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"But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, Crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst."

(John 19:15-18)

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and become as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

(Matthew 28:2-6)



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One reason a dollar won't do as much for people as it once did . . is that people won't do as much for a dollar as they once did.

**Statement Of  
Liquidation****OF FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM  
OFFICE AND EQUIPMENT**

Balance in Bank Aug. 27th 1955 . . . . .	\$ 107.21
Mdse sold out of office and Rec'd on accounts . .	110.61
Gem office buildings . . . .	4,000.00
Printing equipment . . . . .	2,863.31
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>7,081.13</b>

**Disbursements:**

Aug. 30th, Lambert Lumber Co. . . . .	4.56
Sept. 2nd, (Postage) . . . .	1.45
Sept. 6th, Monett Times (add) . . . . .	3.14
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Sept. 14 General Baptist Press, printing Ministers Cards of standing . . . .	9.50
Sept. 26th, freight (on material sent to Rolla Smith) . . . . .	5.36
Oct. 3rd, Check to Eunice Edwards . . . . .	100.00
Oct. 22nd, First National Bank (Payment of loan) . . . . .	1050.00
Nov. 1st, (postage) . . . .	.36
Nov., Telephone calls . . . .	4.00
Fred Summers—hauling (books and paper stock stored in Bro. Lloyds garage) . . . . .	4.50
Expense selling building (Bring Title to date and Escro) . . . . .	16.65
Check to Rev. Lester Jones, Nov. 26th, . . . .	5,800.00
Dec. 9th, Campbell Ex- press (books) . . . . .	6.60
Dec. 30th, Rev. Lester Jones . . . . .	70.84
Jan. 29th, picked up refund check issues by Lloyd Jeffries, Dec. 1954, (this came in after our account bank was closed and I paid it in cash) . . . . .	1.75
Cash with this state- ment . . . . .	1.00

Total Disbursements . . . . \$7,081.24  
Signed this 1st day of Feb. 1956.  
Rev. O. T. Allred,  
Monett, Mo.

At the close of life the question will not be how much have you got, but how much have you given; not how much have you won, but how much have you done; not how much have you saved, but how much you have sacrificed; how much you have loved and served, not how much were you honored.

## Are You Interested in 1600 Preachers?

K. V. Shutes

We have in the files at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters, the addresses of more than 1700 F. W. B. ministers. Of this number there are more than 1600 who are not insured through the National Board of Superannuation. Are they not as worthy as those who are insured? I know that you will say that many of them are.

Well, what must we do about it? The income to the National Board is too small to insure one fourth of them. Because of this the board in its last meeting agreed to ask every church whose pastor has this insurance and those whose pastor does not have it but wants it, to pay direct to the National Board of Superannuation one half of the minister's yearly premium.

The minister in most cases is too timid to ask the church to pay half of his insurance premium with this board. So here is a good job for the deacons, or some member who is interested in his pastor having this protection.

Some of the brethren, who are enjoying the security of this insurance, think it is a terrible thing to ask their churches to share in the security of their pastor. Some of the ministers will be too old to be insured through the board, before we can get to them, if we don't get the cooperation of the local churches. Why not let the other 1600 ministers enjoy this security?

Again the Free Will Baptist papers do not reach one fourth of our people, so why not help us to spread the news by word of mouth.

Many of our ministers are too old to get this insurance, for he must be between 21 years to 52 years to get it. Many of our most active ministers are past this age limit.

What are we to do for them? Every state is to set up a state Superannuation Board and raise their money as they see fit. They are to keep 75 percent of what they raise to help their aged ministers who do not have this insurance. The other 25 percent is to be sent to the National Superannuation Board to help maintain an office. This money should be sent monthly in order that we might keep this program before our people.

I climbed the slick hills of Alabama a few Sundays ago and saw one who has given over a quarter of a century for the F. W. B. His wife has been a complete invalid for more than six years. She doesn't know day from night and can't talk. They had not

had anything from the Alabama Superannuation Board because it had not been reported to the board. You who know of cases like this one should report it to your state board.

I met a widow of one of our ministers, who had been a great blessing to our denomination, and she said she had applied to a state board and was turned down. Remember widows of our ministers are to be cared for as same as the aged minister.

It is my job to get to all the states that are represented in the National Association and help them to organize this work so that we might unify this part of our national program, and also to raise money for the work.

I cannot get to your state without an opportunity. I have written to some of you trying to get an itinerary and have not as yet had a reply. Surely it isn't because you are not interested in this phase of our national work.

Many of our people from some cause or other have misunderstood the program. Those who are adopting the Co-operative Plan are saying to the other Promotional Secretaries, you can't come into our state to promote your phase of the work. If you will look under the General Board report in the 1955 National minute, you will see that all National Promotional Secretaries are given the privilege to promote their part of the program. So why not give us all a chance?

## Bible Conference

April 1-5

At 9:30 Monday morning, April 2, the thirteenth annual Bible Conference here at Free Will Baptist Bible College will get under way. This has come to be a most looked-forward-to event to many who have come from year to year. The entire purpose of the Bible Conference is for spiritual fellowship. It is one meeting where there is nothing to promote or to talk about but the Word of God. No motions or resolutions are passed and there are no issues to debate. We believe it is one of the best opportunities for all our brother ministers to come together to renew themselves in the Lord that we have during the year.

I know the Conference this year falls at a very busy season. We have always endeavored to keep it away from the Easter season by at least two weeks. But this year due to certain school obligations it was about the only available time for us to schedule the Conference. We hope that not too many will be hindered from coming, and we can have our usual record attendance. These Conferences mean

so much to our spiritual lives until I believe it will be worth the effort to clear your church calendar of all possible activities and be with us these three and a half days from April 2 to Thursday noon, April 5.

Here are some facts concerning the annual Bible Conference to be held this year April 1-5, beginning with a vespers program Easter Sunday afternoon and concluding with the noon service on Thursday.

The program this year will include four speakers: two missionaries, an evangelist, and a Bible teacher and pastor.

Rev. Daniel Cronk, Free Will Baptist missionary to India, now home on furlough, will be one of the missionary speakers. Mr. Cronk was on the Conference program last year, and an extension of his leave permits him to appear this year also.

Rev. Carl Taylor, missionary from Brazil, and field representative for the New Tribes Mission in Brazil, will also be speaking on missionary subjects.

Rev. Jimmy Mercer, evangelist from Minneapolis, Minnesota, will be bringing messages with evangelistic emphasis. Mr. Mercer has been doing full-time evangelistic campaigns throughout the United States for the past twenty years.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, pastor and Bible teacher from Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be bringing Bible messages in the Conference. Mr. Ennis is a former president of the Bible College and has been an outstanding worker in Free Will Baptist work in North Carolina.

The College Speech Department, under the direction of Miss Naomi Brant, will present the religious play, "The Rock," on Wednesday evening.

## BEING MISTAKEN IN A LOUD VOICE

Positiveness justified by the facts is a virtue. But positiveness as a mask for ignorance and inexperience is anything but virtue. Yet the lower some men's level of knowledge, the higher they raise their voices. It's a device of compensation. One of our fellow editors states the word "positive" is defined by Ambrose Boyce in his "Devil's Dictionary" as "Being mistaken in a loud tone of voice." Being as wise as serpents and harmless as doves consists in part in knowing that error cannot be turned into truth by much shouting. It also consists in realizing the truth does not have to shout to be accepted for what it is.

—Baptist and Reflector.

The dirtier the job, the finer the devil dresses.

# My Relationship To My Brother

Ollie Latch

And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is thy brother? And he said, Am I my brother's keeper? Gen. 4:9.

## Introduction

The story of Cain and Abel is well known by every Sunday School child. We need only recall that Cain, in a fit of jealous rage, killed Abel. When asked of the whereabouts of his brother, Cain not only lied, but he raised the question of his relationship to his brother. "Am I my brother's keeper?" he asked.

Since that day man has been faced with the question of his relationship with his fellow man. The problem has never been settled in the thinking of men, for we still have a multitude of answers to it today. It is my purpose in this message to call to your attention some of the answers so prevalent in the thinking of our world today, for therein lies one of the most sobering challenges to Christianity. What is my relationship to my brother?

## I—My Brother? A Cog!

This is the answer of the mechanical, commercial, material world. From the standpoint of the industrial world, my brother is a cog in a great machine. He is only an atom in the vast treadmill of production. He is not computed on the basis of his spiritual worth. He is computed on the basis of man hours. Labor, the product of human hands, is referred to as man hours on the great production sheets of the mechanical, material world.

Industrially, my brother is computed in terms of dollars and cents. It cost so much to hire him, to provide for his social security, to train and equip him. What he is and what he does is entered on the books in terms of cost. Here, among the many items of cost of production, is hidden a man—warm, alive, aspiring. But on the cost sheet he is only another item. When he is old, tired, sick and no longer able to produce, he is to be replaced with the same lack of feeling that we replace a worn out cog. In Russia he is liquidated. In our country, he is retired.

Man's rebellion against this relationship to his world is voiced many ways, and no expression has been more popular of late than the haunting words, "Sixteen tons, and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt. St. Peter don't call me, for I can't go. I owe my soul to the company sto."

## II—My Brother? A Lower Caste!

This is the answer of race prejudice. Somehow the color of my brother's skin changes my relationship with him. He is inferior because of his color. This makes him different. He has no right to walk by my side. He must fall back a pace and walk behind me. He has no place in the social order to which I belong. At least, he must accept an inferior place. This is my relationship with him.

It matters but little what bright hopes spring up within his heart. It matters but little how ambition spurs him. It matters not what unseen talents lie buried beneath his skin. He may be a Milton, but his lines will remain muted. He may be Beethoven, but his chords will all be played on broken strings, for he must forever accept the inferior place. His anxieties for his children, for his future, for his place in the world of mankind are none of my concern. He was born a different color, and that is all there is to my relationship with him.

He is a man, yes. He is even my brother. But he cannot thrill to the long reaches of music, to the measured tread of culture. He must forever accept a place which bars him from all releases of his soul. Somehow, I don't believe he can respond to God as I can. His heart cannot open to the Holy Spirit as mine can. The cross has not the same meaning for him. He is a different color, therefore my relationships with him must remain on this level. So answers race prejudice anywhere. And the white race does not have a corner on it.

## III—My Brother? Not My Problem!

This is the answer of an indifferent, callous church world today. When pressed with the situation regarding a fellow man and our relationship to him, the vast majority of the church world answers, "He is my brother, but he is not my problem."

Let it be granted that he has his troubles. We look at the lines in his face, the graying of his hair, the slow stoop of his form. All of these betray the fact that he is a man with a burden. His earning power may be inadequate. His misfortunes may be multiple. His heartaches may be



"SIN OF CAIN"

many. But all of these are his problems. I have mine.

We see him stagger along underneath a crushing burden of sin. He is an alcoholic, burning with a fevered craving within his body. He is a gambler, tormented by the thought of one more game to recoup his losses. He is sexually starved, a menace to society. He needs care. He needs sympathy. He needs a helping hand. But he is not my problem. He is sinking in the quicksands of whatever demon possesses him, but that is not my problem.

He is lost, this brother of mine. He may have a nice home, fine car, good bank account and all that material things can provide. But his soul is empty. His treasures eternal are nil. He must face his Maker some day, and empty of soul. He needs a witness, indeed! He should be told about Jesus. But he is not my problem. I have my own problems to look after. I grant that all you say about him and his needs are true, but every man must look out for himself. This is the answer of the indifferent church world to the question, "What is my relationship to my brother?"

## IV—Let's Ask Jesus!

The answers given above do not satisfy us. No man is satisfied to accept such relationships to his brother. We use them, yes. But we are not satisfied with them. Let's ask Jesus Christ what his answer would be to the perplexing problem of human relationships.

"My relationship to my brother?" says Jesus. "Why my brother is a wounded, robbed and dying man, lying in a ditch, object of my pity and compassion. He has been passed by indifferent church members, racial prejudice and materialism. But I cannot pass him. He is a man in need."

"My brother? He is a lost boy who has spent his wealth in riotous living.

He shivers in a barn, looks with hunger on the husks from the wheat he feeds to the hogs. He is sickened by his folly, defeated by the game of life he sought to play. He is miserable, ragged, naked and destitute in his soul. But he is sorry. Therefore, give him a bath. Put a robe on him. Put a ring on his finger. Restore him to the Father's house. This is what I would do for him. This is my relationship to him."

"My brother? He is sick, naked and a destitute stranger. What matters his color? He is in trouble. Visit him. Help him. Solace him. Love him. See that he is not turned away in scorn, for he may be an angel in disguise. This is my attitude toward my brother."

"I will answer Cain's question for you, friends. Am I my brother's keeper? No indeed, I am not my brother's keeper. I am my brother's brother," cries Jesus.

#### Conclusion

A minister tells of a time when his wealthy brother gave him a fine new automobile for Christmas. He came out of the store one day to see a little dirty, ragged street urchin, who had a polio-crippled brother, walking around the new car, admiring it. Said the urchin, "Is that your car, mister?" "Yes," the minister replied. "Gee how much did it cost?" the child asked. "I don't know," the minister told him. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas." "Oh golly! I wish—" and the minister fully expected to hear the chap say, "I wish I had a brother like that." But instead, he said, "Oh golly! I wish I could be a brother like that."

The street urchin caught the spirit of Jesus. Would to God we could all capture it. This would be a better world in which to live.

### Letter From Harvey Hill

Dear Gem Readers:

As you already know, by this time, there is an indebtedness on our Youth Camp of \$1800 to Stigman Lumber Company, and another note of \$5000 for which a payment will soon be due. This means that something must be done in order for the Youth Camp Board to meet their obligations. They can only do as you make it possible for them to do. Therefore, as the Promotional Secretary for the Youth Camp, I have set the month of May as Youth Camp Month and am asking every church in the state of Mis-

souri to take a special offering during this month for the retirement of the Youth Camp debt. We are asking for at least \$1000 to be sent in during this month. I know that your Youth Camp Board and Promotional Secretary can depend on you to come to our rescue in this time of need. So, make your plans now to send in a liberal offering. Please do not read this and then forget it, but do something about it soon. You may take your offering now if you wish and when you send it in to Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Missouri, please state that is for the May Youth Camp drive so that we may credit you for such.

June 24-30 has been set for this years session. Rev. Lester Jones of Kirksville, Missouri will be the General Superintendent. A good time is planned for all. Make your plans now to attend this year. A list of the teachers and officers will be published soon. If any individual, Sunday School class, League, or Auxiliary would like to join the Dollar a Month Club which is a great help to us in carrying out our work, send me \$1.00 for your enrollment with your name and address and I will send you in return a membership card and self-addressed envelopes. Your cooperation in these matters will be greatly appreciated.

May God bless you.

Yours for a successful Youth Camp.

Rev. Hervey E. Hill  
Promotional Secretary

### Abraham Lincoln Vs. Drink and Smoke

By Chester Shuler

"Mr. Lincoln, Won't you take a drink with me?"

The invitation came from the lips of a Kentucky colonel who, riding in a stage coach with Abraham Lincoln, had recognized him and desired to be sociable.

"No, thank you, Colonel," replied Mr. Lincoln pleasantly. "I never drink whiskey."

They rode along together for some time, chatting. Finally, the hospitable colonel pulled some cigars from his pocket, saying: "Now, Mr. Lincoln, if you won't take a drink with me, won't you join me in a smoke? Here are some of Kentucky's finest cigars."

Mr. Lincoln smiled. "Colonel," he said, "you are such a fine, agreeable gentleman to travel with that perhaps I ought to smoke with you. But before we light up, let me tell you a story—an experience which I had when just a boy."

"Certainly," agreed the colonel, politely. "I'll be glad to hear it, sir."

"One day when I was about nine years old," Lincoln told him, "my mother called me to her bedside. She was sick—very sick indeed—and she said to me:"

"'Abey, the doctor tells me I am not going to get well. I want you to promise me before I go that you will never use whiskey nor tobacco as long as you live'."

"I promised my mother that I never would. And up to his hour, Colonel, I have kept that promise. Now would you advise me to break that promise to my departed mother and take a smoke with you?"

The colonel put his hand on Mr. Lincoln's shoulder and said, his voice trembling with emotion, "No, Mr. Lincoln, I wouldn't have you do that for the world. It was one of the best promises you ever made. I would give a thousand dollars today if I had made my mother a promise like that and had kept it as you have done."

Abraham Lincoln has been a national hero in America for many years. Although we have had many truly great national leaders, he still stands forth among them as perhaps the greatest of all. There is scarcely a person in our land today who would deny that Abraham Lincoln's honesty and faithfulness in keeping his promise to his mother helped to make him the great, good, and beloved man that he was.

If we are so fortunate as to have a mother, as did Mr. Lincoln, who abhors intoxicants and tobacco enough to exact such promise from us, we are indeed fortunate. Few users of liquor or tobacco will honestly say they are glad they are victims of it; most of them, like the colonel from Kentucky, would give much if they had never begun their use. For John Barleycorn (with all his cousins such as beer, wine, and other intoxicants), tobacco with its millions of slaves, are enemies of health and spiritual growth. Every wise girl and boy in the land will shun them—even without a promise made to mother.

—The Lighted Pathway

#### CANCEL MY SUB

A Nevada editor needed a stretch of filler for his paper, so he printed the ten commandments, foregoing comment. Back whizzed an angry letter. "Cancel my subscription. You're getting too personal." It was the Holy Spirit who had been the accuser.

We must be as courteous to a man as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

# From the Editor's Desk

## For Sunday School Builders

Our dining table seats six persons comfortably, eight can be accommodated, but by having those seated at the corners straddle the table legs, twelve people can be crowded around it. Each person hurries through the meal, so that he can get out of that cramped position as quickly as possible.

I fear many of our Sunday School class rooms are much like the above. We have space for about half the number of people, we pack into them and then wonder why we can't reach them for Christ. We wonder why they don't return Sunday after Sunday.

They cannot become interested in spiritual things because they are so uncomfortable that all they can concentrate on is getting out of the place at the earliest opportunity.

They have no desire to return for not only because of the crowding, but also the din of voices of each one trying to talk louder than the next fellow, is not soothing to anyone's nerves, nor conducive to meditation. They have come to God's House to find peace and quiet and instead, find bedlam.

Those who love us best will return for another visit because they are tolerant of the discomforts and inconveniences. Even these, however, don't call very often.

Those who love our church best will tolerate some things for a while, but even they will become discouraged and lose interest.

It isn't that I think we must place comfort above spiritual values, but comfort will add to the effectiveness of our teaching. When will we learn that if we are ever to win the world to Christ, we must bring our thinking and planning up to date.

Statistics reveal that most church membership is gleaned from the ranks of the Sunday School. Yet, I hear people saying, "We can't afford an educational building, nor even adequate class rooms." I say, "We can't afford not to provide for the children of our communities."

Anyway, who said it was a sin to be comfortable? Who said it was a mark of progress to not plan things for the success of God's kingdom? Too many use the old "hit or miss" method, thinking it a mark of spiritual leadership. My Bible teaches me that if I'm ever led of the Spirit of God, it is when I do things orderly. Strangely enough, those who scream loudest

of formality because an educational building is planned, are usually the very ones who plan to buy a car, plan to buy a home, plan to buy furniture for that home, plan a college education for their children.

Why do we think we can win souls and treat God's work like a "step-child"? Where did we get the idea that God will bless any old thing we do? "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:16)

It is time we stopped thinking we are doing God a favor when we serve Him and instead, realize that we have a sacred obligation to keep and that He has given us the privilege of service.

Formerly, as the family increased, provision was made for them and their needs, but now when the Sunday School or church family increases, we just crowd them in a little closer. Comfort or needs are more or less ignored.

We are losing Sunday School pupils daily because we won't provide for them. We need to realize that we have a charge to keep and God is going to call for an accounting of our stewardship. I fear it won't do us any good then to jingle the few pennies we've managed to save at the expense of souls.

Adequate class room space will do as much to help win souls for Christ and His kingdom as anything I know of.

## Church Family Plan

There were 974 Gem papers printed in February, and we are indeed grateful for every bit of support that made it possible. However, with all the expirations of January and February, we are far short of the goal we set for the Gem at our State Association.

If we are to keep our beloved State paper, we must support it with prayers, manuscripts, and contributions. If every church, large or small, would send in their Church Family Plan of subscriptions, the financial support of the Gem would be assured.

We do not wish to "nag", "bully", or "haggle", but let's look at some facts. The Gem is being blessed of the Lord, so we may assume the Lord is pleased with it; (we are most humbly grateful for His blessings) then,

the State Association delegates voted to support the Family Plan, so why not put your subscription where your vote was? Further, where can you get more for \$1.00? You receive twelve copies of the paper, on the Family Plan of Subscriptions, and that figures between eight and nine cents per month!

So, come on friends of the Gem, send in your Family list this month. We welcome Verdella, Hazel Creek Union, and Richwoods into our Family this month. Then, when you have sent in your list, please don't stop there, but pray for the editor, those who publish it, and certainly for those who read its pages, that souls may be reached for Christ, to whom be all glory and praise for whatever is accomplished.

**Let's Go! Missouri!**

## NOTICE

Denominational gifts which are channeled through the state should be sent to Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri. Several checks have been sent to the former treasurer, Mrs. Williford. They have been forwarded, but this necessitates extra work and delays the use of the money. Checks should be made payable to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. Each month Mrs. Edwards allots the money to the several departments, both state and national, for which it has been designated.

Rolla D. Smith, Chm.  
State Executive Board

## REVIVAL DATES

March 6-16, Fellowship Church—  
Pastor, Rev. Rolla Smith.

Evangelist, Rev. Eugene Waddell.

March 18-30, Fredricktown Church—  
Pastor, Rev. Ben Scott.

Evangelist, Rev. Othel Dixon.

April 9-21, Leadington Church—  
Pastor, Mrs. Eunice Edwards.  
Evangelist, Rev. Homer Willis.

## CONGRATULATION—BOB AND JERRY!

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Wilfong of Tampa, Florida, have announced the arrival of their second child. The little fellow was born the first of February and has been named Robert Leroy.

The angels from their throne on high  
Look down on us with wondering eye,  
Though we live on earth as passing  
guests

We try to build such solid nests;  
But where we hope to dwell for aye.  
We scarce take time a stone to lay.

—Selected



## Living Above Sin

Wilbia Sell

As I have been praying and asking God what He would have me write about, He gave me the words, "Living Above Sin." I pray that God will continue to guide me in the selection of the Scriptures to use. There are those who say that we have to sin every day in word, deed, and thought. I'm so glad it isn't so, and that our blessed Lord made it possible to live free and above wilful sin. To those who contend that they can go on sinning and still testify that they are Christians, I wish to point them to this Scripture:

"Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." (1 John 3:6-9)

Christ denounces sin of any kind and makes it very plain that sin will separate us from God. Now we cannot cover up sin when we become separated from God and fool anyone. God knows the heart and spirit filled individuals know these things too, because the Spirit of God in a person bears witness with the Spirit of God in another. The Spirit of God, which is the Holy Ghost, reveals things to Christians that are walking with God. Now, to prove that the Holy Ghost is a revealer of things to his people, I want to point you to the following Scriptures: "The king answered unto Daniel, and said of a truth it is, that your God is a God of Gods, and a Lord of Kings, and a revealer of secrets..." (Daniel 2:47), also this: "He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him." (Daniel 2:22); "But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets..." (Daniel 2:28)

If we become disconnected from God, or in other words, we backslide, we can't keep it a secret from spirit filled people, because we read of revelations that came to Ezekiel and Jeremiah concerning disobedient or rebellious people. God is the same yesterday, today and forever and man has not authority to judge, but the Word of God judges us. It is very interesting to study the second and third chapters of Ezekiel. We learn

that rebellions and disobedience to God show in the countenance. God, in speaking to Ezekiel, warned of the looks on their faces (countenances). "And he said unto me, Son of Man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a language, but to the house of Israel." (Ezekiel 3:4-5); "Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house." (Ezekiel 3:8-9) The absence of Christ in our hearts shows out in our faces. There is joy in our countenances if Christ is enthroned within. "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul for they have rewarded evil unto themselves." (Isaiah 3:9)

If truly we have the Spirit, it cannot be hid and Christ will show in our face. Our faces will reflect that we are walking with God, because men can see the rejoicing in our faces. "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad." (Matthew 5:12) Christ is the light of the world and if we have Him abiding with us, we are living above sin. If we are not living above sin, Christ is not with us, because He will not tolerate sin. "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

Living above sin—we know that in Christ there is no sin. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

I am an American. A free American.  
Free to speak—without fear  
Free to worship God in my own way  
Free to stand for what I think right  
Free to oppose what I believe wrong  
Free to choose those who govern my country.

This heritage of Freedom I pledge to uphold  
For myself and all mankind.

## OBITUARY

Mr. Tom Youngblood passed to his reward October 5, 1955, at the age of eighty years.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Hall at Bakersfield, California, with burial in the Greenlawn Cemetery there.

Mr. Youngblood was a follower of Christ for many of his eighty years, and confessed, shortly before his death, that he was prepared to meet God in peace.

He leaves to mourn his going, his good wife, a son, Vernon, with whom she resides in Ontario, California.

(Editors Note: Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Youngblood for this obituary. We extend our sympathy and trust your health is much improved. Thank you, also for your kind words about the Gem.)

Mrs. Youngblood's address is:

Mrs. Tom Youngblood,  
S. Cypress Ave. B. 1961  
Ontario, California

## THE CASE OF B. S. SKIPPER

The story you are about to hear is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the guilty. My name is Bible Study Skipper. I am a lazy Christian. The time was about 8:30 A. M. Lord's day morning. I was sleeping soundly after getting to bed late Saturday night. At 8:30 A. M. the alarm rang. I reached over, reset the clock for 10:30. At 9:15 I woke up. Something kept me from really getting back to sleep. I drank milk, went back to bed and dozed off again. At 10:30 the alarm rang. I hopped up and rushed to get ready. After all I didn't want to be late and the services do start at 10:45. At 10:40 I was almost ready for services. All I had to do was brush my teeth, comb my hair and put on my shoes. At 10:46 I opened the back, left the house and at 11:00 I reached the church building, looked at my watch. Only 15 minutes late. At 12 the services were over. I spoke to as few people as possible because I was in a hurry to get home. At 12:15 I reached home, sat in a big easy chair and relaxed. The trial was held on the day of judgment in department 22 in and for the state of "heaven:" the suspect, B. S. Skipper, was tried and convicted on a charge of neglect. First degree neglect! Punishment to be assigned by the Judge of all the earth.

—From the 20th Century Christian

Power gives certain people a disposition that is obnoxious even to more powerful people.

# From The Field

Dear Mr. Riggs:

Our Junior Church is interested in our missionaries and in their work for the Lord.

Last summer we sent \$20.00 to the National Association for Rev. and Mrs. Willey. We are enclosing the balance which we have in treasury for foreign missions; a money order for \$14.65 is enclosed.

In His Service, the Junior Church of Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Virginia  
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Reservations for the Herseys to Japan have been made on the Steamship President Wilson, scheduled to leave San Francisco on April 9th.

Even though we had hoped they could sail earlier, we praise the Lord that the way is opening up for them to go. We are thanking the Lord in advance for supplying the funds to send them. Have you done your part?  
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**We Praise the Lord for—**

January Report and for each of you who helped to make it possible. Remember, if we are to meet our quotas for this year we must begin early and work late!  
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Visas have been granted to Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk and Randy to return to India. They expect to leave in June;  
\* \* \*

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens who have offered to make a personal survey of proposed field along the Ivory Coast in Africa. This, they will do on their vacation time and it should prove of much value to the Foreign Mission Board.  
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**Foreign Mission Month—**This year the month of April is being declared as Foreign Mission Month, with Easter Sunday as Foreign Mission Sunday. Begin now for special emphasis.  
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**Something New—**A sixteen page booklet entitled "How to Have a Missionary Conference", has just been printed by the Foreign Mission Department. They are 5 cents each, 25 for \$1.00 or 150 for \$5.00. Order yours today and plan for your own Missionary Conference.

Raymond Riggs,  
Promotional Secretary

The man who believes that he can stand on his own and live successfully without God's help, is a fool. Dr. Preston Bradley.

## Statistics On Japan

Since many of our people are lifting up their eyes and looking toward Japan during these days, in view of the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey plan to sail on April the 9th, we think that the following statistics will be most interesting.

All of us remember that when General McArthur was in Japan, he sent an appeal to America for 2,000 missionaries. It seems that we all are rather late in responding to his call but in time surely the Lord will provide.

Most of these statistics were taken from the Japan Christian Year Book, 1954, the most recent publication on statistics of the Christian Church in Japan. This book includes all churches, both protestant and Catholic. The Evangelical Missionary Alliance also issues a book from which we gleaned the statistics of the evangelical Christian work in Japan. (EMAJ Year Book)

### I. Missionaries and Boards

A. 133 boards and societies (Japan Christian Year Book)  
2,017 missionaries (Of this number 1637 are Americans)

B. 93 boards  
1331 missionaries (EMAJ Year Book)

These are considered evangelical. They are included in A.

### II. Organized Churches, 3,381

Of this number 1,152 are Nippon Kuristo Kyodan (Japan Church of Christ) which is a liberal group of churches of 32 denominations organized during the war. 491 are Catholic. 219 are Episcopal. Of course many more of these churches are liberal in their teaching which leaves very few evangelical churches in Japan.

### III. Religions:

Shintoism	77,780,325	89.9 percent
Buddhism	47,714,876	55.1 percent
Christianity	485,399	0.56 percent
Othets	3,419,571	3.9 percent

It must be remembered that many of the people are both Shintoist and Buddhist. Thus the total of these figures exceed the total population of 86,500,000.

Passage has been secured for the Hersey's to sail to Japan on April the 9th. The tickets cost \$650.00. Of course there are many other needs and expenses involved and we are still looking to our people to supply this need.

Attend Church Sunday

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Supporting missions blesses and enriches my life. It makes me feel that I am not just farming a part (small corner) of the field, but the whole of it. "The field is the world."

These are the words of a pastor who recently wrote in an article, "Why I Support the Cause of Missions." I am sure that these are your sentiments as well, and furthermore you promote missions because you want others to share in the reward. In Philippians 4:17, Paul said, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound, to your account."

While the year is still young I appeal to you to keep a close watch on the interest of foreign missions in your state. Never in the history of our work has our department faced such tremendous opportunities. We can only advance as you help to make it possible.

Because of your interest and key position we will send you each month by first class mail, a copy of the report. Your copy will no doubt arrive ahead of the regular mailing list. This will enable you to have first-hand information, receipts, and special needs.

Because of the many details here in the office it has become necessary for me to spend less time on the field. This means that we must depend more upon you to help do this important job. If the facts are made known to your people through the local church, district, quarterly, and associational meetings, I believe that your state will exceed her quota this year for Foreign Missions.

Ezekiel 3:17 "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel."

Best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Raymond Riggs  
Promotional Secretary

(Editor's Note: I am sharing this letter with our Gem readers, for it will really be them who will answer it.)

## AT HOME IN ALL LANDS

"Born in the East and clothed in Oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the heart of man. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God."

—Henry Van Dyke



### MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MARTYRS

Several evangelical leaders have made a joint announcement that numerous churches designating Sunday, March 11, for memorial services in honor of the Five missionaries who were killed by Auca Indians in Ecuador.

Spokesman for those making the announcements was Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, who was recently appointed chairman of the Five Missionary Martyrs Fund. Dr. Edman, who himself served as a missionary in Ecuador a number of years ago, is finding that "their martyrdom is causing hundreds of earnest Christian young people to rise up with desire to pick up the torch where it was dropped, and to carry the Light into Auca darkness."

It has been suggested that a special missionary service be held on March 11, that the challenge be presented to parents to dedicate their children to the unfinished task of missions, that churches enlarge their vision and responsibility for the cause of missions, that young people volunteer to become pioneer missionaries wherever the Lord of the harvest would send them, that prayer be made that the Lord end forth these His servants, and that there be a special offering for the Five Missionary Martyrs Fund.

Serving with Dr. Edman on the Fund committee are Lt. General William K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of the Caribbean Command, and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the evangelical Foreign Missions Association. The Fund will be administered for the immediate needs of the widows of the five martyrs and the ultimate educational needs of their children.

Gifts should be addressed to:

Five Missionary Martyrs Fund,  
Box 385  
Washington, D. C.

The five men who were killed by the Auca Indians they were endeavoring to reach with the Gospel are: Edward McCully, Jr., Peter Fleming, James Elliott (all with Christian Missions in Many Lands), Nate Saint (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) and Roger Youderian (Gospel Missionary Union).

Their widows are continuing in missionary work. Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Fleming are at the Shandia mission station, Mrs. Youderian at Macuma, Mrs. Saint will direct a missionary guest home and work in the Rimmer Memorial Hospital at Quito, and Mrs. McCully is currently in the United States.

### OPPORTUNITY

The government of Columbia is entertaining applications for English instructors at a certain university. For the man and woman chosen Colombia will provide air transportation from Miami, room, board, free tuition and \$100 a month. In return, the two will teach English at the university. A degree in teaching is not required.

This would be a marvelous opportunity for lay missionary work. Qualified persons may obtain further information from International Students, Inc., 2627 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington 8, D. C.

### MISSIONARY DIES

The following report has been received from the Latin American Mission following the sudden death of missionary Lester Burton.

In the sudden death of a 32 year old missionary and father it is hard to find much to rejoice about. But since the death of Lester Burton, on his way back to Costa Rica for a second term with the Latin American Mission, God has worked in the hearts of numerous young Latins who have suddenly seen the need of dedicating their lives to Him.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 1, 1955—January 1, 1956

#### Free Will Baptist Mission Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cash on hand December 1, 1955 .....	17.25
Cash in Bank General Fund Dec. 1, 1955 .....	33.44
Cash in Bank in Dormitory Fund Dec. 1, 1955 .....	95.77
Cash in Bank Temple Fund, Dec. 1, 1955 ....	1,807.63

\$1,954.09

#### RECEIVED

Check from Board .....	2,660.00
Check for Phenecie Boys .....	130.00
Gifts .....	150.00
Refunds, books, and quotas .....	15.25

2,955.25

\$4,909.34

#### EXPENSES

Food .....	231.65
Salaries:	
American Missionaries .....	390.00
Phenecie Boys .....	130.00
National Workers .....	1,375.25
Rent .....	212.50
Hospitalization .....	99.66
Maintenance of Equipment .....	143.26
Insurance on Bus .....	40.65
Gas and Oil .....	75.25
Fuel .....	18.95
Passage .....	1.15
Girls' Dormitory .....	60.38
Payment on Lot in Jaruco .....	1,100.00
Temple in Jibacoa .....	500.00
Animal Feed .....	122.89
Office Supplies .....	25.67
Printing press (Payment 100.00 on press) ....	118.35
Bank Exchange and charge .....	5.59
Miscellaneous .....	18.45

4,669.65

Cash on hand January 1, 1956 .....	23.89
Cash in Dormitory Fund January 1, 1956 ....	6.33
Cash in General Fund in Bank Jan. 1, 1956 .....	1.84
Cash in Temple Fund in Bank Jan. 1, 1956 .....	207.63

239.69

\$4,909.34

Lucy Wisehart      Thoma H. Willey

**NIANQUA QUARTERLY MEETS**

The Nianqua Quarterly Meeting met with the Buffalo Free Will Baptist Church, January 28, 29, 1956 with a good representation from the churches. There were several visiting ministers present, including Rev. Henry Long, Springfield; Rev. Grover Terry, Springfield; Rev. Cleo Covington, Waynesville; Rev. Curtis Wilson, Lebanon; Rev. Paul Bliss, Lebanon. The Sunday night service was concluded with communion and feet washing. It was a real spiritual blessing to all present. There was much ice and snow on the outside, but there was much fellowship on the inside and God blessed in a wonderful way.

—Mrs. Georgia McDaniel, Cor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DOUBLES**

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

We have built a new church and it belongs to God and His work. Since we have moved into our new building, our Sunday School attendance has doubled.

We are beginning a revival tonight with Rev. Carl Williams as our Evangelist. Please pray with us for the success of this meeting.

I sure do like my Gem paper. I think you are doing a fine job. May the Lord continue to bless your labors.

Yours to serve:

Rev. Oren W. Kersh, Pastor

**DEDICATES NEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

Nov. 27, 1955

Last Sunday, in an all-day service and program, the congregation of the Salem Free Will Baptist Church dedicated its new church.

The church and auditorium has been under construction since last July, and completely modern in every respect, replaces the original building which was some 70 years old.

The Rev. Oren Kersh, pastor of the church, introduced the Rev. Riley Burton, guest speaker, who was pastor of the church 40 years ago. The theme of his address, "Willingness To Work," was a resume of the early days of the church, and a review of the recent achievements. Regarding the latter he said: "this building will long stand as a monument of Christian purpose—not only to the members of the congregation—but to those of many faiths, who have generously given of their time and finances."

A program of appropriate music was furnished by Mrs. Phyllis Pepple and her sister, Miss Babel Carroll, both of Bluford. J. R. Thomas of Mt. Vernon sang "God Bless This House."

A potluck dinner was served at noon in the basement of the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES**

	Jan.	Feb.
Mt. Pisgah .....	39	
Coppermines .....	92	
First, Flat River .....		141
Fellowship .....	185	185
Leadington .....	94	94
Desloge .....	96	96
Farmington .....	56	52
Fourth .....	63	70
Southside .....		
Monett .....	102	
Jones Chapel .....		
Third Church .....	118	

Please send us your average, too.

**FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING**

The Free Will Baptist Church at Picher, Oklahoma, was host for the Fifth Sunday Meeting in January.

Morning services consisted of a devotional period, special singing and a message brought by Rev. Elda Foster, text: Matt. 7:12.

The afternoon session was given over to special singing and messages by various ministers. Those who spoke were: Leona Mayfield, Archie Burruss, Elda Foster, W. K. Weston, Rocky Williams, Orville Johnston, F. C. Crane, Rev. Coy, Rev. Bower, Rev. Keck, and Rev. Henry Bellah.

The introductory speaker for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be Rev. Jerold Herd, Alternate, Rev. Bowers. The next Meeting will be held at the Free Will Baptist Church in Miami, Oklahoma.

Moderator, Jerald Herd  
Clerk, Violet Millard

**ANNUAL ATTENDANCE AWARDS GIVEN**

On January 29, the First Free Will Baptist Sunday School awarded the following their first year pin: Judy Gammon, Alma Adams, Pearl Sircum, George Williams, Mary Roussin, Laura Roussin, Madge Ann Wilson, and Charlene Williams.

Second year pins were awarded to the following: Michael Williams, Grace Abernathy, Virginia Watkins, Darrell Beasley, Timmy Beasley, Karen Sue Adams, Leona Honbeck, Rev. H. C. Beasley, and Mrs. Virginia Beasley.

Third year pins were awarded to the following: Glenda Grey, and Nancy Gammon.

Nine year pins were awarded to the following: Mrs. Bessie Lincoln, and Shirley White.

Sixteen year pin was given to: Mrs. Norma Jean Blakely.

Also, on this date, the Sunday School Convention met with our

Church. There was a large representation and a group discussion of Sunday School problems was discussed by some of the juniors.

Marian Wilson, Cor.

**ALLIANCE MEETS IN APRIL**

The Sunday School Alliance of Southern Illinois will meet for their regular semi-annual meeting at the Youth Camp Grounds, April 20, 1956. Hope to see you there.

—Shirley Buster, Cor.

**PENNY-A-MEAL ADDS UP!**

Mrs. Edwards:

Find enclosed money for Foreign Missions. (\$54.90) This money was received from some members of the New Harmony Sunday School that set aside a penny-a-meal for this purpose.

Yours truly:

Loraine James, Sec.-Treas.

**SWEETHEART BANQUET**

The young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River enjoyed a Sweetheart Banquet in the Basement of the church, Saturday evening at seven o'clock with approximately fifty in attendance.

A huge Valentine heart or red hearts, a cupid and ribbon formed the beautiful background for the throne which was outlined with streamers, two large baskets of mums, gladiolus and fern, and lighted Candelabra. Streamers of red and white crepe paper and balloons completed the setting.

The Sweetheart Queen, Miss Wanda Beasley, beautifully attired in a pink formal, was escorted down a green pathway to the throne by Mr. Gary Busenbark. Miss Beasley carried a box of Valentine candy topped with three large mums and ribbon streamers.

Attendants to the Queen were Miss Mareva McDonald, attired in a formal of red taffeta and white net, escorted by Mr. Hervey Gene Faircloth; Miss Mary Ann Oelson, wearing a blue formal, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Roper; and Miss Janet Busenbark, attired in a pink formal, escorted by Mr. Buddy Wampler.

Miss Mary Lee Gammon provided the coronation music. Little Miss Debbie Gammon scattered red and white hearts in the path of the queen. Master Timmy Beasley carried the crown and serenaded the queen with the song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". Mr. Lee Gammon served as announcer.

The evening was spent playing various Valentine games. Refreshments of punch, Valentine cake and cherry ice cream were served.

## MISSIONARY DIES

(Continued from page 9)

It was January 16, just after the tragedy of the five missionaries in Ecuador. The Burtons had been on furlough, and were driving through Nicaragua on the way back to their chosen country, with their three children. Suddenly, in a welling-up of emotion, Les pointed to the green mountains ahead and said, "I can hardly believe it. That is Costa Rica, after such a long time."

But within a matter of minutes, having stopped for a quick swim in the river while waiting for customs' officials to okay his baggage, Les was dying from an attack by a mysterious fish. When he arrived in Costa Rica the next day, it was for burial.

In his brief missionary career, Les had specialized in boys—witnessing for Christ in club work, camp work, and in demonstrating a very real love for the unloved. At Camp Boblealto, where he was to have been this year's business manager, his death brought shocked questions to every boy camper—and many decided for Christ's service as a result. One of his widow's greatest comforts has been the boyish young visitors who have told what Les' life meant to them in building spiritual character.

Les came from Grand Rapids, Mich., and was a graduate of Calvin College there. Mrs. Burton, who feels God wants her to stay in Costa Rica or He would have taken her husband before they began the long, hard trip from the States, has found the same remarkable solace as the five so recently bereaved in Ecuador. "Our hearts are filled with God's peace, the peace which passeth all understanding," she smiles. For a woman who has just been widowed for the second time, it is a very brave smile.

## THIRD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

Here it is time again for our Gem and we are still on the road for greater heights for our Lord.

We have many things here at the Third Free Will Baptist Church to be thankful for. We are still climbing upward in number in our Sunday School, we are not going in leaps, but are holding what new members we do get.

We are still looking forward to the time when we can have our new Church so you all pray for us that we might stay humble and where the Lord can use us in a mighty way.

—Cor.

## Youth Camp News

### DID YOU KNOW?

That our Mo. State Youth Camp owes almost \$1800.00 to Stigmans Lumber Co., and that a payment on this is now due.

That we owe \$5,000.00 on a note for which a payment will soon be due.

That we do not have money to meet these bills.

That unless you send in your contributions regularly, we stand a chance of losing our property.

That we have approximately 120 churches in the state and if each one would send in a small offering monthly our income would more than be sufficient.

That last year we averaged sending less than \$10.00 per church.

That we averaged sending in less than 12½ cents per member.

That this is your responsibility. Can God depend on YOU to do your part?

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### DOLLAR A MONTH CLUB

During the past several months, a number of you have joined the "Dollar a Month Club" which has been a great help in paying our camp bills. However, the number who belong to our club is not sufficient. In our state we have almost 9,000 Free Will Baptist Church members. If we could only get one tenth of these members to subscribe to our club, our financial worries would be over. Will you subscribe now by sending in your first one dollar to me with your name and address and in return I will send you a membership card.

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### MAY WE HEAR FROM YOU

If you have attended our Youth Camp in the years gone by and have announced some special call to God, would you please write me and tell me so that we may use a few testimonies from those to whom the camp has meant so much in a future news sheet.

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### DATE OF CAMP SET

The next session of our Youth Camp will be conducted June 24-30, 1956. Rev. Lester Jones, of Kirksville, Mo. has been appointed as general superintendent for this session. Make your plans early to attend.

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### PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Youth Camp program committee met early in Feb., at the Youth Camp. This committee will supervise and plan the program for this year's session. The committee is composed

of Rev. Wm. Reeves, Rev. Stanley Letterman, Rev. James Franklin, and Rev. Harvey Hill.

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### NEW PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Due to the fact that Rev. Day, who has been serving as your promotional secretary, has moved to Tulsa, Okla., to assume the pastorate of the Lewis Ave. Church, Rev. Harvey Hill has been appointed to succeed him. Thus, all future inquiries should be forwarded to Rev. Hill.

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### SAVE YOUR FOLGERS COFFEE STRIPS

Word has been received from Rev. Reeves that one coffee urn has been obtained through Folger Coffee strips which you have sent to him. Another one is needed so please continue sending in your strips.

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### NEW CABIN

We are very happy to hear that the Central Western Mo. Association is building a cabin on the boys side. May God bless you for your interest. If any other church or association is planning on building a cabin we hope you will have it done by session time.

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### WELCOME BACK

We are very happy to welcome back to our state Rev. Ben Scott who has assumed the pastorate of the Fredericktown Church, which Bro. Day recently left. Bro. Scott is remembered by his many friends in Mo., for his good work prior to moving to Okla.

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### WE ARE SORRY

We are certainly sorry to lose Bro. Day from our state and especially from our Youth Camp in which Bro. Day was so interested. To Bro. Day and his family the Youth Camp wishes to express their appreciation for his good work with us while he was here.

Rev. W. M. Reeves, Treasurer,  
Niangua, Missouri  
Rev. Hervey E. Hill

8914 Springdale, Berkeley 21, Mo.  
Promotional Secretary

### QUOTES

The day that prayer dies in a man's soul, he commits spiritual suicide.

Men are not saved by the sacrifices they make, but the sacrifice God has for them.

Be square all week and come round on Sunday.

You can tell how big a man is by observing how much it takes to discourage him.

Some people who say "Our Father" on Sunday go around the rest of the week acting like orphans.



# Woman's Auxiliary

## THE SHEILA MARIE GO TELL AUXILIARY

The Sheila Marie Go Tell Auxiliary and the Willing Workers Y.P.A. of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church send Greetings to you:

In the eleven months we have been organized we feel we have been greatly blessed in this new field of service for our Master. We have been growing, perhaps slowly, but steadily. We have greatly appreciated the good lessons we studied last year, and we look forward to the new year and its many, wonderful lessons and its great opportunities for service. Pray for us that we may be the kind of servants that would please our Master.

We have our Meetings twice a month, on the second and fourth Friday nights. Usually we meet at the church, sometimes we meet in the homes. We have a Devotional service for the combined group by our Pastor, Rev. Stanley Letterman, then we meet in our two separated groups for the study of the lesson. Average attendance, 12. We have gained five new members in the past year.

At Christmas time we met and packed boxes of candy, fruit and cookies for the shutins of our community. We sometimes have devotional services for the shutins too.

In November we purchased a set of Maps for Bible Study in our groups.

Several of our members are very active in the project the Ladies Auxiliary started, that of holding services at the Community Nursing Home No. 3 in Kirksville, on the Second Sunday afternoon of each month.

The G. T. A. 's are making a scrap book in connection with their study of the F. W. B. Missionaries.

For the year of 1956 we have voted to send one-half of our offerings to the State Youth Camp at Niangua, Missouri.

Our Y. P. A. Sponsor is Mrs. Wendell Sevits and our G. T. A. Sponsor is Mrs. Stanley Letterman.

—Mrs. Stanley Letterman, Cor.

## PINE PRAIRIE AUXILIARY REPORTS

The Auxiliary was organized in 1952 with six members. Since then it has grown to a membership of twenty.

During this time we have observed each pre-Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas weeks of prayer. The offerings of \$5.00 each time went to

Home and Foreign Missions, \$15.00 to Wesley Calvary fund. \$9.00 on Hammond organ for the Bible School, \$3.00 on furniture for WNAC office, also the Auxiliary has paid \$40.00 to Co-Labourer Fund. The auxiliary has been represented twice each year to the convention with delegates, report, and \$3.00 dues. We sent packages to boys overseas in service, also boxes to the Orphans Home, valued at \$25.00, besides gifts to the church building fund.

The auxiliary has given to Christian education each year and is happy to have organized one Y.P.A. and one G.T.A. with a membership of twenty each. We have sponsored Vacation Bible Schools for three years, also sponsored one adult counselor to camp, three years. In times of bereavement, we send covered dishes to the home, and have given grocery showers to the needy families of our community.

We desire to give God the glory and honor that we have been privileged to serve in a small way, and we pray in the years to come that our membership will continue to grow, and we as an auxiliary will do a greater work for the Master.

—Mrs. P. J. Wood, Cor.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Green Grove Church January 29, 1956. After the devotional, Rev. Stanley Letterman brought the message from Matthew 25:14-31. Benediction, Leona Thompson.

After the bountiful dinner at noon, the afternoon session opened with a devotional, followed with the reading of the minutes from the last session. Letters from Low Ground, New Harmony, Hazel Creek, and Kirksville Auxiliaries were read.

The next meeting will be at the Hazel Creek church with Rev. Lester Jones selected to bring the eleven o'clock message. (Rev. Kermit Crooks, alternate.)

The afternoon session was then given over to specials, playlets, and inspirational readings.

Benediction, Mrs. Edith Crooks.

—Leona Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

## KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY MEETS

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Church of Kirksville met at the home of Mrs. Elfie Dare. The presi-

dent was in charge of the meeting, which opened with a devotional conducted by Mrs. Stella Bachman. Scripture reading of Matthew 24:1-51 by Mrs. Alta Mikel, prayer by Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

After the business session, the program was rendered from the Year Book of Programs, entitled: "We Need to Know God's Word For Such a Time As This."

Topics were given by Mrs. Velma Wellman, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Mrs. Alta Mikel, Mrs. Julia Mollick, and the program leader.

Mrs. Eva Peterson, and Mrs. Julia Mollick will be our next hostesses.

Benediction, repeating the Lord's Prayer.

—Mrs. Russell Wellman, Cor.

## CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST REPORTS

(3 months)

I. Number of members,	27
Number of new members	3
Total membership	31
II. Number meetings held	11
Number devotions held	11
Number prayer meetings	2
III. Financial Report:	
Offering and dues	\$ 45.00
Amount raised from "CFC"	\$266.44
Total amount raised	\$311.44

Most of our money is being used to help beautify our church. The Crusaders for Christ had complete charge of our Sunday School and worship services. Brother Gene Black brought a spiritual message on Stewardship.

Glenda Barks, Pres.

## THE RIGHT WAY TO PRAY

One bright morning a little nine-year-old colored girl was setting the table when the small son of her mother's mistress became interrogative. "Jenny, do you pray?" the lad questioned. "Course, every night." "But do you think," the boy continued, "that God hears your prayers so quickly as those of the white children?" The girl was confused, dropped the plate she held, but answered beautifully: "See here Master Arthur, I pray into God's ears and not into his eyes!"

The fellow who spends most of his time minding other people's business usually knows little about his own.

## STANDING OF STATES ON INDIA VISUAL AID PROJECT

January 31, 1956

This project was adopted by the W.N.A.C. during the 1955 Convention:

State	Quotas	Contributions Received	Receipts Over Quotas	Receipts Under Quotas
Alabama .....	\$ 45.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 40.00
Arkansas .....	20.00	18.00		2.00
California .....	45.00			45.00
Florida .....	25.00	25.00		
Georgia .....	60.00	55.00		5.00
Illinois .....	30.00			30.00
Kentucky .....	20.00			20.00
Michigan .....	60.00			60.00
Mississippi .....	25.00	14.20		10.80
Missouri .....	100.00	66.30		33.70
North Carolina ....	175.00	10.00		165.00
Ohio .....	20.00	20.00		
Oklahoma .....	100.00	28.00		72.00
South Carolina ....	80.00	125.55	45.55	
Tennessee .....	100.00	57.00		43.00
Texas .....	65.00			55.00
Virginia .....	20.00	20.00		
West Virginia .....	20.00			20.00
	\$1,000.00	\$444.05	\$45.55	\$601.50

Most of the visual aid equipment has been purchased and the Cronks will be taking it with them to India about June the first.

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan  
Executive Sec.-Treas.  
W. N. A. C.

## KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY REPORTS

The Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Eva Peterson, on February 2, 1956, with the president, Mrs. Myrtle Jones presiding. After a devotional, conducted by Mrs. Reda Maggart, the minutes of the last meeting were approved. Among other things, the following new business was adopted: Motion carried that the February project be a service at the Community Nursing Home; Motion carried that the Auxiliary pay for the DVBS material; Motion carried to make a quilt for a home impoverished by fire; Motion carried to give a food shower to a needy family. A number of prayer requests were made known and remembered as Mrs. Alta Mikel prayed.

Topics were given by Mrs. Elfa Dare, Julia Mollick, Alta Mikel, and Wanda Scrivens. Benediction by Mrs. Allie Peterson.

—Mrs. Russell Wellman, Cor.

## WORKSHOP A BLESSING

The Southeast Missouri Women's Auxiliary Workshop convened with the Coppermines Church on February 9th. There was a large group present, with six Auxiliaries represented, and seven Pastors.

A pre-arranged program was carried out, using the Theme: "Now Is The Time." Topics were given by the following: Mary Rêgh, Janelle Scott, and Eunice Edwards. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Mildred Killian, Mrs. Albert Halbrook, and Mrs. Pearl Sirclum. The Rev. Ben Scott preached at the eleven o'clock service using as a text, Amos 3:1-8.

A skit entitled, "It's A Deep, Dark Secret, But—", was presented by Mrs. Ruth Wilfong and Mrs. Kathleen LaBrot, from the Fellowship Auxiliary.

The next Workshop will be held May 10, 1956, with the Berkeley Church, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

## HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Hazel Creek Ladies Auxiliary met February 1, with Emma Van Laningham, with six members and two visitors present.

The devotional period was led by Maize Sevits, with the Scripture lesson from Luke 11:1-13.

Topics were given by Waneta Newcomer, Bernice Thomas, Lola Filkins, Martha Letterman, and Emma Van Laningham.

The members reported having read 301 Bible chapter, 24 sick calls made, and ten cards sent out. The offering amounted to \$1.68.

Visitors present for the noon meal was the teacher, Miss Norma McCune, and the school children.

Benediction, Emma Van Laningham.

—Lola Filkins, Cor.

## LIFE'S CREED

What is the Bible the world is reading?

Your daily life and mine.

What are the sermons the world is heeding

Your daily life and mine.

What are the creeds the world is needing?

True lives, yours and mine.

## THREE KINDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Rowboat Church Members—have to be pushed wherever they go.

Sailboat Church Members—Go wherever the wind blows them.

Steamboat Church Members—Make up their minds to go to the house of God, and go regardless of wind or weather.

## THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God; the state of man; the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its records are true. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you; food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christians charter. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

Easter Sunday is Foreign Mission Sunday in all Free Will Baptist churches. Every church is asked to join in a great special offering to help speed the message of our living Christ to those who have never heard.

## Home Mission News

3801 Richland Avenue  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Friends:

It has been quite some time since you had a letter from our department, and you are due an apology. The reason you have had to wait so long is that a lack of funds in our Home Mission department made it impossible for us to send out the monthly letter. However, fortune is smiling more kindly upon us and our offerings are much better. So we are able to resume this service and it is our sincere hope that we will not be forced to curtail this part of our program again. Many of you have told us how much you missed getting the Home Mission News and we want to thank you for the kind things which you have said about, and done for our Home Mission cause.

There are several new churches to report this month. We are making giant strides in the west and north-west these days and it is here that we find most of our new churches. In El Paso, Texas, Rev. Wayne Wegman is pastor of a newly organized church. Rev. L. C. Pinson is leader of a new group in Carlsbad, New Mexico, while Rev. John Elliston is heading a Free Will Baptist movement in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

New churches are reported in at least 5 Arkansas localities with the state home missionary, Rev. Homer Parker, having organized churches in Newport and England. Mr. Parker will be in Fayette, Arkansas on his next assignment.

Our Home Mission Team in Washington has been busy during the past few weeks working out new organizations in Wenatchee and Cashmere, Washington. Missionary Postlewaite reports a meeting in Wenatchee on Sunday, January 15 in which there were 20-25 people despite nearly 4 feet of snow. They agreed to organize in Wenatchee now with a view to organizing in Cashmere and Oranda, Washington in the spring. This is proving to be a most fertile field and one which affords Free Will Baptists a wonderful opportunity for establishing some strong witnessing churches.

The work in Mexico is moving along well. Rev. Timmons has recently stepped up the work in Jiminez and the Sunday School attendance is nearing the 40 mark. Miss Bessie Yeley is being transferred from Tampa, Florida to the Mexico field. She will live in one of the Texas-Mexico border towns and work in the Mexican Missions. Mexico is one of the neediest of present-day mission fields.

The population is 30 million with only 170,000 Christians reported and 425 protestant missionaries. This is a ratio of one missionary for each 80 thousand population, placing this country near the top of the list from the standpoint of need.

The Lord is opening an effectual door for us into Alaska through the medium of the schools. There are openings for both elementary and high school teachers and the demand is great. The Alaskan territorial government, through its Commissioner of Education, is receiving applications for teaching positions. If you are interested in this project you may write for further information to the Home Mission office in Nashville.

The promotional secretary conducted a most successful itinerary among the churches in southern Alabama, January 15-22. Rev. Charles Craddock, of Dothan, planned the contacts and accompanied me to each of the services. The pastors were very cooperative and the people most responsive and nearly one-half of Alabama's entire home mission quota for 1956, was raised in cash and pledges. I will be in Ohio and Arkansas for itineraries this month.

Honorable mention this month goes to states rather than local churches. These states are the ones which met and exceeded their suggested Home Mission Quotas for the six months—July through December, 1955. They are: Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, and South Carolina. We salute these states and their Home Mission Coordinators!

Although our offerings for Home Missions have been increasing steadily, we are still not past the danger point. If you have not made a gift for Home Missions, please do so. If you cannot send an offering now, perhaps you can make a pledge to be paid sometime before December 31, 1956. Above all things, please pray for us as we strive to carry on in His Name.

Damon C. Dodd  
Promotional Secretary

## COMPARATIVE FIGURES

From many directions of our denomination the question comes, "How are we doing?" We have both the optimist and the pessimist viewing our denominational set up to-day, and it is my opinion that our people are intelligent enough to make their own conclusions when they know all the facts. This is the reason we have endeavored to keep the facts and figures of the Foreign Mission Department constantly before you.

The following figures show the income of the Foreign Mission Board during the last six (6) months of the last two years. You will note that we gained \$6,174.16 during the last half of 1955 over the same period in 1954. We realize this perhaps should be more, but it could be worse, to say the least.

We are off to a new year. What your state does for Foreign missions depends upon you.

1954	
July .....	\$ 5,243.86
August .....	4,791.70
September .....	6,385.88
October .....	7,858.70
November .....	6,101.85
December .....	5,824.15
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	\$36,206.14
1955	
July .....	\$ 6,645.17
August .....	7,277.69
September .....	6,002.95
October .....	6,591.21
November .....	5,409.47
December .....	10,454.31
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	\$42,380.80
1955—	42,380.80
1954—	36,206.14
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	\$6,174.66

If you have never had a disappointment in helping a person, then you have helped but few people.

## NEW ROADSIDE SIGN

Every church should have one of these all-new, completely weather-proofed church signs on every highway leading into town.

Long-lasting enamel paint has been baked on 20-gauge steel for durability. The words "Free Will Baptist Church", are lettered in dark blue over a light blue cross on a white background for easy reading from a passing automobile. Size is 18 inches by 28 inches. Three holes make for fast mounting on a single wooden or metal post.

Only \$5.00 plus shipping charges.

Order From HOME MISSION BOARD, 3801 Richland Ave.,  
Nashville 5, Tenn.



**"WHO'S JESUS?"**

The jeep bumped along over the oxcart roads some thirty or thirty-five miles from our mission station near Sonapurhat in North India. We had already passed village after village of people who were without a gospel witness.

It was an extremely hot day. No rain had fallen in that area for six months. Dust was ankle deep in the road and was so stifling that we tied kerchiefs over nose and mouth to be able to breath.

I was touring this area with our missionary, Dan Cronk, and an Indian evangelist. As we rode along over the rough road in a cloud of dust, we noticed an Indian man and his little boy driving eight head of cattle around in a circle. After stopping the jeep and waiting until the dust cloud cleared away, we walked over and found out they were threshing rice. The heads of rice were piled on the ground, which served as the threshing floor, and the cattle were driven over the spot. Their pointed hoofs performed the threshing process.

Of course it was a slow process requiring hours and hours, but eventually the straw would be raked to one side and the grain sifted from one vessel to another while the wind (or sometimes the women) fanned the chaff away.

As we visited with the man, the cows, seemingly glad for our interruption, lazily switched their tails in the hot sun. After some general conversation we asked him the all-important question, "Do you know Jesus Christ as your Saviour?"

He looked at us with blank countenance and asked, "Who's Jesus?" He had never heard the name! He told us that he was head man of his village, and as we stood there he pointed out some twenty or more other villages whose thousands of people had never heard. As my eyes took in the challenging scene, my burdened heart echoed the words of a song I had heard somewhere:

Have you heard the sobbing of a  
thousand million souls,  
Submerged in darkest heathen  
night?

Vainly groping for a way that leads  
to hope and peace,  
They plead, and wait for gospel  
light.

A thousand million souls are dying  
A thousand million souls for whom  
the Saviour died.

Can you still deny their plea,  
Can you longer idle be,  
While a thousand million souls are  
dying?

—Raymond Riggs

**ONLY BORROWED**

E. Geraldine Mundy

When Christ was born in Bethlehem,  
the Lord of all the earth,  
There was no room in house or inn  
for such a noble birth.

In vain they sought through city  
streets,

and Mary greatly sorrowed,  
At last they found a manger bed,  
but it was only borrowed.

The Baby Jesus grew and grew,  
waxed strong with God and man,  
And when at thirty years of age  
His public life began,  
He had no place to lay His head,  
for that He never sorrowed,  
For when His strength with cares was  
rent,  
a place to rent He borrowed.

When to Jerusalem He rode  
through shouts of loud acclaim,  
They hailed Him King, and sounded  
forth

Hosannah to His name.  
He did not ride a royal coach,  
for that He never sorrowed;  
He meekly rode an Ass's colt  
and it was only borrowed.

When in the shadow of the cross  
He with His friends did dine,  
In memory of His sacrifice  
He blessed the bread and wine;  
He had no room to be a host  
to His close friends who sorrowed,  
He took them to the upper room  
and it was only borrowed.

This world had naught to offer Christ  
that He could call His own,  
Except a crown of thorns, and cross  
where He could die, alone.  
While bearing it up Calvary's hill,  
beneath its load He sorrowed.  
The cross He bore, the crown He  
wore  
were His; they were not borrowed.

They took His body from the cross,  
mid mockery and scorn,  
And laid it in a new-hewn tomb  
awaiting Easter morn.  
He broke the hush of death, came  
forth,

and greeted those who sorrowed;  
Death could not hold the Son of God,  
the tomb was only borrowed.

And now we share the Easter joy  
of heralding the story  
That Christ is not in Joseph's tomb,  
but reigning up in glory.  
God only loaned Him to this world  
because in sin it sorrowed;  
He bore the load of sin for all;  
Yes, Christ was only borrowed.

—Ideals, 1954

"Many pastors who feel their people  
are back of them do not realize how  
far back."

The barren fields bespeak of winter,  
All nature sleeps.

The tiny roots of vegetation covered  
by thick, brown sod,  
Are protected by the Hand of God.

The wind-tossed branches on the trees  
form lacy patterns against the win-  
ter sky,

Soon they shall shoot forth green  
leaves,  
telling the world, that summer is  
nigh.

So long ago, our Saviour  
left with us this warning  
Before I come again,  
many strange things will happen;  
Men's hearts shall fail for fear,  
and when you see these things  
Know that the end is near.

So many hearts are, turning cold to-  
day,  
blindly, men journey on life's way.  
Unmindful of God's written Word  
unmindful of the warnings,  
They have heard.

God's Word will never fail—  
will never pass away.  
Our Saviour shall return to earth  
some unexpected day.  
As surely as the flowers bloom  
and song-birds sing,  
As surely as the green leaves  
tell us it is Spring.

—Christine Shaneer

**STILL UNSAVED?****Still Unsaved ? ? ?**

After all the Spirit's pleading,  
After all God's tender leading,  
After all of Calvary's Cross  
To redeem your soul from loss  
While His grace and love abound,  
Can it be that your are found  
Still unsaved? Still unsaved?

**Still Unsaved ? ? ?**

Will you still refuse His pardon?  
Still in sin your conscience harden?  
Still reject till death o'ertake you?  
Then when every hope forsaken you,  
Dare you face your God at last,  
When your every chance is passed,  
Still unsaved? Still unsaved?

**Still Unsaved ? ? ?**

Sinner, stop, and look before you,  
See the storm-clouds gathering o'er  
you;  
Ere they burst in judgment on you  
And in endless woe o'erwhelm you,  
To the Cross of Jesus fly,  
Lest forever you will cry—  
Still unsaved? Still unsaved?

—The Gospel Messenger

Its admirable to fight for princi-  
ple, as long as it's principle not pre-  
judice.

—The Right Hand

## Put Them In Remembrance

A minister, on taking a new church, was highly complimented on his first sermon. A number of people told him it was just what that congregation needed. The next Sunday he preached well again, but the congregation was greatly puzzled because it was the same sermon as before. The third Sunday, when the same sermon was preached again, the session waited on him for an explanation. He said, "Why, yes, it is the same sermon; you told me the first Sunday how much you needed just that, and I watched all week for some change in your lives, but there was none; so I preached it again, I watched all the next week, still no change and I don't see any yet. Don't you think I'd better prepare to preach it again next Sunday?"

That was of course an extreme case but surprisingly few listeners put into practice the truths presented unto them. One reason is that we are prone to forget so quickly. It is good for us often to hear the same truths to revive our remembrance and to strengthen the impression of things of importance. This accounts for the oft repeated commercials we see and hear in the secular world. The apostles found it necessary to repeat truths already known to their listeners. Peter said, "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." Paul said, "To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but to you it is safe."

—Rev. Rolla Smith

## THE ROLLING STONE

When Christ rolls the stone away, better be on His side of the stone! When resurrection power shows itself, the sloppy sentinels of indifference, carelessness and excuses must step aside or be crushed!

Resurrection power is not confined to any particular time of the year, nor channelled into any one phase of Christian living. One thing is sure—it provides a year 'round dynamic effect that makes regular Sunday School and church attendance a joy instead of a chore.

## SIX SURPRISES

The Christian who begins to give a tenth of his income to the Lord will have at least six surprises.

He will be surprised—

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.

2. At the deepening of his spiritual life.
3. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the prudent disposal afforded to a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself for not adopting the plan sooner.

## BRING THEM TO CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

I saw tomorrow marching by  
On little children's feet;  
Within their forms and faces read  
Her prophecy complete

I saw tomorrow look at me  
From little children's eyes,  
And thought how artfully we'd teach  
If we were really wise.

## Where Is God?

George Arliss took the place of "The Man Who Played God" in the movie of that name, made from a famous story. He was a great musician who lost his hearing and therefore his work and his fame. He became the virtual prisoner of his apartment in the city, near a park. To pass the time, he watched the people on the park benches, from his window. These little people, far down below began to fascinate him. In order that he might enter into their lives and know their secrets, he learned to read their lips through a telescope. And then he mingled with them, helped and befriended them.

It is not a perfect parable, of course, for God does not scheme and plan as this man did. But He does read our hearts and enter into our lives and there, inside of us as it were, He guides and helps and befriends.

Religion is about the God who is not "out there" but "down here," not "up there" but "in here." It is about the validity of the longings and hopes and dreams which haunt us, but the still small voice that speaks to us. "...in him we live, and move, and have our being..."

Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., in  
What's It All About?  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

If you had a year to live and \$10,000, how would you spend it? You may have less time than that to live and less money than that to spend, but it will pay you to be careful how you live and spend it.

People look at you six days in the week to see what you mean on your seventh. (Sunday)

## ALL THINGS ARE HIS

—If—

The cattle on the hills are thine  
Then what on earth can I call mine?  
(Psalm 50:10)

—If—

The houses, lands, money, cars,  
Are loans from Thee, then they're not ours.

(Lev. 25:23)

—We Know—

The seed that in the ground is sown  
Is nourished by Thee, till it is grown.  
(Deut. 33:14)

—Because—

Thy bounties fill the earth for me  
They are mine to use only for Thee.  
(Psalm 24:1)

—Because—

All things, Lord, belong to Thee  
What a great responsibility have we.  
(I. Chron. 29:14)

## THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

One Sunday the brother of Henry Ward Beecher was substituting for him in the pulpit. When it became apparent that Henry Ward himself would not be there, some of the congregation rose to leave.

At this point the brother of the famous preacher rose to make an announcement.

"All those who came to worship Henry Ward Beecher may leave at this time", he said. "The rest will remain to worship God."

—Selected

## ONLY ONE—

There were ten lepers cleansed but only one turned back to give thanks to Jesus.

There were ten people saved but only one goes back to prayer-meeting and gives thanks.

There were ten hungry men who sat down to eat food, but only one bowed his head and gave thanks before eating.

There were ten soldiers spared from death by enemy guns, but only one showed thankfulness by living a Christian life when he came home.

There were ten who stayed at home and did not go to war, but one gave to foreign missions, so others might not need to go to war again soon.

There were ten who received a prosperous harvest from their crops, but only one gave thanks by paying his tithe.

There were ten blessed with life, health and strength another day, but only one knelt before going to bed and expressed his heartfelt thanks.

Oh, Lord, Who Are The Other Nine? Is It I? Is It You?

—Copied