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"I will study and get ready, and perhaps my chance will come."—Lincoln.

A builder builded a temple;
He wrote with care and skill;—
Pillars and groins and arches
Were fashioned to meet his will;
And men said when they saw its beauty;
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O Builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple;
She wrought with skill and care;—
Forming each pillar with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None saw the unceasing effort;
None knew of the marvelous plan:
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple:—
Crumbled into the dust,—
Pillar and groin and arches
Food for consuming rust;
But the temple the teacher builded
Shall endure while the ages roll;—
For that beautiful, unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

—Author unknown

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A Message**From Your Promotional Secretary of Superannuation**

Rev. K. V. Shutes
Nashville, Tenn.

First, I would like to tell you that our response has been some better since our last article to our church papers.

We would like to inform you that we are getting set up now to insure pastoriums, churches and all church properties. This will necessitate our having to have a licensed man in every state where we do business and this is being done as rapidly as possible. I hope you will bear in mind that the Superannuation Board needs the business of the denomination that set it up. I believe in two years time this will more than pay the over-head expense of the office and leave a sum to help insure the insurable ministers, and to help those who are too old to be insured.

The majority of our churches have insurance with someone. Why not let your Superannuation Board place your insurance for you? In this way you will be helping your denomination.

The small income that comes from the field will not pay the over-head

of the office and half of the minister's premiums, so the Board is asking every church whose pastor is insured to pay as much to this office as the minister's insurance will cost the Board. If we get this over, we will be able to insure the ministers as fast as we get their applications. If we do not, then, it will continue to be a slow process.

I believe one Free Will Baptist minister has as much right to be insured as another. Many of those who need it worse are not being reached by it, because many of the rural ministers are not able to pay half the premium, and their church is not either.

Now to the churches, if your pastor has insurance with our Board, won't you be kind enough to pay the Board's half of his premium? If your pastor is not insured with us, and he wants this insurance, see to it that your church pays to our Board as much as your pastor pays to cover the Board's part of the premium. If you think enough of your pastor and you are able to, you might like to pay enough to cover the total premium for the year.

The Superannuation Program has been one of the neglected phases of our denomination. There has not been any one on the field until the past three months, and if we don't get the cooperation of our ministers, churches and associations we will not be able to continue for long.

The insurance that we offer to the ministers is about seventeen per cent cheaper than you get anywhere else, because just ministers and full time christian workers are insured.

Please let us hear from you if you are interested in this program of our denomination.

HOW TO GET RID OF AN UNDESIRABLE PREACHER

1. Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching and say "amen" once in awhile. He'll preach himself to death in a few weeks.

2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. He'll soon work himself to death.

3. Start paying him a living wage. Perhaps he is one of those many preachers who have gone on starvation wages for so long, he'd eat enough to kill him if he ever got the chance.

4. Rededicate your own life to Christ, and ask the preacher for a job to do. He'll die of heart failure.

5. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher, and he'll soon become so effective, some larger church will take him off your hands.

NOTICE

The Mo. State Youth Camp Board begins publication of a news sheet. The following items are taken from the first issue. The news sheet is entitled: **Youth Camp Crier**.

January 1, 1956

This is the first in a series of news sheets which we the members of the youth camp board, hope will keep you informed as to what is going on in the progress of the camp.

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Rev. O. T. Allred has been on the sick list for the last few weeks, but has been on the job when his time came to preach.

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What Kind Of Coffee Do You Drink?

If you drink Folgers, save the band that opens the can. On the end of the band there is a small star, cut off about two inches from the end that has the star, and send them to Sister Reeves, she is saving them to get a coffee maker for the camp.

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Rev. James Franklin Elected To The Board

Rev. Franklin, is pastor of the South Side church in St. Louis. He succeeds Bro. Willard C. Day, who resigned to help promote the camp work.

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Bro. Harvey Hill to Berkley City Church

Bro. Hill was missed by all who attends the youth camp, and is welcomed back, by all the Free Will Baptists of the state of Missouri. Bro. Hill, will edit the news sheet and do promotional work for the camp.

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Bro. Willard C. Day To Oklahoma

I have accepted the Lewis Ave. church in Tulsa, Oklahoma and will move there on the 15th of January. I have enjoyed the youth camp every time I have attended, and I sincerely hope that every member of the State Association will become aroused to the fact that something must be done or the youth camp work will be retarded. The board carried out the resolution passed by the association, and borrowed the money to improve the camp and the note was renewed. It must be paid when due again. Or we will loose the property. It can be done by sending a small donation each month, can we depend upon you?

A Dollar A Month Club

Those who joined the club have helped considerably in paying the camp-bills. However, some have not received their membership card, if you have not received yours, you can get it by writing to, Rev. Harvey Hill, 8914, Springdale Ave. St. Louis, Mo. Also, if you want to join the club, Bro. Hill will enroll you.

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Make Your Plans Early to attend the next session of the youth encampment. Don't be too slow about deciding whether you will go, but just decide now, and start getting ready. For full information, write to Bro. W. M. Reeves, Niangua Mo.

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The Swimming Pool Was Enjoyed By All

After a hot day filled with work and fun, the boys and girls, really enjoyed a dip in the pool. However, the camp has an iron-clad rule, that no mixed bathing be allowed.

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Jeanie Barton appreciated the kindness of the Youth Camp Gang!

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The Youth Camp Gang, says, "strangers to us are just friends that we have not met."

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There are things to fix in Fifty-Six, Let's Go!

CHURCH PURCHASES PARSONAGE

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church recently purchased the Melvin Holdman property located next door to the church to use as a parsonage.

The house is a lovely, three-bedroom cottage. The Church has long felt the need for such a property, but until now was not able to obtain it. The membership expresses their thanks to God for this rich blessing.

MY CHURCH AND I

I have united with the church in solemn covenant. I have pledged to it my prayers, my interest, my spiritual assistance, my presence at its services and a definite portion of my income for its support.

Should I not keep my pledge I will immediately bring an injury upon my church. The non-church-goer reads my life like a book; it is the only sermon he ever receives. I should be very careful as to the kind of sermon my life is preaching to the world. The apostle said: that "Christians are living epistles known and read of all men."

FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP, FROM AUG. 15, 1955 TO DEC. 15, 1955

Brought Forward from 1954-1955 \$ 240.16

Received:

Southeast Missouri	171.00
Northeast Mo.	90.84
Indian Creek	70.08
Mission	20.00
Niangua	7.93
Southeast Missouri League Convention	119.54
Madison County Home Mission Board	50.00
Missouri State Association (Treasurer)	487.31
Sale of Camp Pictures	7.00
One Dollar a Month Club	156.00

\$1,179.70

\$1,419.86

Expenditures:

Utilities	\$ 113.50
Printing	42.50
Insurance & Bond	21.60
Mileage for Board Members	29.10
Interest & Lawyer Fee on Note	143.80
Supplies for Camp Session (1955)	140.02
Caretaker's Salary to September 10, 1955	125.00
Stigman Company on Account	800.00

\$1,415.52

Balance on Hand December 15, 1955 \$ 4.34

Outstanding Bills:

Note—Due October 1956 (Open Account)	\$2,560.00
Paid on Account	800.00
Balance Due	\$1,760.00

I wish to explain some items listed above, in the Expenditures.

First, the care-taker's salary; the Board voted to pay me \$50.00 per month, but seeing the need of our camp financially, I felt the camp could use that, so September 10th I stopped drawing any salary.

The camp session supplies listed in the above report are bills that came in late and I could not get them before the State Meeting.

—Rev. Wm. Reeves

We Are Debtors

Romans 1:14-15

Ollie Latch

Paul possessed most of the qualities which are necessary to true greatness. This man would have been great in any age, for he had those high and noble spiritual senses so necessary to qualify for the Hall of Human Fame. Not the least of these was his high sense of duty, his noble feelings of indebtedness to others. He never considered his work from the purely selfish standpoint, and lamented the fact that the Corinthians forced him to speak in a boastful manner. He labored from a high sense of his indebtedness to others.

More than anything else today the Christian world needs a sense of its indebtedness to others and outside forces. The rampant selfishness of our times is indicative of our lack of that high and noble conviction. Truly we are debtors, all of us. Truly we owe debts which cannot be paid but upon which some of us do not even bother to pay interest. The purpose of this message is to try to arouse in you a finer and keener sense of your moral indebtedness, and to stir you toward payment of what you owe.

I—Indebted To Ancestors

We owe a tremendous debt to those who have gone before us. Our world is not one of our own making, and when we look at it from the darker side, we may feel glad that it is not so. But when you stop to think of all the good things that are ours, your sense of indebtedness to your ancestors will deepen. Men and women long since dead labored and toiled for the blessings you now enjoy. The ancient Hebrew prophets, hated and driven by the society of their times, hammered out the religion to which we have fallen heir. The hard and astute old Romans devised governmental policy and practice which you enjoy every day. The noble Greek thinkers and students laid the foundation for our culture many years ago. The pioneers blazed the trails across the vast Atlantic and over the face of this great continent to lay the foundations for your land and mine. They conquered the forests, harnessed the streams, repelled the enemies, and laid the foundations of this great country. You are in debt to your forebearers, a debt which demands that you build upon the foundations they have so ably laid.

II—To Those Who Made Us

There is no such thing as a self made man. We are the sum total of the many people who have contributed

to our lives. Our parents gave us life, and they nourished that life until it could nourish itself. They taught us the great moral lessons of the soul, at least many of them did. At the knees of a hardy old pioneer mother I learned the lessons of truthfulness, honesty, industry and perseverance. Then the day came when she turned me over to teachers. These people imparted knowledge to me, taught me to use the few brains God saw fit to bestow upon me, taught me self-reliance, right conduct, opened to me the vast stores to be found in the printed page. They inspired me to seek for those hidden stores, and kindled in me a thirst for knowledge. And who can estimate the contribution that our spiritual teachers have made to our lives. The people who taught the Sunday School class, the people who sang the gospel, the people who preached the gospel, and those who gave witness to the living Christ within their hearts? I shall never be able to pay my debt to all these people, and neither can you.

III—Indebted To Society

We do not live alone, and none of us can truthfully say, "This I did for myself." What we are and what we have in society is the result of many contributors. To our nation and those who established it we are indebted for the freedom, fairness and equality of every American before the bar of law. The sacredness of our homes, the safety of our property, the opportunity to work and save and make and build, for all of these we are in debt to the society in which we live. There are times when we seek to think of ourselves apart from the world about us—the social situation, but truly has Paul declared, "No man lives unto himself." If there are bad elements in society, we must remember also that there are good elements in it. It was that good element which taught me about God and my obligation to him. The church is a part of our society and the church has mothered my spiritual life. The social soil upon which our souls have been nourished demands that we put back into society those values which we have taken from it. And while many of our fellows are selfish and self-centered, we have all been blessed by the ministry of our fellows who have fallen under the influence of the Christ, of Nazareth. I would not belittle the debt I owe to Christ, but neither would I forget the debt I owe to Christ's men who have blessed my life over and over, again and again. I feel my debt to them, my duty to take up the work where they left off.

IV—Indebted To God

This is not to say the same as those mentioned above, even if there is a growing tendency to think of religious duty that way. It was not ancestor, teacher, or society that gave to me the Bible. It is God's gift of religious truth for my good. Neither nation, society nor home gave me Christ, but he is the gift of God, the precious Son of his heart. And actually, the good which I have had from the hand of others is but an indirect gift of God, for it was God who through the ages worked out in man the richest gifts of the ages. How measureless are our duties to him! How boundlessly are we under obligations to God! When I behold the Cross of God, when I feel his spirit drawing and wooing me—then I begin to feel how deeply I am in debt to him. Humbly would I lift my voice and sing, "All to him I owe."

There is a tendency on our part to be prompt with payment to others, remiss in our payments to God. A minister was talking to a man about this matter, and he said to the man, "You are known as one who faithfully pays his debts. Why don't you pay your debt to God?" The man replied, "God is not pressing me like my other creditors." That man was mistaken. Every day, and in every possible way, God is pressing for our payments. He does not sue in the courts or send devastation upon us for he wants us to fully and freely acknowledge our debt to him and he wants us to pay those debts like honest people, not like those who have to be sued.

Conclusion

You are the sum total of what others have contributed to your life. At great sacrifice and labor, others have made for you all the happiness and blessings which you are able to enjoy. Their mute lips now speak in deathless refrain, calling out for you to pay your debts. Your parents, your teachers, your noble war dead, your Christ and your God—these call to you from the ruby red pages of history, "Pay your debt." Those who led you to Christ demand that you lead someone else. Those who built a church for you demand that you build one for others. Those who gave their lives to keep the Bible, demand that you share it with other people. The Christ who made life eternal possible for you demands that you pass the word along. How can you be complacent, insensible to the debt you owe!

"Let Us Be Consistent"

Rev. Rolla Smith

A young lawyer, an infidel boasted that he was going West to locate some place where there were no churches, no Sunday School, no Bibles. Before the year was over, he wrote to a classmate, a young minister, begging him to come out where he was and start a Sunday School and preach, and "be sure to bring plenty of Bibles," closing his letter with these words, "I have become convinced that a place without Christians and Sunday Schools and Churches and Bibles is too much like hell for any living man to stay in."

None of us would desire to live in a churchless community. Yet many church members seem to take the church for granted. There are too few who give first attention to the claims of Christ and the church in their lives. This, I believe, accounts for a large share of the inattention and indifference of unchurched people toward the church. To illustrate: Two men, a Christian and a skeptic, were discussing the evidence of the Christian religion. The skeptic frankly and bluntly said: "We might as well drop this matter, for I don't believe a word you say; and more than that, you yourself don't really believe it. For to my certain knowledge you have not given, the last 20 years, so much for the spread of Christianity, such as the building of churches, or for foreign missions and home missions as your last Durham cow cost."

Not only in the matter of failure to support the church financially do church members cause others to question their sincerity, but also by irregular attendance in worship, criticism of the church, envy, jealousy, sensuality, gossip, or any other practice inconsistent with the Bible standard for Christian living. Take, for example, the persons who cannot be depended upon to attend all the services of the church even when the hindrance is not providential. Do people practice the same in the secular world? Where is there a man who regularly leaves his secular job before his shift is finished in order to visit a friend, take a trip or what have you? Where is there a mother who works in the secular field who will miss a shift to cook a dinner for the relatives who are visiting? Yet these same people will excuse themselves from church services for these reasons and are in reality saying to the world, "The church doesn't mean as much to me as my job." There are parents in most every church who indifferently lead their children away from the

church after Sunday School before the worship hour. These same parents would in all probability punish their children for skipping a class in English, History, or Math. How inconsistent! In effect they are saying, "A knowledge of the Bible is not as important for my child as is History or Math."

If we are to practice Matt. 6:33, nothing that would not keep us away from our secular duties should be considered an excuse for absenting ourselves from the service of the church.

"Meetin' Time"

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mountain Grove, Mo.

Othel T. Dixon, Minister

No Matter What . . .

A great minister of the past was talking to a farmer who had on his farm a weathervane on the arrow of which was enscribed, "God is Love." He said to the farmer, "What do you mean by that? Do you think God's love is changeable . . . that it veers about as the arrows turn in wind?" "No," the farmer answered, "I mean that which ever way the wind blows, God is still Love."

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New Members . . .

We are certainly happy to welcome into our fellowship the six new members that joined our church last Sunday. First of all we are thankful for the conversion, and let us continue to pray that God will continue to bless those that step out for him. The ones uniting with the church Sunday morning were: Bro. and Sis. Vernes Cody, 47 West First Street; Sis. Ethel Reeder, 311 S. Main St.; Sis. Lou Parker, 705 N. Main St.; Bro. and Sis. George W. Scott, 717 Darrel Street. We pray God's richest blessing upon these who have united with us to work for Christ.

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All Work and No Pray . . .

If "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" then how much more does "all work and no pray" make Jack spiritually dull, too! Personal prayer and public worship are twin requisites of the stalwart Christian.

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Christmas Shoppers . . .

A young Jewish girl who worked in a store during the holiday season met with an accident. The young girl was taken to a hospital where she made the acquaintance of a Christian nurse whose loving ministry and gen-

tle goodness soon won her friendship.

One day the Jewish girl asked, "Is it true you are a Christian?" Upon being answered in the affirmative, she replied, "You are so kind and polite and gentle, I didn't think you could be a Christian; but then the only Christians I've met are the Christmas shoppers."

Perhaps a word from Paul is fitting here: ". . . Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Even Christmas shopping.

IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME

A few years ago a striking Christmas card was published, with the title, "If Christ had not come." It was founded upon our Saviour's words, "If I had not come." The card represented a clergyman falling into a short sleep in his study on Christmas morning and dreaming of a world into which Jesus had never come.

In his dream he found himself looking through his home, but there were no little stockings in the chimney corner, no Christmas bells or wreaths of holly, and no Christ to comfort, gladden and save. He walked out on the public street, but there was no church with its spire pointing to Heaven. He came back and sat down in his library, but every book about the Saviour had disappeared.

A ring at the doorbell, and a messenger asked him to visit a poor, dying mother. He hastened with the weeping child and as he reached the home he sat down and said, "I have something here that will comfort you." He opened his Bible to look for a familiar promise, but it ended at Malachi, and there was no gospel and no promise of hope and salvation, and he could only bow his head and weep with her in bitter despair.

Two days afterward he stood beside her coffin and conducted the funeral service, but there was no message of consolation, no word of a glorious resurrection, no open Heaven, but only "dust to dust, ashes to ashes," and one long eternal farewell. He realized at length that "He had not come," and burst into tears and bitter weeping in his sorrowful dream.

Suddenly he woke with a start, and a great shout of joy and praise burst from his lips as he heard the choir singing in the church close by:

"O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

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From the Editor's Desk

O LORD, SAVE OUR CHILDREN

There was a time when children were considered blessings sent from God, and when they were considered a heritage of the Lord, but times have changed, according to some.

The Psalmist said, "Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table." (Ps. 128:3). The Psalmist knew real joy and riches in and through his children. I have a notion that perhaps he did not mind even their noise too much, for in verses one and two, we have a picture of a man who is healthy and completely happy.

In the first place, the Psalmist feared God. I believe that the fear of God should hold first place in every life. Not that we should fear God in the sense that we would expect Him to pounce upon us at any moment, but in the sense that we would render unto Him a reverential fear due unto Him. Secondly, this man knew the real joy of labor. To me, this is most important. I pity the person who has never learned to enjoy his work. Especially do I pity the parent who does not rejoice in his labor for his children.

The Psalmist realized this truth for he said, "thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands." In other words, he said, when you have reared your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, you will reap the deep satisfaction of seeing the reward of your labor.

However, to many children, God is only a memory to them. Their rightful heritage, a Christian home with loving parents, has been taken from them. They have no real knowledge of God, nor are they taught He has a plan for their life. There are countless thousands of children in America who do not know a real relationship with God. Careless living by their parents has stolen this God-given privilege from them.

There was a time (and praise God! it still is in a comparatively few homes) that Sunday morning meant going to Sunday School and church. How many parents have you heard say it was too much to expect children to sit through two services? Are you, dear reader, guilty of saying the same?

How many parents do you know who teach their children that Sunday is the one day of the week to be called their own? To do with as

they please? Do you understand now what I mean by saying, that to many children God is only a memory?

These are the children who are the most pitiable on earth. O Lord, save our children from stubborn and rebellious parents! Parents who are stubborn and rebellious toward Thee and Thy will for them and who are teaching their children to be the same!

These parents live carelessly, indifferent to God's right to their lives. Then I hear these same parents say, "I can't do one thing with Johnny, or Mary!" Do you wonder why? I do not.

Dr. Geo. W. Crame, Counsellor, was asked the question: "What can I do with my 3 year old child? She won't eat." Now! isn't that a problem! Dr. Crane answered most sensibly by saying, "Your daughter is a little prima donna. She is making an issue of eating to bluff you into letting her do as she likes. Ignore her whims and fasting." In other words, you let that little three-year-old know that you are still the parent.

Can you imagine Joseph telling his father, Jacob, that he didn't like what they had for breakfast? Or, can you imagine Joseph telling his father that that "coat of many colors" was icky? (I have no intention of being irreverent). Why didn't Joseph talk to his father this way? Could it have been because Joseph had been taught the respect due to parents?

I visited in a home once where there were seventeen children and there was less crying, complaints, and commotion at meal-time than in a lot of homes I've visited with much fewer children. Why? Just simply because those children were disciplined and because they had been taught to be grateful for whatever food was set before them.

How many children do you know who must have a candy bar, or ice cream, or, at least cake for breakfast? but who are not hungry otherwise? In a few years, these same children will be saying to God, "I really don't think my relationship with you is very important. I'll just take dessert." Prosperity has ruined many homes and lives.

O Lord, save our children from this age of false prosperity! Help them to evaluate clearly and wisely.

Can you imagine Sarah getting a baby-sitter to care for Isaac? Off-hand, I know of only one Bible child,

Moses, who did have a baby-sitter and that was his own sister and for only a short while. O Lord, save our children from baby-sitter mothers. Mothers whose only concern, seemingly, is to keep the baby from killing itself.

And, isn't it amazing how many people are needed to baby-sit one child? Sometimes six or seven people are required. I'm serious. The baby has a cold, so mama, daddy, and four grandparents miss Sunday School to care for it.

When the nobleman's son was sick, he came to Jesus with the plea, "Sir, come down ere my child die." O Lord, give us parents in America whose chief concern for their children will be getting them in contact with Jesus, "ere they die."

The Psalmist said, "Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel."

I'm writing as one who has a deep love for children. It breaks my heart, however, as I'm sure it does many others, to see a child's potential ruined because of the lack of discipline and proper training from its parents.

Little girls growing up to be as vain as their mothers; little boys growing up to be as lazy as their fathers, with the idea that the world owes them a living.

O Lord, save our children!

HONOR ROLL

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Farmer: "Jed, you're an hour late getting back with those mules."

Hired man: "Well, I'll tell you, boss. I picked up the preacher on the way home and from there on those mules couldn't understand a word I said."

FIGURES DON'T LIE

Say—what happened to the list of subscribers you were going to send us? Did you forget? Or, did you think it best to begin your Church Plan of subscriptions with the new year?

Gem friends, figures don't lie. So—here are the figures: In the months of November and December we had 91 expirations. In November, two churches started the church family plan with a total of 40 subscriptions. In December, we had a total of 10 renewals, 20 new subscribers, and 1 church started the family plan. Here is the conclusion: We had 91 expirations and we gained 86 in new subscribers and renewals. Try hard as I can, I can't come up with anything but a minus 5 at best.

We cannot grow unless you help us. We cannot even stay in business operating on a minus basis. **You know that.**

So—how about sending in your church family list today? I will have some extra copies of this issue and I will be glad to send you some as samples, if you will let me know you want them.

Brother Pastor, may I expect your list of subscribers this month? Thank you.

P.S. Since the above was written, another church, First Church, Joplin, has sent in their subscription list. We welcome them most heartily into the family and pray they will not be disappointed in their decision.

J. EDGAR HOOVER OF THE F.B.I. SAYS:

Shall I make my child go to Sunday School and church? Yes! And with no further discussion about the matter. Startled? Why? How do you answer Junior when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces to you that he is not going to school any more? You know! Junior goes. How do you answer when Junior comes in very much bemused and says "I'm not going to take a bath." Junior bathes doesn't he?

Why all this timidity then, in the realm of his Spiritual guidance and growth? Going to let him wait and decide what church he'll go to when he's old enough? Quit your kidding! You didn't wait till you were old enough! You don't wait till he's old enough to decide whether he wants to go to school or not to start his education. You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wishes to be clean or dirty do you? Do you wait until he's old enough

to decide if he wants to take his medicine when he's sick? Do YOU?

What shall we say then when Junior announces that he doesn't like to go to Sunday School and church? That's an easy one to answer. Just be consistent. Tell him "Junior, in our house we all go to church and Sunday School and that includes you." Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal living.

—Fellowship Church Bulletin.

GEM INVENTORY

reveals that the Gem has the following to offer for sale:

Church Letter Forms
Remittance Envelopes
Calling Cards
Open End Envelopes (4 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$)
Assorted Birthday, Rally Day, etc. Cards
Assorted Tracts and Leaflets
Beginner's Color Books
Assorted Color Books (few)
S. S. Supplies (Six-point System):
Class Report Envelopes
Individual Report Slips—Form 10A
Six-Point Class Book No. 1
Six-Point Class Book No. 2
General Secretary's Books
Books:
Systematic Theology—Butler-Dunn
History of the Bible—Copp
Personal Soul-Winning—Edwards
Infinite Love—Moore
Quack Doctor—Woolsey

If we can serve you, we would be happy to receive your order.

Please send all correspondence concerning the **Gem**, whether it is letters, manuscripts, etc., to: Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.

Manuscripts must reach Mrs. Edwards by the twentieth (20th) of the

month to be published in the next issue.

Please send your Sunday School averages. This will be a monthly feature if you will make it possible with your report of your averages.

THE CHRISTIAN'S LEGACY

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).

Did you ever think that when Christ was dying on the cross he made a will? Perhaps you thought that no one ever remembered you in a will. If you are in the kingdom, Christ remembered you in his will. He willed His body to Joseph of Arimathea; He willed His mother to John, the son of Zebedee; and He willed His spirit back to His Father. But to His disciples He said: "My peace, I leave that with you; that is my legacy. My joy, I give that to you."

"My joy," think of it! "My peace" not our peace, but His peace!

They say that a man cannot make a will now that lawyers cannot break, and drive a four-in-hand right straight through it. I will challenge them to break Christ's will. Let them try it.

No judge or jury can set that aside. Christ rose to execute His own will. If he had left us a lot of gold, thieves would have stolen it in the first century; but he left His peace and His joy for every true believer, and no power on earth can take it from him who trusts.

—D. L. Moody

When I lack coherent thoughts I amuse myself by writing paragraphs like this one merely to fill up space.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

CHURCH	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Mt. Pisgah									55	49	47	
Copper Mines								106	93	101	98	96
1st Flat River								145	148	147	143	145
Fellowship	176	160	158	182	166	172	164	164	178	187	186	185
Leadington								99	109	106	106	104
Desloge	104	88	84	101	89	78	92	85	98	104	97	106
Farmington									36			
Fourth							41	47	52	53	67	
Southside					187	196				229		
Monett										116		110
Jones Chapel								40				

VISAS REFUSED

The Free Will Baptist Gem
Desloge, Mo.

Dear Editor

Please find enclosed copy of letter recently received from Evangelical Foreign Missions Association regarding refusal of visas to enter India.

This certainly comes as a disappointment to us all and we appeal to our people to pray that the will of the Lord might be done in regards to India's masses who need to hear the Gospel.

It seems that Communism is making a high bid for this great country but perhaps if enough of us would pray aright yet others could get into India.

As far as Mr. and Mrs. Hersey and Miss Ruehle are concerned we are praying the Lord to open other doors that they may utilize their service in reaching lost souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and ministering to human needs as per their ability.

Please inform our people regarding this and your personal prayers will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Raymond Riggs,
Promotional Sec'y.-Treas.

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Decemember 16, 1955

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Bd.
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Again I have to come to you with another story of disappointment, because the following official notice has come from the Embassy of India:

"Please refer to the applications for visas for India submitted in respect of Mr. Fred Wrede Hersey and his wife, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Hersey.

"The Government of India have informed us that they regret that they are unable to authorize the grant of visas for India to Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hersey, as they do not qualify for admission into India under existing regulations."

As I said in my letter regarding the visa rejection of Miss Ruehle, it is impossible for me to understand the reason why practically all applications are being refused. During the past 12 months, we have not had over a dozen visas approved and granted, yet we hear the claim that the Government has allowed over 300 missionaries into India.

We hope to investigate this situation, but may not get very far. New applications will not be accepted by

the India Embassy for a period of six months, but we can try again at that time. In the meantime, your representative in India should attempt to appeal the decision in India, but it is best if he could do it through the Evangelical Fellowship of India.

May this Christmas be a joyous one to you all, and rich with the blessings of our Saviour and Lord.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Bryant K. Schlutow
Ass't. Executive Sec'y.

FROM THE CALVERYS

Dec. 3, 1955

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Another month has gone and finds us still busy with the language. But it is making more "sense" to us now. At least we can tell that we are improving all along. But we still have a long way to go.

The Lord has answered our prayers. We now have a place to hold our Sunday evening meetings. The cold evenings in the garage were getting almost unbearable. One of the ladies who has become a Christian through our meetings, opened her house to the meeting. She wanted to let us have our services there starting about a month ago but her husband objected. But last week he decided to let us use his house. He does not attend even though it is held in his own house.

It was a real answer to prayer. As you know, Japanese have very little furniture in their houses and the floor is made of mats (called "tatami"). They sit on the floor. So a "tatami" room is a good place to hold services. We don't have to worry about chairs. Her room will take care of almost 30 people. We praise the Lord that He has given us this place to worship in. I could have rented a room with my own money but I wanted them to feel that it was their own. I even encouraged them to find a place on their own. I even told them that the meeting would have to stop if they didn't provide something for themselves. I think they feel better when they do things for themselves. Christmas will soon be here and we want to have a special program. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christ,
Wesley Calvery
Tokyo, Japan.

JUST A THOUGHT

It is estimated that on any given day there are six million pianos out of tune in America. Statics have no record on the number of people out of tune.

GENERAL FUND IS DANGEROUSLY LOW!

We do not want to appear pessimistic but actually when our bills are paid this month, and the allotments are sent to the field our General Fund will be in the RED. We can only hope and pray that sufficient funds will come in during Dec. to cover all expenses.

Whatever you do financially for foreign missions, it won't match the contribution you can make through prayer. "As important as your gifts are, and as much as we need them, when all is bought that they can buy, and all is paid that they can pay, we are then ready to begin the most important work of missions."

Your gifts have paid the salaries of our missionaries and helped to build churches for worship; but they cannot purchase the souls of the lost, nor open the eyes that are blinded by idolatry. God must do that. God purchases the souls of the lost with the blood of his Son when his people travail with him in prayer. For many, 'missions' is spelled 'm-i-\$-\$-i-o-n-\$'; for those on the field 'missions' is spelled 'P-r-a-y-e-r'.

NEW FIELDS

At the recent semi-annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, it was voted to endeavor to open new fields in Africa and South America. Rev. Thomas H. Willey was made General Director of all our Latin American fields and he and Rev. Raymond Riggs were designated to plan a trip to South America to explore the possibilities and to seek out opportunities of sending missionaries there.

There are two possibilities of fields in Africa. One is in French West Africa along the Ivory Coast and the other is in Belgian Congo. We solicit your prayers regarding these important projects. Pray especially that God will direct the very persons to go as missionaries to these fields. We would like to have five or six couples for Africa within the next six years. Is it you that God is calling?

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home, it is kindness,
In business, it is honesty,
In society, it is courtesy,
In work, it is fairness,
Toward the weak it is help,
Toward the penitent, it is forgiveness,
Toward the strong, it is trust,
Toward God it is reverence and love.

—Church Bulletin, Asherville, N. C.

From EFMA

MNS December 15, 1955
COLOMBIA

The U. S. Department of State, disturbed about reports of the new outbreak of violence toward Protestants in Colombia, has urged the Colombian Government to take appropriate measures in punishing those responsible for injuries received by an American missionary. The State Department indicated its concern in a letter to Donald H. Gill, Assistant Secretary of Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Mr. Gill had asked the State Department to protest to the Colombian Government the beating of the American missionary, Rev. Julius A. de Gruyter of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade. Mr. de Gruyter was assaulted by two Colombian policemen on Oct. 17 and received a double fracture of the skull.

The State Department cabled the American Embassy in Bogota for full particulars on the incident and then made several approaches to Colombian officials, asking that disciplinary action be taken. The Colombian Government was also asked to give assurance of appropriate protection of American citizens in Colombia.

The State Department said that in its approaches to the Colombian Government it had urged "the importance to good relations of acting promptly to apprehend and punish the guilty in cases of religious intolerance."

Meanwhile, reports just received from Colombia reveal that the mayor of Sevilla (where six Protestants were murdered early in October) has advised the Protestants to discontinue their meetings, as he fears he will not now be able to protect them. The group has decided to continue, with doors and windows closed and no singing.

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VENEZUELA

The Evangelical Alliance Mission reports that in the town of El Saman so many people accepted Christ that a priest was hurriedly summoned from a neighboring town to do something about it.

A procession, carrying the image of the Virgin Mary first, broke into the Evangelical meeting and bombarded the congregation with rocks and rotten eggs. During the attack everyone remained quietly in his place and the national workers leading the meeting continued the service until the mob finally departed in triumph, screaming, "Long live the Virgin!"

A missionary writes following the incident: "But the district judge happened to have attended the service, and said, 'So that is the kind of outfit I have maintained with an offering of \$100 each year? I'll never give the Roman Catholic Church another cent.'"

The judge's daughter, a Catholic youth leader who had marched in the procession, accepted Christ the next night, saying, "God showed me where true Christianity was last night."

A week later the national paper, *Ultimas Noticias*, printed a half-page account of the incident, written in a sympathetic tone—asking what the Virgin would say about such unconstitutional proceedings and criminal acts being done in her name.

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INDIA

The Embassy of India at Washington, D. C., has stated that 421 foreign missionaries were granted visas to enter India between Dec. 1, 1954, and the end of October, 1955—that is, after the introduction of restrictions and changes in passport rules. An additional 63 missionaries from Commonwealth countries were also given visas for entry into India.

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WANTED

In order to meet the needs of missionary children on Taiwan (Formosa) in both grade and high school, four of the missionary agencies working there have organized a school. The cooperating missions are: Orient Crusades, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Oriental Missionary Society, The Evangelical Alliance Mission. The school, known as Morrison Academy, is located in the city of Taichung in the center of the island. Boarding and dormitory arrangements are provided for missionary children, and American military children are enrolled as day pupils.

Two teachers are urgently needed: an English teacher, and a language teacher who can teach Latin especially—other languages also acceptable. Qualified teachers interested in these openings write to: Norman Cummings, Orient Crusades, Box 45, Los Angeles 53, Calif.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

The United States constitutes only 7% of the total population of the world, but consumes 47% of what the world produces. From: American Mission to Greeks.

M N S

Though India officially prohibited child marriages in 1929, the latest

census figures published in New Delhi show: 14.5% of all Indian girls between 5 and 14 years old are married; 133,828 widows or divorcees in India are under 14 years of age. From: Eastern Challenge.

M N S

The country of Ecuador is about 43% illiterate. About 20% of the total missionary force is working among the Indians, who constitute only 1½% of the population. Four provinces, totalling over a half million people, have no resident missionary. Nearly half of the 245 missionaries in Ecuador at present are engaged in specialized work, leaving a relatively small number for visitation, personal evangelism, church organization, and such basic activity. From: Missionary Mandate.

LUCY WISEHART WRITES

Apartado 27
Pinar del Rio, Cuba
December 13, 1955

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Another year has passed and we are approaching again the beautiful season of Christmas. God has been so good to me in the past year. There have been many unusual experiences, some with tears and sorrows but others with blessings and joy. This is the time when I am reminded more than ever of the friends back home and I do wish for you the peace that Christ came to bring to every heart.

Here in Cuba as in most countries, Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the calendar. But how sad to think of the many who do not really know why they are celebrating. They are glad for this time because it means no work and that the family can be together to enjoy the famous dinner of roast pork and to participate in the other traditional customs of this season.

And so, the story ever so old to us, daily becomes new to someone who has never heard. My heart was made sad not long ago by the words of one middle aged lady who has just recently accepted the teachings of Christ. "If only I had known about this Gospel from the time I was a little girl."

In these days God has been speaking to my heart in a very definite way. Sometimes on the mission field we are so engrossed in the work we are doing in reaching others that we neglect our own Spiritual needs. An evangelist from the States spoke to us in chapel a few days ago and God moved upon hearts in an unusual way. He showed me the need again

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Report of State Treasurer

(Aug., 1955 to Jan., 1956)

CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Received:

Church:	Amount:
Merl's Chapel	\$ 85.06
Niangua Quarterly Meeting ..	10.00
Fellowship	701.67
Mountain Grove	158.15
Macedonia	46.82
Myrtle	51.39
Carterville	74.48
Richwoods	80.30
Mill Creek	26.40
Kirksville	99.43
Mountain Valley	31.42
Ralph Hartfield	250.00
Black Oak	14.40
Farmington	189.04
Leadington	355.94
Union Light S. S.	12.35
Fourth	128.36
Hannon S. S.	26.48
Mine La Motte	53.72
Copper Mines	132.55
Martinstown	25.00
Hazel Creek Union	55.28
Third	145.81
Joplin	5.00
Southside	315.00
Verdella	99.70
Verdella Ministers' Conf. ..	9.72
Aulsbury	163.30
First, Flat River	568.49
Hannon Church	24.06
New Harmony	12.50
Hickory Grove	37.80
Desloge	78.35
Dutch Chapel	15.75
New Prospect	20.12
Oak Grove	10.00

Total Received \$4,113.84

Disbursed as Follows:

National Co-op Fund	\$2,879.69
State Gen. Expenses	493.64
State Home Missions	411.39
Gem	308.55
State Superannuation	20.57

Total Disbursed \$4,113.84

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Church:	Amount:
Low Ground Church	\$ 10.50
Indian Creek Ass'n	23.12
Kansas City First	5.00
Buffalo	10.00
Fellowship	150.00
Monett	62.35
Wolf Creek	20.00
Verdella	152.10
Hartville	9.95
A. L. Deweese	4.00
Union Light S. S.	84.87
Copper Mines S. S.	17.00

Desloge Auxiliary	7.50
Waggoner	16.62

Total Received	\$573.01
Total Disbursed	\$573.01

MISSIONS

Church:	Amount:
Macedonia	\$ 41.87
Rock Chapel	125.85
New Harmony	84.51
First, Flat River	85.82
New Harmony S. S.	85.96

Total Received \$424.11

Disbursed as Follows:

Foreign Missions	\$296.87
Home Missions	127.24

Total Disbursed \$424.11

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Church:	Amount:
Indian Creek Ass'n	\$ 23.12
Monett	32.27
Waggoner	16.62

Total Received \$ 72.01

Total Disbursed \$ 72.01

HANNA FUND

Church:	Amount:
Third	\$210.00

Total Received \$210.00

Total Disbursed \$210.00

WISEHART FUND

Church:	Amount:
Kansas City First	\$ 50.00

Total Received \$ 50.00

Total Disbursed \$ 50.00

EDWARDS FUND

Church:	Amount:
Hazel Creek Ladies Aux. ..	5.00
Transferred from 'State Fund	206.88

Total Received \$211.88

Total Disbursed \$211.88

STATE SUPERANNUATION

Church:	Amount:
Monett	\$ 31.52

Total Received \$ 31.52

Total Disbursed \$ 31.52

YOUTH CAMP

Church:	Amount:
State Meeting Offering	\$196.92
Southside	200.00
St. Francois Co. Quarterly Meeting	50.00
Waggoner	11.10

C. W. Missouri Ass'n 17.97

Total Received	\$475.99
Total Disbursed	\$475.99

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE

Church:	Amount:
Hazel Creek S. S.	\$ 7.05

Total Received \$ 7.05

Total Disbursed \$ 7.05

BIBLE COLLEGE

Church:	Amount:
Monett	\$ 78.86
Waggoner	2.78
From sale of books, Gem Office	59.00

Total Received \$140.64

Total Disbursed \$140.64

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Church:	Amount:
Monett	\$ 15.77
Copper Mines Auxiliary	7.19
Waggoner	11.08
Indian Creek Ass'n	23.11
Third, St. Louis	16.88

Total Received \$ 74.03

Total Disbursed \$ 74.03

GEM

Rec'd from subscriptions	\$200.43
Rec'd from gifts	13.80
Rec'd from sale of supplies, books, etc.	226.83
Rec'd from sale of eqpt.	100.00
Monett Church	31.52
Waggoner Church	2.85

\$575.43

Refund on postage27

Total Receipts \$575.70

Rec'd from State Co-op Fund 308.55

Grand Total \$884.25

RECEIVED FOR STATE ENTERTAINMENT

Church:	Amount:
Southside	\$ 50.00
Fredericktown	25.00
Mine La Motte	19.30
Leadington	25.00
Fourth	10.00
Twin Oak	15.00
Cave Springs Ass'n	25.00
Marble Hill	10.00
Third	100.00
Myrtle	10.00
Merl's Chapel	10.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Union Light	10.00
Farmington	25.00
Mill Creek	10.25
Fellowship	75.00

Desloge	50.00
Hazel Creek	13.00
Berkeley	25.00
Martinstown	10.00
Graysville	10.00
Carterville	10.00
Liberty Ass'n	10.00
Mission Ass'n	30.00
Niangua Ass'n	6.72
Niangua Church	12.55
Southeast Mo. Aux. Dist.	10.00
Mrs. Iva Eichman	2.00
Wm. McAllister	5.00
Sale of left over supplies	45.20
N. E. Kans.—N. W. Mo. Ass'n.	5.00
Independence	10.00
Union	10.00
Monett	20.00
Hannon	15.00
Richwoods	5.00
Refund on food by Wetterau	5.25

Total Received \$734.27

MINUTE MONEY RECEIVED

Northeast Ass'n.	\$ 24.44
Niangua Ass'n.	5.00
Liberty Ass'n.	10.00
Central Western Mo. Ass'n.	13.92

Total Received \$ 53.36

EXPENSE OF STATE MEETING

Food	\$580.37
Rent	125.00
Labor (cooks, etc.)	148.77
Lumber	22.98

\$877.12

Just For Today

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study and will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer but will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "Luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found

out. I will do at least two things I do not want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour, sometime. I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

—Bulletin, First Church, Scotland Neck.

Bishops And Public Education

Roman Catholic concern for public education is to non-Romanists a case of special pleading. The nation-wide system of parochial and higher schools is a great burden upon the church's resources. Consequently, the recent Roman Catholic bishops' statement regarding public education, into which are introduced verbal arguments on behalf of their own schools in praise of their "great contribution" to the total of education, is apparently an appeal for tax money for their support. The bishops decide that "students of these schools have the right to benefit from those measures, grants, or aids, which are manifestly designed for the health, safety, and welfare of American youth, irrespective of the schools attended." With the elasticity of interpretation of such language, as exemplified in states like New York and Massachusetts, where legislation now permits the employment of public tax money for parochial school purposes, we know the Federal target at which the bishops' statement is directed. We must expect, therefore, great political pressure on the Federal Government's program for improving public education to identify the word "public" with parochial schools' financial needs. If that is ever achieved, we then have a hopelessly divided country similar to Holland and Belgium, where religious partisan politics maliciously divides the people. Separation of church and state, in all practi-

cal politics, would be a dead issue.

—Watchman Examiner.

WHAT DO PARENTS EXPECT?

Parents are people and people are funny. They may not attend Sunday School at all or even come to church, but if you'll quiz them, you'll find they have a high standard for those of us who work in Sunday School.

- Non-Christian, non-churched parents EXPECT their children to be taught the Bible. Some may even expect you to make Christians out of their children. Most parents want their children to be better than they themselves are.

- Indifferent, careless parents will want a Sunday School teacher to emphasize the importance of good character. They know, too, the teacher can't teach it if he doesn't possess it.

- Grumpy, even crabby, pops and moms expect the Sunday School teacher to be happy and cheerful with a radiant disposition, prone to look on the bright side of things, even when they as parents seldom do.

- Parents feel that the teacher should by all means maintain good order in the class. They do not send their children to Sunday School to help turn it into a rough house. They want their children to be decent and orderly.

- While parents do not expect a perfect teacher, they do expect him to practice and live up to what he teaches.

- As I review these expectations, I wonder if some non-Christian, non-church going parents do not expect more of the Sunday School teacher than some church people, some deacons and even some pastors.

- Of course, these parents fail in not coming and preparing themselves to help in the great task of teaching, but it is not right that non-Christians should have higher standards for the Sunday School teacher than the church herself. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.

BOTH KNEES NEEDED

A lecturer recently declared in the introduction of his lecture that he received his moral training at the knee of a devout mother, and across the knee of a determined father.

It takes both knees for successful rearing. One wonders how many of the oncoming generation will be able to make such a statement.

You cannot be filthy and profane, without it taking its toll.

Woman's Auxiliary

Aug. 12, 1954

The Woman's National Aux. Conv. of the Free Will Baptist Church, Mrs. Robert Crawford, former Pres. Greenville, North Carolina. Our Beloved Friends:

To express in words our appreciation for such a lovely gift as the silver service with which you remembered our anniversary is certainly a difficult task, for we not only appreciate the gift itself, but even more, the sentiment which always prompts such acts of thoughtfulness. Let us assure you that we shall certainly use this often and shall think of you every time we use it.

May we request that you continue to pray much for the work here. There are always problems and needs, but let us pray that He will give us grace to trust Him completely.

Lovingly,
Mabel & Thomas Willey

VISUAL AID PROJECT OF W. N. A. C.

December 1, 1955

State	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$ 45.00	\$	\$ 45.00
Arkansas	20.00	15.00	5.00
California ..	45.00		45.00
Florida	25.00	25.00	
Georgia	60.00		60.00
Illinois	30.00		30.00
Kentucky	20.00		20.00
Michigan ..	60.00		60.00
Miss.	25.00	5.00	20.00
Missouri	100.00	55.30	44.70
N. C.	175.00		175.00
Ohio	20.00	20.00	
Okla.	100.00		100.00
S. C.	80.00	125.55	
Tenn.	100.00	552.00	48.00
Texas	55.00		55.00
Virginia	20.00	20.00	
W. Va.	20.00		20.00

\$1,000.00 \$317.85 \$682.15

A few days ago a deposit was made on Dan and Trula Cronk's passage to India. Time is passing quickly and we are looking forward to seeing them on the field again. Within a few days they hope to place an order for the first part of their promised equipment. Those "few days" may be longer than they thought. Look at the amount paid—could you expect to buy expensive equipment without having the money to pay for it?

July to December—Did you just

forget to mention it in your meeting and convention? Those who have brought it up have not had a hard time reaching their goals. Look at South Carolina, Ohio, Florida, and Virginia. Why not have your next Auxiliary meeting as a Visual Aid meeting? Your state officers can help you with the material for the Visual Aid Convoy idea, or write W.N.A.C., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Try to be the next state to fill the quota!

In the report we sent you on Visual Aid Project for W.N.A.C. you found perhaps already, an error under paid for Tennessee. The line says \$552.00 which is only to be \$52.00.

I'm sorry I didn't catch the mistake before this time. I hope it is not too late to change it.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs. Dale Burden
Mailing Clerk.

INFORMATION AND RULES CONCERNING THE W.N.A.C. ESSAY CONTEST

Mrs. Luther Sanders, Cordova, Ala. Youth Chairman.

The Essay Contest is something new this year but we are still hoping to have an Essay sent from each state. We want to urge all the District and State Youth Chairman to begin work on the Contest right away. The Rules and Plans are as follows:

1. Essays must be on the assigned subject, "The Worth of a Family Altar."

2. Essay to be 800-1000 words in length for Y.P.A.'s; 400-600 words for G.T.A.'s.

3. Participant must be a member of the Y.P.A. (14-18 years of age) or G.T.A. (9-13 years of age).

4. Only the essay placing first in each state will be sent to the National Contest Chairman.

5. Essays will be judged on the following points:

- One-half on subject matter
- One-fourth on neatness and style of writing
- One-fourth on grammatical construction.

6. Suitable awards will be sent to the winner of the contest in each division.

7. Essays are to be sent to the National Youth Chairman by May 1. No essay will be accepted for the National Contest after that date.

8. Not more than one-quarter of an essay submitted may be direct quotations from other writers. Quotation marks must be used to indicate such quotations.

9. Essays may be typewritten. No essays will be returned.

RULES AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE W.N.A.C. DECLAMATION CONTEST

By Mrs. Helen Sanders, Cordova, Ala., W.N.A.C. Youth Chairman.

At the 1955 Session of the W.N.A.C. some changes were made concerning the declamation contest. The subject was changed from Stewardship to Missions; the time limit gives a minimum of seven minutes as well as the maximum of ten minutes (five points will be deducted for every minute or fraction thereof over or under the allotted time).

There will be two declamation contests conducted, one for the G.T.A.'s and one for the Y.P.A.'s, making each state eligible to send two winners to participate in the National Contest; one G.T.A. (9-13 years of age) and one Y.P.A. (14-18 years of age). These must be state winners if the state has a state Woman's Auxiliary Convention; however, if there is no state body then District winners may participate. If the state does not have district or state organizations then the local Y.P.A. and G.T.A. winners may participate. The runners-up may participate **only** if the winners are unable to attend.

Since there will be a possibility of having as many as 34 or more participants there will of necessity, because of the time element, have to be a run-off of the contestants prior to the Convention session. All contestants will attend the W.N.A.C. and will appear before the judges at Huntington, W. Va., and the winners and runners-up will give their speeches before the Convention in session; therefore we will only have four speeches to be given at the Convention.

The contestants will be sent further information concerning this when their names are sent to the W.N.A.C. Youth Chairman. Those interested will be invited to sit in and listen during the run-offs. Further information can be had by writing to Mrs. Helen Sanders, W.N.A.C. Youth Chairman, 504 Green Ave., Cordova, Ala., or W.N.A.C. Office, 3801 Richland

Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Material for the speeches can be obtained from the office at Nashville.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO LARGE AUDIENCE

The auditorium of the Fellowship church was filled to capacity on Sunday night, Dec. 18, when the annual Christmas program was presented. The first part of the service was a pageant entitled "The Story and the Tree" presented by the pupils of the Beginner, Primary, Junior and Junior High departments of the S. S. Following the pageant a film, "The Greatest Gift" was shown. The film is strictly Biblical and shows the place that Christ should have in the celebration of Christmas.

CHIMES DONATED

The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church was presented with a set of chimes by Mr. Elmer T. Hovis, of Flat River, Mo. The chimes were installed preceding Christmas, and were used for the playing of the Christmas Carols and the Christmas Story during the Holy Season.

The entire community, as well as as the church, was blessed and is being blessed with this magnificent gift.

Although Mr. Hovis is not a member of the Church his generosity and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

ILLINOIS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEET

The Women's Auxiliary of Union Free Will Baptist Church near Thompsonville, Illinois met December 1 for an all-day service at the church. There were seventeen members present and two children.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Sis. Myrtle Jones. The morning was filled by business and the revealing of the past year's Secret Sunshine Pals. The 1956 officers were also elected. We voted to have a New Year's Eve service. A committee was appointed to arrange a program for the service.

Each member brought a gift to be sent to the Tennessee Orphanage.

Prayer was given by Sis. Flo Elam after which Sis. Bnucchi led in prayer.

Following the noon hour, the lesson was given by Sis. Zola McClerren, Sis. Bnucchi, Sis. Velma Davis, Sis. Reathel Jones, Sis. Dean Parton and Sis. Myrtle Jones. The meeting was dismissed by prayer led by Sis. Joyce Browning.

Juanita McClerren, Sec'y.-Treas.

WE LIVE IN AN AGE

Which thinks being lost in the woods is a new freedom.

Which, because it subtracts faith, multiplies fear.

In which men demand education for their children, but decline discipline for themselves.

Which boasts of its unbelief instead of being ashamed.

Which believes religious fakers and follows quacks but thinks itself too intelligent to accept the Word of God.

Which prepares for everything, even for a "rainy day" but fails to prepare for eternity.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

What's going on here? Here is a news report out of Spokane, Washington, revealing that the United States Department of Interior has donated a 640-acre site at Copper Center, Alaska, to the Roman Catholics, upon which they will build a grade School, a high school, and a college.

Here is another announcement, from St. Louis and under a recent dateline, that the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has given the \$2,000,000 Marine Hospital at Kirkwood to the Sisters of St. Joseph. Hereafter, the hospital will be known as St. Joseph's.

Immediately many questions clamor for an answer. Why were not these properties sold, and not given away, thus conserving some of the taxpayers' investments?

Is the federal government going to continue the practice of giving away valuable properties to religious and charitable institutions? if so, what policy will govern their distribution? Will all of them be given to Catholics? What principles will determine the direction which these gifts will take?

There are several religious groups in this country which are in the school and hospital business. What consideration will be given them?

This is another of these questions which bear upon the relations between church and state. Everyone realizes the importance of hospitals. But everyone knows, also, that hospitals operated by religious organizations are agents of those organizations.

Therefore, when the state or federal government enters that field to make specific donations, it creates questions which should have an answer.

Efforts are being made to get from responsible authorities an answer to some of these questions.

—The Word and Way.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS 169 AT F. W. B. B. C.

The fall registration of 169 at the beginning of the College's fourteenth year equalled last year's record enrollment.

Registrar's records show students came from 20 states and two foreign countries. North Carolina, as usual, leads the other states in students enrolled. The complete breakdown is as follows:

North Carolina	48
Oklahoma	14
Tennessee	14
Missouri	12
Arkansas	11
Alabama	10
Georgia	9
Texas	9
Michigan	7
South Carolina	5
Virginia	5
California	4
Florida	4
Mississippi	4
Illinois	4
Ohio	3
West Virginia	1
Indiana	1
Kentucky	1
New Hampshire	1
Cuba	1
Lebanon	1

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Fifty-seven new students are included among the 169 registering. Five of this number are transfer students.

The senior class numbers eight. The juniors have a strong class with 27. The sophomores number 57, while the freshmen total 67. Ten are classified as special students.

TIME TO RE-WIND—One morning Donald observed that the big clock was striking the hour very slowly, and heard his Uncle John remark: "Sounds as if the striking part of it is nearly run down." Donald then not only saw him wind it, but did not forget. The following Sunday morning, while his uncle was reading the paper, his wife came in and inquired if he were going to church. He replied very slowly: "Oh, I—I suppose so." Donald eyed him wonderingly as he remarked: "Why, Uncle John, that sounds as if the meeting side of you was nearly run down! Is it?" Aunt Hanna laughed, and Uncle John flushed as he threw the paper aside, saying, "Maybe it is Donald. But we'll wind it up again and get a little stronger movement. Neither clocks nor people are of much use when the springs that ought to keep them going are neglected."

ORDINATION SERVICE AT COPPER MINES

There was an ordination service held here, Saturday evening, Dec. 17, 1955, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Lindell Hovis as Deacon.

Rev. Albert Halbrook delivered the message, reading Scripture text, St. Luke 22:36-53, and using as a subject: "Jesus Christ in Our Midst."

Rev. Cecil Sheppard delivered the charge. Scriptures read: Acts 6:3; 1 Timothy 3:8-13; 6:1-16.

The ordination prayer was led by Rev. Cecil Sheppard and closed by Rev. George Hibbitts.

The hand of fellowship was given Brother and Sister Hovis.

Benediction, Rev. Melvin Howell.

Reporter: Leeman Killian.

NEW PASTOR AT FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH

On January 2, 1956, Rev. Ben Scott will assume his duties as the new pastor of the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Missouri. Rev. Scott is the former pastor of the Oilton, Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Church in that town.

His address will be 103 West Murta, Fredericktown, Mo.

Pray that the Lord will bless both Rev. Scott and the church in the salvation of many souls of the community.

BERKELEY YOUTH MOVEMENT

We are thankful for our Free Will Baptist Gem and the fine job Mrs. Edwards is doing as editor.

We are happy to report since Bro. Harvey Hill came as our pastor our young people have been going forward with a greater determination to work for the Lord. A wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship and enthusiasm prevails among our youth. Sunday morning, two fine young men went forward and dedicated their lives to the Lord. Several young people have recently united with our church.

Our young people have organized a group called "Crusaders for Christ" and as their motto: "Crusading for Christ", and as their aim: "Building for Christ". There are twenty-seven members. We meet each Monday evening. Some of our work is the monthly paper called "The C.F.C. Messenger." Our first issue came off the press in November, with proceeds amounting to \$93.00. This money was used to complete our first project—the educational building for which we are very thankful.

The G.T.A.'s have recently organized with a membership of twenty-

eight. They have been working hard to raise sufficient funds to redecorate the church basement.

Both the G.T.A. and Crusaders for Christ rendered special music for our pre-Thanksgiving service.

We are thankful for the increase in our Sunday School the past few weeks. Also, we are truly thankful and grateful for our good pastor and his family.

Pray for our church that we may help win many souls for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

—Mrs. Avery DeWitt

CARTERVILLE CHURCH REPORT

We are glad to report our church is prospering this year. Our Sunday School and church services are increasing in attendance. Rev. Kenneth Turner is our pastor. We are happy to say we have a League now which is a very nice working group.

On December 1, we were very glad to have our district league president with us and he brought a wonderful message from Daniel 1.

We entertained the league the fifth Sunday of October and had a wonderful day in the Lord, with one soul saved.

We ask an interest in your prayers as we are planning a revival in the near future.

—Mrs. J. T. Montgomery.

1. "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

2. It is better to be **Stepping Stones** than **Stumbling Blocks**.

3. The greatest victories of prayer are not always accomplished when we are strong, but when we are weak. It is then that our insufficiency causes us to realize that we need God's strength.

4. Opportunity knocks, but never picks the lock.

5. It isn't only important to be busy, but we need to be busy with the proper things.

6. The hands of the dead cannot control the hands of the living.

7. If any in **Hell** could return, even for a short time, he would be a much more effective soul-winner than any we have living.

8. **Flattery** is never sincere and is usually detected.

9. Don't forget you will soon be in **Eternity**.

10. "And (God) hath made of **One Blood** all nations of men for to

dwell on all the face of the earth. . . " (Acts 17:2b)

R. R. M.

ALCOHOL IS GOOD

It is good in a barometer, a thermometer, and in the radiator of your car in cold weather. Under certain circumstances, it is good cooking fluid. If you want to make varnish or a derby hat you will need it.

If you are out of gasoline, which may well happen in the not-too-distant future, you can use alcohol by adapting motors.

Alcohol is valuable as a sterilizing agent; it preserves plant specimens and tissues. The old saying is that if you want to preserve a dead body, put it in alcohol and if you want to kill a living body, put alcohol into it.

Alcohol is one of the best of all solvents and is necessary in making many medicinal preparations; perfume manufacturers could not get along without it. We need it for extracts, lotions, liniments, disinfectants, insecticides, in the making of artificial silk and imitation leathers.

As a matter of fact, it has at least 600 legitimate uses in the industries, arts and sciences. In war and peace, it is essential.

The one thing for which it is no earthly good, is consumption as a beverage. Civilized and intelligent people would not think of so misusing it but for the fact that it is a racial custom coming down to us from the days of ignorance.

NOT A TITHER

It is said that an American Indian once came to a Protestant Episcopal Bishop and asked him to give him two one-dollar bills for a two-dollar note. "Why do you want two bills?" asked the Bishop. The Indian replied, "One dollar is for me to give to Jesus and the other is for my wife to give." The Bishop asked him if it was the only money he had. He said, "yes." The Bishop was about to tell him, "It is too much," when an Indian pastor standing near by whispered, "It might be too much for the white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard, for the first time, of the love of Christ."

Teenager (as the radio ground out the final notes of the latest bit of swing): "Did you ever hear anything so wonderful?"

Father: "Only once—when a truck loaded with empty milk cans hit a freight car filled with ducks."

POEMS

HE WORRIED ABOUT IT

The sun's heat will give out in ten million years more—

And he worried about it.

It will sure give out then, if it doesn't before—

And he worried about it.

It will surely give out, so the scientists said

In all scientific books he had read,
And the whole boundless universe then will be dead—

And he worried about it.

And same day the earth will fall into the sun—

And he worried about it.

Just as sure and as straight as if shot from a gun—

And he worried about it.

"When strong gravitation unbuckles her straps,

Just picture," he said, "what a fearful collapse".

And he worried about it.

And the earth will become much too small for the race—

And he worried about it.

When we'll pay thirty dollars an inch for pure space—

And he worried about it.

The earth will be crowded so much, without a doubt,

That there won't be room for one's tongue to stick out,

Nor room for one's thoughts to wander about—

And he worried about it.

And the Gulf Stream will curve, and New England grow torrid—

And he worried about it.

Than was ever the climate of southernmost Florida—

And he worried about it.

Our ice crop will be knocked into small smithereens,

And crocodiles block up our mowing-machines,

And we'll lose our fine crops of potatoes and beans—

And he worried about it.

And in less than ten thousand years, there's no doubt—

And he worried about it.

Our supply of lumber and coal will give out—

And he worried about it.

Just then the ice age will return cold and raw,

Frozen men will stand stiff with arms outstretched in awe,

As if vainly beseeching a general—

And he worried about it.

His wife took in washing—half a dollar a day—

He didn't worry about it.

His daughter sewed shirts, the rude grocer to pay—

He didn't worry about it.

While his wife beat her tireless rub-a-dub-dub

On the washboard drum of her old wooden tub,

He sat by the stove, and he just let her rub—

He didn't worry about it.

—Sam Walter Foss

EVANGELISM BY VERSE

Ten little Christians standing in a line.

One disliked the preacher; then there were nine.

Nine little Christians stayed up very late,

One slept on Sunday morning; then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on the road to heaven,

One took the lower road; then there were seven.

Seven little Christians got into a fix,

One disliked the music; then there were six.

Six little Christians very much alive,
But one lost her interest; then there were five.

Five little Christians wishing there were more,

But they quarreled; then there were four.

Four little Christians, cheerful as could be,

But one lost his temper; then there were three.

Three little Christians knew not what to do,

One joined a sporty crowd; then there were two.

Two little Christians—our rhyme is nearly done—

Differed with each other; then there was one.

One lone Christian won his neighbor true,

Brought him with him to the church; then there were two.

Two earnest Christians, each won one more,

That doubled their number; then there were four.

Four sincere Christians worked very late,

But each won another; then there were eight.

Eight splendid Christians—but nothing rhymes with sixteen,

So we simply note that in a few more rhymes there would be 1,024, which would be quite a churchful.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

THE NEED OF MANY CHURCHES

More tithes and fewer drives;

More action and less faction;

More workers and fewer shirkers;

More backers and fewer slackers;

More of God's plans and less of man's;

More praying and less straying;

More divine power and less human "pow-wow";

More good news and fewer book reviews;

More burden-bearers and fewer talebearers;

More fighting squads and fewer tight-wads;

More liberal males and fewer food sales;

More "tongues of fire" and fewer fiery tongues;

More zealous effort and less jealous thought;

More soul service and less social service;

More love for the Word; less love for the world.

—Union Grove Church Bulletin.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF CHURCH ETIQUETTE

1. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the Amen refuse to wait.

2. The noisy tongue thou shalt restrain when speaks the organ its refrain.

3. And when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt join, not look about.

4. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more to share the pew with thee.

5. Forget not thou the offering plate, nor let the usher stand and wait.

6. Thou shalt not make the pew a place to vainly decorate thy face.

7. Thou shalt give heed to worship well, and not on thine own business dwell.

8. Thou shalt the Sabbath not misuse, nor come to church to take a snooze.

9. 'Tis well in church thy friend to meet. Yet let thy ardor be discreet.

10. Be friendly at the church door, so shall the stranger love God more.

—Copied.

Do you know that only two tenths of one percent of children who attend Sunday School regularly, ever come before the courts of justice?

"Human beings, like chickens, thrive best when they have to do a lot of scratching for what they get."

On Liquor Advertising

It is a well known fact that **Readers Digest** until very recently contained no advertisements of any kind. With the April, 1955 issue its advertising policy changed. It now accepts advertisements. In announcing the change, the editors specifically stated that no advertisements of liquor, tobacco or patent medicines would be accepted.

In taking this stand **Readers Digest** is to be congratulated. It is setting up a standard and saying no product that does not measure up to that standard will be admitted to its columns. It thus places a stigma upon the products excluded. In effect it is saying of these products, in our judgment, "They are evil, not good. We will have no part in promoting their sale and consumption."

The influence of this stand will be far-reaching. **Readers Digest** has a paid circulation in the United States of over 10,000,000—more than twice the circulation of any other magazine published in the United States. In addition it is the best read of any of our magazines. Its thirty to forty millions of American readers will note the absence of advertisements of liquor, tobacco and patent medicines and ask themselves, "Why?"

The **Digest's** stand against liquor advertisements in particular is a great victory for the temperance forces of this country. They should recognize it, rejoice in it and make the most of it. Especially should they write a congratulatory letter to the editors, Dewitt Wallace and Lila Acheson Wallace, Pleasantville, New York.

Of course, there are other American magazines that refuse all alcoholic beverage advertisements. We could name as many as a dozen, each of which has a circulation of anywhere from one to five million, and a combined circulation of over thirty million; but **Readers Digest** tops them all. These should be commended. We suggest our readers take time out to write a number of them.

But over against these "dry" magazines we should face the fact that there are more magazines, each of which have a circulation running into the millions, that do accept liquor advertisements, thus placing the stamp of their approval upon drinking and the drink traffic. They aid and abet the sale and consumption of these poisonous beverages and share with the liquor dealers in the train of evils that result therefrom.

We should bring the full weight of our condemnation to bear upon them.

Especially at the pre-Christmas season of the year when they collaborate with the liquor industry in increasing, and in some instances doubling the volume of liquor advertising and making it the most attractive and persuasive of the entire year with a view to inducing the people to lay up an abundant supply for the proper celebration of Christmas. They are stressing, not only the superb quality of the liquors, but the containers in which they are to be presented to friends—not an ordinary bottle, but an **exquisitely beautiful decanter**, designed and manufactured for this special use. This is the Christmas gift that will be most appreciated and prized by your friends. Thus they join hands with the distillers and brewers in profaning this sacred day on which Christ, the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, was born.

Surely, everyone who appreciates the true meaning and purpose of Christmas will take time off to let a few advertisers of liquor know what they think of this pre-Christmas advertising of alcoholic beverages.

But in addition to this. Why not join up with the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, which is carrying forward a continuous Crusade against all liquor advertising. This Council consists of 22 national temperance and church organizations, representing some 25,000,000 people. If you are not already a participant, we will be glad to send you, free, a large four-page "Crusade Circular" with full information regarding the Crusade and how to participate in it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. R. H. Martin, Chairman
Committee Against Liquor
Advertising of the N. T. P. C.
1301 Clark Bldg., Pittsburgh
22, Pa.

LITTLE BY LITTLE SOME FOLKS SHRINK A LITTLE

The members sleep a **LITTLE** late.
They go straggling into assembly a **LITTLE** tardy.

Some of the members chew gum a **LITTLE**, joke a **LITTLE**, commune a **LITTLE** and then give a **LITTLE**.

After dismissal they gossip a **LITTLE**; go home and forget what **LITTLE** they heard, and act a **LITTLE** like they cared but **LITTLE** for the greatest, grandest, holiest and most precious institution on earth—**THE CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**.

I have exaggerated a **LITTLE**, but very **LITTLE**, and I think in some things have omitted a **LITTLE**.

LUCY WISEHART WRITES

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of having a broken heart for those we wish to win for Christ. The message was about our great indebtedness as Christians and I was reminded of the great debt I owe to someone who told me about Christ and because of that I can not sit still and keep this message to myself.

I trust your prayers will ascend to God in my behalf for the tasks here.

May God give you a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Lovingly in Him,
Lucy Wisehart.

IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME

(Continued from page 5)

Come and behold him, born the King of Angels,

O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

Let us be glad and rejoice today, because "He has come." And let us remember the annunciation of the angel, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10,11)

"He comes to make the blessings flow,

Far as the curse is found."

May our hearts go out to the people in heathen lands who have no blessed Christmas day. "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is provided."—From "Streams in the Desert".

CONTROLS

You cannot control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth. You cannot control the contour of your countenance, but you can control its expression.

You cannot control the other fellow's opportunities, but you can grasp your own.

You cannot control the weather, but you can control the moral atmosphere which surrounds you.

You cannot control the distance that your head shall be above the ground, but you can control the height of the contents of your head.

You cannot control the other fellow's faults, but you can see to it that you yourself do not develop or harbor provoking propensities.

Why worry about things you cannot control? Why not get busy controlling the things that depend on you.

—Highway of Happiness.