to preach the Gospel and will be coming home in May, and he asks the church to send him where-so-ever she desires. The old pastor just broke into sobs of joy. (Pray for Mbonambi who is great power for God and has such responsibilities and influence among his people. Satan would so love to defeat him.)

Yesterday we were at Esibweni a district out from here where there are five Christians. The five Christians were at home and in a couple of hours a congregation of 39 had gathered under the trees.

I feel satisfied now that I have put so much in so little space and I know you will continue to pray for the Lord's blessing upon the work.

In Him,

Harold and Josephine Stevens

SINCERELY—"THANK YOU"

In addition to the names recognized in the last issue of Gem of those who have made special contributions to the Gem, we would certainly like to acknowledge these also.

Saint Francois County Quarterly Meeting by Mildred Killian, clerk; Rev. Charles Ballinger, Utica, Missouri, Etta Summers, Salem, Missouri; and four anonymous. If we have failed to mention your name, it is an oversight and we are sorry. To each one of you, we most sincerely and graciously say, "We thank you." You have helped us.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION AT LAST IN SOUTHERN INDIA FIELD

Today is as near perfect as any thing can be in this world! It reminds me of a beautiful, balmy Spring day at home. The sky is such a heavenly blue, the temperature the right degree, everything lovely and green and fresh, and the birds are singing! What more could one ask of a perfect day? But, of course, a day at home might be more perfect spent with those so dear to one's heart.

A much needed rain came pelted down week ago today and drenched the parched earth. It was so good to see it coming down and refreshing everything. We had been so long without rain that everything was almost dead, so you can imagine our joy when last week we had rain for five days. I think that is why everything is so lovely and green and so restful to our eyes.

Our church is almost completed. Miss Barnard took a few feet of film one day last week. Likely it will be sometime before she completes the roll and gets it into the post to Mr. Riggs. At the moment the workmen are plastering inside and the floor is yet to be made: doors and windows are not yet installed. We hope to get the building completed by first of the month. Of course, we expected long ago to have been in the building, but materials have delayed the work somewhat. However, it will be good to occupy the com-

pleted building even if it is being late turned over to us. Everyone says it is such a grand building; so all Free Will Baptists can be proud of it. We have many Baptists here now for the season, and they all take special pride in telling others that a nice, large Baptist Church is going up.

God continues to bless and help us in the work. Our adult literacy campaign is underway and all of us are being cheered by reports. Our sweeper woman was the first to begin studying and is making marked progress. Her remark one day to me shows her keenness and the depth of desire in her heart. "Oh, to be able to read the Bible for myself. The greatest longing and desire of my heart is to read the Bible. I know the Lord will help me to attain this goal!" What joy it is going to be to see her reading the WORD for herself! And I am sure that in the breast of many another there is the same longing. So do pray for our literacy campaign. Wison-raj and Ahiezer are conducting these special classes and are doing a good job of it. Yesterday they and our evangelist, Mr. Paul, went out to two villages where we expect very shortly to begin new literacy work. One of the villages is the Wessex Cooli Lines where we go each Sunday for Sunday School. What joy it will be to see those children able to read and write at least, as well as the adults. So often the adults do not have time to study. Unless you have been in the midst of illiterate people you cannot imagine their ignorance and backwardness. We are counting on your prayers as we launch an all-out literacy campaign. If only they can be educated to the extent that they can read the WORD for themselves that will be a great blessing. What would it be like not to be able to read the WORD. I am sure I have no idea in the world what that would be like. I am so thankful that I know how.

Love,

Volena (Wilson)

YOU ARE IN DEBT

This note of important explanation concerning the following article was written by Sis. Mae Williams, member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Johnston City, Illinois, of which Rev. Claude Childers is pastor.

"Not long ago our church was honored by a visit of Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary for National Foreign Missions. Soon after his message to us, one of our girls was called upon to write a speech at school. She had been so impressed by Bro. Riggs, message, she wrote the speech which I am enclosing. She is Miss Carolyn Bearden, a 16 year Junior High School student of Marion, Illinois. She is a member of our church and a fine Christian girl. We here at the Johnston City Church are proud of Carolyn and we are hoping she will use her talents for the Lord."

Have you ever wondered why we here in America have more than any other nation on earth, why we are the greatest nation on earth? I believe it is because we believe that all men are created to be equal: each man has an equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In other words, we believe that a mutual God created all of us, and He created us to be equal. With this feeling of equality, our people have not been afraid. They have launched out and accomplished things, and these accomplishments have made America great and the people of America happy.

But—what about the nations which do not believe in God? Let us look at India for an example. The main religion of India is Hinduism. Hinduism is the worship of statues, and it has about 300,000,000 followers. It divides the people into four main castes or classes. The first class is priests or holy men, the second is warriors, the third farmers, and the fourth is that of servants. This is not all, however; actually there are more than 2,700 classes in India. Many of these are outcasts or untouchables.

How do you suppose the people are divided into classes? Shockingly enough they are born into

them. Therefore, it would make no difference how much gray matter you might have or what great talent had been bestowed upon you; if you were born to be an outcast, an untouchable, or a servant, you would remain in that category throughout your life. You would probably not even try to change; you would just accept it as your fate.

Now you are all fair-minded people. I ask you: Is this equality? Is this justice? Would it be fair for you to go through life being shunned and despised by everyone for no reason at all, except that your religion demanded that you, a human being, be treated like a dog!

Millions of people in India go through this hell on earth every day. Why do they endure this hell? I can imagine what most of you are thinking: "Oh, they probably don't know any better." You are absolutely right. They don't know that one God created all men, and created them to be equal. They don't know that our same God created them.

Well, who is going to tell them? This knowledge just won't drop out of the sky. Someone who knows will have to tell these poor people about God and equality—and **you** and **I** know!

Yes, it is true that there are some who are already there teaching them, but they are few, and the need is for many. India is only five-eighths the size of the United States, but she has over 400,000,000 people, as compared to our 156,000,000. Thirty thousand people die every day in India without Christ. They haven't a chance. You see, there is only one missionary to every 80,000 people!

Now, I don't expect that, after you have heard what I have to say that any of you will decide right here and now that you are going to be a missionary. You are all sensible, and sensible people just don't make such important decisions on the spur of the moment. However, if anything I have said has struck any one at all, there are four things that you can do to further missionary work.

The first thing you can do is to take an honest look at the mission-

T-R-E-A-T-I-S-E

Single Copy	\$.35
Six or more, ea.30
Per Dozen	3.50

THE QUACK DOCTOR

Highly interesting and very helpful booklet written by Rev. Paul Woolsey, Missionary to India. Each, 40¢; 3 for \$1.00; postpaid

any problem. Think about what I have said; then draw your own conclusions. What **you** think about this will help **you** a lot more than what **I** think. At any rate, do think about it!

Secondly, you can pray. Pray that God will send more missionaries to preach His Gospel to these people. You know, prayer is a wonderful thing. It costs no money, requires no passport, requires no travel, you can reach the whole world, no one gets jealous of what you are doing, you are not apt to become vain, and it makes you happy while it is blessing others. Remember that you can pray.

The next thing you can do is to give. It is a lack of money to further this cause that is causing thousands of people to die each day without Christ. If you can give a little, it will help a lot.

The fourth thing you can do, and the most difficult of all to accomplish, is to go. Every day God is nominating workers to go forth and preach and teach His Gospel. Every day people are declining that nomination because there is too much responsibility involved. If God nominated you, would you go? I don't believe there are any of you who would decline God's nomination.

I am sure all of you believe in paying your debts. A great many years ago, a very wise man named Paul made this statement: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." We, as Christian people, are debtors both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; to the wise and to the unwise. Don't you think it is about time we paid that debt?

GLEANINGS

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine HEART, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine HEART: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:4-7.

The above verses is the cure for *Juvenile Delinquency* as well as *Adult Delinquency*.

Usually it is a bigger job, though necessary, to get people to do what they *already know* they should do, than it is to teach them new truths or responsibilities.

A *Pessimist* grumbles because there are thorns on blackberry bushes.

An *Optimist* is glad there are berries on the thorn bushes.

If we will, *stumbling stones* can be turned into *stepping stones*.

DEVIL, DISBELIEF, death—are the downward steps to hell.

Some people "bury the old hatchet" with the handle still sticking out.

A thing not sinful in itself, can be, and often is misused so that it does become a sin.

It is not what we *would do* if we had a hundred dollars — but the thing that counts is *what we do* with that quarter we already have.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods

which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

Every father should be privileged to be able to make the last statement of this verse true to his own family.

—R. R. M.

Mrs. A. L. DeWeese	6.90
Union Light S.S.	60.37
Coppermines S.S.	18.88
Total	\$394.53

MISSIONS

Mt. Pisgah	\$ 9.18
New Harmony S.S.	84.97
Rock Chapel	71.13
Flat River-First	62.28
Macedonia	39.68
Total	\$267.24

STATE TREASURERS REPORT

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1955

(Lorene Williford - Treasurer)

CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Flat River-First	\$553.93
Fellowship-Flat River	352.04
Fourth-St. Louis	65.00
Mtn. Valley	30.60
Myrtle	29.50
Twin Oak	44.90
Mill Creek	22.00
Union Light	17.10
Hickory Grove	18.32
Leadington	163.91
Fredericktown	194.66
Carterville	34.43
Sublette	24.00
South Side-St. Louis	180.00
Desloge	42.70
Kirksville	103.06
Coppermines	79.60
Hannon	31.47
Martinstown	12.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00
Verdella	20.37
Black Oak	3.55
Merl's Chapel	39.50
Farmington	50.71
No. 1 F.W.B. Ch. of Christ	25.00
Third-St. Louis	34.73
Willow Springs	14.30
Mine LaMotte	21.83
Total	\$2,238.51

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Fellowship-Flat River	\$75.00
Buffalo S.S.	13.27
Desloge	7.50
Fredericktown	68.63
Wolf Creek	15.00
Hartville	11.86
Verdella	4.59
Monett	16.96
Flat River-First	97.64

BIBLE COLLEGE

Wagoner	\$ 1.50
Monett	16.06
Total	\$17.56

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Leadington Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Monett	3.21
Wagoner	1.50
Total	\$ 9.71

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Wagoner	\$ 3.00
Monett	3.21
Third-St. Louis	29.82
Total	\$36.03

GEM EXPENSES

Wagoner	\$ 1.50
---------------	---------

SUPERANNUATION

Monett	\$ 6.42
--------------	---------

YOUTH CAMP

Wagoner	\$ 1.50
---------------	---------

HANNA FUND

Third-St. Louis	\$70.00
-----------------------	---------

EDWARD'S FUND

Hazel Creek Auxiliary	\$ 5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Newsome ...	40.00
Fourth-St. Louis	15.00

Total	\$60.00
-------------	---------

CO-LABORER FUND

Monett Auxiliary	\$52.05
------------------------	---------

GEM

Wagoner	\$ 1.50
Monett	6.42
Total	\$ 7.92

Total All Funds	\$3,162.57
-----------------------	------------

WILL CHANGE PASTORATES

Rev. O. T. Allred, Missouri State Moderator, has announced that he is resigning his pastorate with the Merl's Chapel Church near Cassville. The resignation will be effective August 1. Rev. Allred will have completed nine years with this church. The first six years of this time, he served on a half time basis and worked with other churches the rest of the time. But for the past three years he has pastored on a full time basis, making this one of the few rural churches in Missouri on a full time basis. During his pastorate there numerous improvements have been made, including adding five new Sunday School rooms, the installation of a heating system, and others.

Rev. Allred states that his plans are now indefinite. Your editor suggests that if you would be interested in his services in any capacity that you contact him at his home: 904 Fifth Street, Monett, Missouri.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS MEET

The 85th session of the Madison County Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention met with the Copper Mines Church near Fredericktown, Missouri on April 24 for an all-day service. Sunday School was at 10:00 a.m., followed by the morning message at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Glenn Rehkop was the speaker. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon program was called to order by the president, Rev. Glenn Rehkop. The congregation sang, "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow." Rev. Rehkop turned the service to the assistant president, Rev. O. D. Matthews. Congregational song, "To the Work." Prayer by Rev. Albert Halbrook. Scripture reading, II Tim. 2:11-15, Rev. Willard Day.

The welcome, Wesley Beguette. The response, Sylvia Matthews. Song, "I Am Satisfied with Jesus." Song by Mine LaMotte Sunday School, "Sunlight." Topic by Bro. Harold Baldwin, "Teaching the Gospel," using the Great Commission. Congregational number, "I Want to Be A Worker." Prayer by Bro. Leamon Killian.

Business session. Minutes of last

session, financial report, and convention reports of six Sunday Schools were read and approved. Motion carried to receive Oak Hill Sunday School as a member of the convention. Motion carried to send \$10.00 to the Gem and \$10.00 to Oak Hill Sunday School. The next session will be at Oak Hill in July. The enrollment totaled 120 present.

Song, "Hold Fast to the Right," by Louella McCutchins for the Union Light Sunday School. Song by Mill Creek Sunday School, "Where He Leads Me, I Will Fol-

low." Song, "Mansion Over the Hilltop," four junior girls from the Fredericktown Sunday School. Specials: "Glad Reunion Day," by Copper Mines; "I'm Doing Little Things for Jesus," the four girls from Fredericktown; piano solo, "Going Home," by Jerry Stacey; "Cleanse Me," by Lillian Hoovis and Leamon Underwood; playlet, "Murky Church Discovers God's Plan," Copper Mines Sunday School.

Benediction by Rev. Willard Day.

—Mildred Killian, clerk

CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL CHURCH

In the Book of Matthew, chapter 16, verses 13-18, we find Christ asking, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man, am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." On what rock? On Himself—Jesus Christ, the Rock of our salvation.

And He said, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven," (v 19) speaking to the Church built on His own Spirit. Some say He gave those keys to Peter. No, would a loving Saviour give the keys to the kingdom of heaven to a man to whom He would say, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." (Matt. 13:26)? Later (Matt. 26:69-75) he denied his Saviour three times. In verse 74, when he had denied for the third time, and began "to curse

and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly. It seems he was afraid of the Jews. Think ye that Christ would give the keys to the kingdom to a man like that? No, it was on His Spiritual Church built on His own Spirit.

Therefore, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." When I was a child, I wondered at that Scripture. Who could keep anyone out of heaven? Some while ago I had quite a discussion with a friend and thought of it. I went home and thought no more about it. About eleven o'clock that night I woke up with a clear understanding. It was on His own Spirit He built His Spiritual Church. In like manner, He told the Jews, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:19. They thought He was speaking of the temple in Jerusalem, but He spoke of His own body.

He said of His Church, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," and it has not. They crucified Him on the cross. He laid down His life on the cross. Did He not use the keys to the

kingdom of heaven when He said, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise?" Yes, they laid His body in the tomb—not His Spirit, for we hear Him say, "Father, into thy hands I commend my Spirit." Still He was a loving Saviour.

In Luke's Gospel we hear Him say, even though they had beaten Him cruelly, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We find again in the twentieth chapter of John, "The doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. . . . Then said Jesus to them again. Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Christ said, "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained," speaking to His spiritual Church again (for the last time). We might say, "Whosoever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven." Who can remit sins but Christ or the Father God Himself—and they are ours.

Christ told the woman at the well, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Then Christ said, "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me." Notice friend, after Christ's ascension we don't find these words to the Church anymore: it was always Christ speaking. Therefore, since He went to the Father, we must pray to Him there, and if we pray in faith—and nothing doubting—He will send the Comforter, the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit, to us just as He promised. He sent Him to the Disciples at Pentecost.

All church members should belong to Christ's spiritual Church. We must: or we will meet an awful doom. Christ died for all. Accept Him and be saved: reject Him and be lost.

May God bless the truth of His Word.

Mrs. J. W. Wilkey,
Mammoth Springs, Ark.

The educated man is he who is soberly aware of his ignorance.

Courage is not the absence of fear—it is the mastery of it.

—Mutual Moments

REVIVAL AT RICHWOODS

We here in the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church are very happy in the Lord.

Our revival closed Sunday night, May 29, with a total of 19 professions. Ten were baptized. The Lord wonderfully blessed each night, and our church is much stronger. Rev. Harry Asher was our evangelist.

May God richly bless everyone, every where, as He did us, is our prayer.

In His service always,
Ettie Logsdon, reporter

YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY

- For telling the truth;
- For living a pure life;
- For your faith in Christ;
- For confessing your sins;
- For doing your best;
- For thinking before acting;
- For forgiving your enemies;
- For helping a fallen brother;
- For being honest in business;
- For being loyal to your church;
- For stopping your ears to gossip;
- For bridling a slanderous tongue;
- For harboring only pure thoughts;
- For being courteous and kind to all, or
- For money given to the Lord's cause.

—Church News Letter

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

	JA	FE	MR	AP	MA	JU
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas	147.	146.	143.	164.	147.	
Tommy Day, pastor						
Richwoods	83.	79.	71.	84.	90.	
(League)	54.	48.	34.	43.	55.	
Leslie Logsdon, pastor						
C. Sohn, S.S.; J. Schutte, league						
Monett	111.	98.	98.	123.	105.	
James Davis, pastor						
Leon Hilton, supt.						
Lawnwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma	206.	194.	183.	231.		
Harry E. Staires, pastor						
G. W. Cunningham, supt.						
Mountain Grove	185.	157.	160.	187.		
Fred Kirby, pastor						
Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.)	94.	97.	103.	113.		
Glenn Rehkop, pastor						
Fourth, St. Louis	80.	84.	85.	81.		
Wm. Turnbough, pastor						
Elizabethton, Tenn. First	195.		193.	252.		
Harvey B. Hill, pastor						

St. Mary's, New Berne, N.C.	335.	285.	335.	369.		
Cecil Campbell, pastor						
Mt. Pisgah, Cagool	46.			53.		
Ezra Butts, pastor						
Hazel Creek, Kirksville	53.	53.	62.	53.		
Stanley Letterman, pastor						
Parkview, Desloge	104.	88.	84.			
John Long, pastor						
Jones Chapel, Stella	63.	54.	54.			
Winford Davis, pastor						
Farmington	46.	45.	49.			
James Barker, pastor						
Joplin First	46.	45.	49.			
Paul Williams, pastor						
Pleasant Grove, Anderson (1st quarter)			38.			
Harry Sterling, pastor						
Fredericktown	160.	161.				
Willard Day, pastor						
Southside, St. Louis	204.					
James Franklin, pastor						
New Hope, Nashville, Tenn.	168.					
(League)	76.					
Robert Hill, pastor						

SWORD DRILL INFORMATION

The following is the material from which the Sword Drill will be made for the State contest.

1. Scripture Searching—Find a verse that shows that:

a. You are a sinner (any one of the following): Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9; I John 1:8; Ezekiel 18:20.

b. You cannot save yourself: Jeremiah 2:22; Galatians 3:10; James 1:15; Prov. 20:9.

c. God has promised a Saviour: I Peter 2:24; I John 4:10; John 3:16; Isaiah 53:6.

d. You must repent: Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3; Isa. 55:7; Psalm 51:17.

e. You must trust Jesus: John 1:12; Romans 10:4; I John 5:11, 12; Acts 16:31; John 3:36; Galatians 3:26.

2. Unfinished Quotations:

a. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God..." (Matt. 6:33)

b. "Come unto me all ye that labor..." (Matt. 11:28)

c. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel..." (Mark 16:15)

d. "The Lord watch between..." (Genesis 31:49)

e. "Study to shew thyself approved..." (II Tim. 2:15)

3. Character:

Jacob (Genesis 31:54)

David (II Samuel 5:19)

Paul (Acts 15:35)

Appolos (Acts 18:24)

Agrippa (Acts 26:1)

Onesimus (Philemon 10)

Achan (Joshua 7:20)

Boaz (Ruth 4:1)

Lot (Genesis 19:1)

4. Book Drill (must know what books come before and after the ones below):

Deuteronomy

Nehemiah

Psalms

Zechariah

Hebrews

Jonah

Lamentations

Philemon

Ephesians

Haggai

Numbers

Micah

5. Doctrinal Drill—Find a verse that shows that:

a. Jesus saves: John 6:47

b. God answers prayer: I John 5:14

c. That all have sinned: Romans 3:23

d. We may know that we have been saved: I John 5:13

e. Jesus is eternal: Rev. 1:18

The contestant who is chosen to represent his local convention at the State Convention should study the above references in preparation for the State Contest. Further explanation of the rules of the contest, types and methods of the drills will be found in the April and May issues of the Gem, or may be had by writing to Rolla D. Smith, 601 Buckley Street, Flat River, Missouri. As soon as each local convention qualifies its contestant the name and address of the contestant should be sent to Mr. Smith.

VICTORY IN CUBA MISSIONS

Bro. Riggs, I regret with all my heart that we do not get more information to you. I have never seen the work as it is now. The marvelous conversions that are constant, the rich deep experiences in the lives of our Christians and the growth among the churches, with the fast growing youth departments, would thrill your soul. It is almost daily that we have these reports, but we are so enveloped in work that we can't get to it.

Sunday night I went to San Juan to close out a week's special services in the church there. One-lío is still pastor and what a work he has. In that little church that only seats about 60 people, there were between three and four hundred people. All week long they have had the same crowd with wonderful conversions. I wish you could see the way he has the little church and parsonage fixed up—it is beautiful; but what a desperate need for a building. Vene was in today and said in Vinales he had the same problem last week, but yet was a glorious week—a young school teacher for whom we have been praying for a long time was converted. In San

Frausico, a suburb of Karona, where we have a new flourishing work has had a real revival. A group of our Christian girls approached a very fine cultured lady, A Doctor in Pedagogy who has a private academy in the same place, and asked for permission to give out Christian tracts to the children. She was very rebellious and told them she was a faithful Catholic and she would by no means permit them to enter her school. A couple of weeks ago one of our fine young men, school teacher also of Havana, was holding a service at the little church. They told him of the ease and he went to see her under the power of the Spirit of God. She listened to him and he got her promise to attend the service that night. She did and was wonderfully converted, and her husband also. Now she says, "Come into my school and give the children the Gospel," and thus it goes.

It is happening all over our fields—and especially here in Pin-ar among the better class of people. That is another story. God is working, Bro. Riggs, and it thrills our hearts, as I know it does yours.

Mrs. Mable Willey

WHY A CHRISTIAN OUGHT NOT TO DANCE

1. Dancing Christians are considered hypocrites by the world.
2. Three-fourth of the fallen girls in America attribute the beginning of their ruin to dancing.
3. Thousands of men have used the dance as the surest way of trapping a girl.
4. It is the companion vice of drinking and other sins.
5. If dancing does not hurt me, my influence might cause a weaker person to be ruined and LOST.
6. The dance is the only place where the vilest men can embrace the purest of girls in the closest familiarity.
7. GOD has condemned dancing from the very beginning.

—Church News Letter