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A Grown Sheep Went Astray

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went
astray,
In the parable Jesus told—
A grown-up sheep that had strayed
away
From the ninty and nine in the fold.
Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd
sought;
And back to the flock, safe into the
Fold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd
brought,
And why for the sheep should we
earnestly long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?

Because there is danger, if they go
wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.
For the lambs will follow the sheep,
you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray.
When the sheep go wrong, it will not
be long
'Till the lambs are as wrong as they.
And so with the sheep we earnestly
plead,
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the sheep are lost, what a terrible
cost
The lambs will have to pay.
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Pastor, Rev. Reford Wilson.
Evangelist, Rev. Ben Scott.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	March
Mt. Pisgah	39	38	41
Coppermines	92	99	
First, Flat River		141	167
Fellowship	185	185	207
Leadington	94	94	95
Desloge	96	96	93
Farmington	56	52	
Fourth	63	70	67
Southside			230
Monett	102	103	
Jones Chapel			
Third Church	118		
Berkeley	156	186	

Please send us your average, too.

GRAHAM'S ANSWER

A few of the writers were giving Billy Graham "the business" at a press conference in Mannheim, a German city reported by authorities to have the strongest concentration of Communists outside the Iron Curtain.

One reporter said:

"What do you know about the suffering of Christ that you preach about so often? You have never suffered. You live well and have the comforts of life." And Billy answered:

"When a Western Union messenger boy delivers a death message to a home he doesn't take part in all the suffering connected with the message. He just delivers the telegram. That's all I am—God's messenger boy. I don't ask that people look up to Billy Graham. I ask them to respect Jesus Christ. I didn't die on the cross. Neither did you. But Christ did. He suffered and died for your sins. I hope you will be at the meeting tonight."

From Billy Graham:
A Mission Accomplished,
By George Burnham
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

One-third of the population of the United States consists of children under 18 years of age. There are 54,500,000 in this age group. About 7,000,000 or nearly one seventh of this total number are affected by broken homes.

—Selected

Seventh Nationwide F. W. B. L. Conference

June 12-14 1956, Campus, East Carolina College, Greenville, North Carolina.

The State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues in North Carolina welcomes you to the Seventh Nationwide F.W.B.L. Conference, June 12-14, 1956. We are doing everything in our power, with the generous assistance of the facilities of East Carolina College, to set up an organization to take care of all your needs while you are here. This is our first time to entertain the Nationwide League Conference and we want you to have a pleasant and profitable visit while in our midst. For any information you may need, please write:

Nationwide F.W.B.L. Conference
Box 468

Greenville, North Carolina

For information concerning:

1. Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill.

2. Conference Program, please write, Mr. Ray Turnage, Promotional Secretary, National League Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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You will, of course, be responsible for the cost of your own room and meals while here, however, we have arranged with East Carolina College for 600 rooms—300 for men and 300 for women. Rates, \$4 per person for the three days, linens included. For reservations write, Nationwide F.W.B.L. Conference, Box 468, Greenville, North Carolina.

Hotels and Motels

Hotel Procter—Single without bath, \$2.84; Single with bath, \$3.87; Double with bath, \$5.67.

Smith's Motel—Single, \$4; Double, \$6; Family rooms, accommodate 4 persons, \$7.

Kenland Motel—Single, \$5; Double, \$7; Family rooms, accommodate 4 persons, \$10.

All motel rooms have private baths and are air conditioned, rates are, of course daily. For hotel or motel reservations write direct to the hotel or motel you prefer, address simply, Greenville, North Carolina. Make reservation before June 1 and ask for confirmation.

Meals

East Carolina College will operate one of their larger cafeterias for our convenience at regular student prices. It will be possible to purchase three meals daily for \$2, however, as in any cafeteria, you can determine the cost by the amount of your selections.

Upon arrival, you will be furnished a listing of public eating places which you may use if you prefer.

The Free Will Baptist Story

By Rev. D. C. Dodd

Ever since Damon C. Dodd joined the Free Will Baptist church in Flat River, Mo., twenty-two years ago, he has been greatly interested in the history of his denomination. All of the material he could find, however, stopped at the close of the 19th century and even this was scarce. There was no current history to satisfy his appetite for the facts about his denomination.

So fifteen years ago, armed only with his fascination for church history and a desire to bridge the gap between 1900 and current Free Will Baptist activity, he set out in earnest to collect the valuable material which has gone into this book. He consulted with many of the people who actually made the history and visited most of the important sites in the development of the denomination. He spent days among books, periodicals and documents pertinent to the Free Will Baptist cause at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., and at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. His research also included material from the Samuel Colgate Historical Collection in the Colgate-Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

This activity was pursued while he was serving as a pastor, a foreign missionary, and a denominational executive. Mr Dodd is now promotional secretary for the Board of Home Missions and resides in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife and two daughters.

THE AUTHOR SAYS

"There is no denomination now in existence that has a more glorious heritage than Free Will Baptists. If this sounds like boasting, let it be so to the glory and honor of God, for some of the 'elite' of Christendom had a leading role in the Free Will Baptist drama. For many years our people have been clamoring for the story of the denomination's history. Various efforts have been made to answer the requests and some of these are most commendable. However, that which has been done has not been available to the rank and file of our people. The purpose of this book is to make the Free Will Baptist story available to everyone."

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Please send me copies of The Free Will Baptist Story for which I enclose \$..... I understand you will send them postpaid.

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3801 Richland Ave.
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Editors Note: I have a copy of this book and consider it a real treasure of valuable information. I can recommend it without reservation. Rev. Dodd is a former resident of Missouri.

Attention Preachers

Recently we were privileged to be in a small newly organized church, in one of our cities in Texas. This church is one of the most promising young churches that we know of anywhere. We found in this church a most dedicated group of Christians; some of the most zealous Free Will Baptist's we have ever known.

Friends, there is only one sad note in this group of sheep—they have no Shepherd! The church is sincerely praying that the Heavenly Father will soon send to them a good pastor. The young Christians are carrying on in a marvelous way. When they have no Minister to fill the pulpit, the good deacon's take charge. The deacons go right on with the services and there are prayers, testimonies, and singspiration. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms, 133:1.

We pray that God will send more Ministers to Texas to fill the pulpits of the already organized churches, to organize more churches and to fill their pulpits. The church mentioned above is not the only one without a pastor, there are many more.

Please! please! if you are a God called, Spirit filled Minister, the Lord needs you in a great way. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest". Matt. 9:35-38.

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A Man of Another Spirit

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson

In the book of Numbers, 14:24, I read about a man named Caleb, "a man of another spirit".

When I read, or hear, of any one making a success, it always awakens my attention and quickens my interest. There have been many stories about medical, business and religious successes. But I believe the greatest success in any life is when a person makes a success of living for God. Such a character is found in our Scripture text.

We, too, can have this pure religion in our day through the blood of our Lord Jesus, if it is applied to our hearts.

Notice with me the reasons for Caleb's success. Caleb did not accidentally stumble upon this success nor did he attain victory without a struggle. The first reason for his success was because he was an honest man. People may be successful through other vocations without being honest, but if you are to follow God, you must be honest. God will not let you succeed any other way.

Joshua and Caleb had been sent out to spy the land along with ten other men. The ten brought back an evil report, but Joshua and Caleb brought back a good report. Joshua 14:6, 7, "I brought word again as it was in mine heart." Caleb suffered for the truth.

The ten men with their evil reports made the hearts of the people melt so that they wept in their tents all night and even wanted to get themselves a new leader and return to Egypt. Phillipians 1:29 says we are not only to believe in Christ, but if we are to reign with him, we must suffer with Him. This was Caleb's experience.

Another good trait in Caleb was gratitude. Joshua 14:10, "God has kept me alive these forty and five years." Caleb had seen every other man die, above the age of twenty years, except Joshua and Moses in the wilderness. He remembered the plagues God had sent upon those who murmured and complained, so he was truly thankful to God for saving his life.

To listen to some people you would think life has been very hard, while others think and feel God has been especially good to them.

Caleb believed they could take the land in spite of the giants, so he talked encouragingly to the people. What does your talk do for the Cause of Christ? What does your talk do for a new convert? Does it encourage

them or discourage them? By your talk, do you hurt some one who is trying to serve Christ or shove one down who is weak and in trouble?

It is strange sometimes the way some people say, "I'm a Christian. I love Jesus", and then look for a fault in their fellowman so they can talk about them to some one else. When a sinner starts attending church, we do everything we can to win him to Christ and the church. Then after he is saved, if he makes one little mistake, we are ready to frown upon him and speak harshly to him.

This reminds me of a boy courting his girl friend. While walking along together, she stumbles and nearly falls. He grabs her arm and says, "Look out, dear, you nearly fell." Then they marry and are out walking. She stumbles and falls. He says, "You clumsy thing. Watch where you are going".

If every tongue were sanctified, the devil would have to go begging for something to do. James says, "Bridle the tongue."

God said in our text, Caleb was a "man of another spirit". That is, he had a different spirit than the majority of the other spies. The Church needs people who have a spirit different from the majority.

I point your attention to a few Bible characters who had a different spirit and were very successful and victorious.

Enoch was a man of another spirit for he walked with God and God took him. He gave his testimony before he was translated.

Noah believed God and built the ark to the saving of his household. Isaac refused to fight his enemies over the wells he had dug, so he moved on and dug other wells. Jacob, after his wrestling bout with the angel of the Lord, was a man of another spirit.

Daniel was a man of another spirit when he refused the king's meat in far-away Babylon. He also continued to pray three times a day. He was put in the den of lions for it, but the lions could not bother him for he stayed with the true God.

The three Hebrew children displayed another spirit when they refused to bow down to the image of the King. They were given another chance to be free and the people thought when the music started they would get in the swing of it. But they remained true. For their faithfulness, they were put into the fiery furnace, but they were so full of another spirit that they refused to burn, budge, or bend. As the wicked King looked, he said, "Was not three put into the furnace? Lo, I see four walking around and one is like to the Son of

God". The three Hebrew children came forth from the furnace, but the Fourth remained to walk with you and me through the fiery trials of this life. "O Praise His Name"!

Stephen was a man of another spirit when he stood before the council for his face shone like an angel. As he was being stoned to death, he looked up and prayed for his enemies thus, "Lay not this sin to their charge".

Peter certainly had another spirit about him for on the eve of his execution he was sleeping so soundly, the angel of the Lord had to smite him to awaken him, so he could lead Peter out of prison. Paul was such a man on a boat while a prisoner. He became the captain giving orders to the saving of the entire group aboard.

So many look for the easy places and would rather the other fellow have the hard places. Since the easy places are already taken, they just sit back and do very little for God. We must wholly follow Christ at all times. Not just when it is most convenient for us and forsaking Him when the going gets rough.

We need patience as these men of old had to run this race successfully. Some folks would go to heaven if they could get there in one day. The Word says we need patience after that we have done the will of God that we may receive the Promise.

If the Lord be with us who can drive us out? If God be for us what good will it do the world to be against us? "No good thing will God withhold from them that walk uprightly." Psalm 34:10. "The young lions do lack and suffer hunger. But they that seek the Lord shall not want for any good thing". Psalm 23:1. "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."

God's way is the best way. We must wholly follow after Him that sinners can see Christ in our life. Then they too, will say, "This is a man of another spirit."

Dearly beloved, if you feel like you have made a miserable failure in living for God, I want to hold out some hope to you. The past pages of your life may be all marked and blotted, but there is not a mark on the pages of the future. Those pages are all clean. So begin today to wholly follow after God. God bless you all.

"Peter loosed the things which had been loosed in the heavens and bound up the things which had already been bound on the earth. Peter was one of the stones as were the other apostles. Peter had no successors. There was never another Simon Peter. He learned slowly, but he learned. It was a long leap from the fishing boat to a foundation stone in the Church of Christ."

MAY-Youth Camp Month

Dear Gem Readers:

Just three more months until camp time, so may I come into your home again for a little chat in regard to our Missouri State Youth Camp and its needs.

Needless to say, we in Missouri know what the Youth Camp has meant to our young people since its first session in 1947. For example, since 1947, 188 boys and girls have been saved from sin because of their attending our camp. During this time, there were a large number who announced their call for special service at our camp sessions. Several of those saved have become preachers, some are in our Free Will Baptist Bible College studying for some special service, others have become officers and leaders in our churches, and one has become one of our Foreign Missionaries. We have seen our camp grow from an attendance of 45 in 1947 to as many as 227 in 1953, and 177 last year. We feel that this year we again will go well over 200 in attendance.

Now we know that if God has put his approval on this work, which he has proven he has, then it is our obligation and our privilege to do all we can to help supply our camp's needs.

First, let me say we have an indebtedness of nearly \$7,000, which we must retire at the earliest possible time. Thus, we have set the month of May as Youth Camp Month, asking every church in our state to take up a special offering for this cause. We want to see at least \$1,000 sent in during this month. I know we can depend **On You**. So take an offering now and send it to Rev. William Reeves, Nian-gua, Missouri, and tell him this is your offering for the May drive. Don't fail us. We **MUST HAVE YOUR OFFERING**. Who knows, it may be your boy or girl who will be saved this year or your boy or girl who will answer the call to some special service. Would it be worth an offering from you? Remember, one soul saved is worth 10,000 worlds like this.

Then too, I was asked by the Youth Camp Board to visit the camp and make a list of its needs and let you know. Following is what I found to be the first needs of the camp this year:

Siding of new chapel—also on refreshment stand.

One filing cabinet (Badly needed)
Small safe.

Large refrigerator (Badly needed)

14 shower curtains, 4 by 5 ft. (Badly needed)

Windows put in shower rooms.

Ceilings overhead shower rooms.

2 doors for chapel stage.

1 doz. sugar bowls (Berkeley Women's Auxiliary will furnish these)

New screen for baseball backboard (Badly needed)

2 sets of badminton (Badly needed).

2 volley balls and nets (Badly needed).

Several bats and softballs.

2 sets of horse shoes (Berkeley Y. P. A. will furnish these).

Concrete walk around pool, Board wall around front and side of pool, Change room by pool. Cost, \$250.

Dishwasher.

Hot water heater—60 gal.

More folding chairs.

The 2 state cabins need new foundations.

As you may note, some of the churches, leagues, Y.P.A., etc., have already accepted the responsibility of supplying some of these needs. Why not you or your church, Sunday School class, League, Y.P.A., G.T.T., Brotherhood, or Women's Auxiliary take one of these as your project, and let me know, and I will see that your name is placed in the **Gem**, showing your willingness to help in this great work of winning souls through our youth. Please decide now, and write me at once so that we may know what **You Will Do**.

Also, remember we still want you to join the \$1.00 a month club. So send me your first dollar now. Remember, what we give is all that we really save, for it will be for eternity.

Pray for us as we work with the youth of our denomination.

Yours for a greater Youth Camp,
Rev. Hervey E. Hill

Promotional Secretary
Missouri State Youth Camp

DOLLAR A MONTH CLUB

Thanks to each of you who have joined the Dollar a Month Club and are sending in your dollar regularly each month.

However, there are several who have joined the club, but have not sent in their dollar recently. Perhaps it is an oversight. Please send in your money to Bro. Reeves now and bring your dollar a month dues up to date. We are thankful for the response to the appeal sent out last month in the "Crier" for new members. Several have sent me their dollar and are now part of our Dollar a Month Club. We need more members, so why not subscribe now by sending your first dollar to me with your name and address, and in return I will send you a membership card. We would appreciate it if Sunday School classes, Leagues, and Auxiliaries would join

our Dollar a Month Club. Some are now doing it.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE HAS MET

The Program Committee recently met to arrange the program and secure the workers for the coming Youth Camp session. The names are being withheld at this time, waiting acceptance. The names of teachers and officers will be printed in the next "Crier."

The month of May has been set as Youth Camp Month by the Promotional Secretary of the Youth Camp Board. All churches are asked to take a special offering sometime during this month and send to youth camp. There is still a large debt hanging over the camp, and the Promotional Secretary feels this will be a big help.

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DATE FOR CAMP

The next session of our Youth Camp will be conducted June 24-30, 1956. Rev. Lester Jones of Kirksville, Mo., will serve as General Superintendent. Start making your plans now to attend. A good time is in store for all.

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Please continue to save your Folgers Coffee strips and send them in to us!

Please send to Mrs. Reeves pictures, ages, names of babies of former Youth Camp students for display purposes.

Lots of dish cloths are needed during Camp time, so any sent in will be appreciated.

STIR UNTO FLAME

Stir me! oh stir me, Lord, I care not how,

But stir my heart in passion for the world!

Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray,

Stir 'till the blood-red banner be unfurled

O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie.

Lands where the cross was never lifted high.

Stir me! oh stir Me, Lord, 'till all my heart

Is filled with strong compassion for these souls,

'Till that compelling "must" drives me to pray,

'Till thy constraining love reach to the poles,

Far north and south, in burning deep desire,

'Till east and west are caught in love's great fire.

From the Editor's Desk

For Sunday School Builders

Many of our Sunday Schools are in need of some effective organization. (I trust that I shall be understood on this subject.) To be sure, I know there is a difference in having an organization and in having one that works. Much is being said about "too much organization", and I grant you there is basis for some of the talk, but I believe as far as our Sunday Schools are concerned, most of them do not have enough organization.

I would like to draw your attention to our much-talked-of public school system. And what a system it is! A system of grading, promotion, qualified teachers, individual student records, co-operation between faculty and administration, proper equipment, punctuality and regularity of attendance, school buses, and on and on and on.

Parents get quite upset when a public school teacher fails to get the "three R's" over to their child, but somehow do not think much about what kind of teaching their child gets in Sunday School. I fear they are living under the delusion that their children's secular education is more important than their spiritual training.

I realize there is often a difference between the aims and purposes of the public school and the aims and purposes of the Sunday School, but I believe we can profit by an examination of our present day Sunday School set-up in the light of the public school system.

It is not my intention to draw any conclusions, but rather, dear reader, to have you draw your own.

So, let's ask ourselves some questions and answer them with complete candor. Shall we?

What kind of a grade did my child receive in Sunday School last Sunday?

Is my child's Sunday School teacher a qualified teacher? (A consecrated Christian who applies herself to a study of the Word and who avails herself of all the teaching helps at her disposal?)

When is Promotion Day in our Sunday School?

Does my child co-operate with the teacher? What of his deportment in the class? How much time does he spend in preparation?

Does my Sunday School provide proper equipment for the teaching of

the lesson? Does it provide any visual-aid helps?

Was my child on time last Sunday? Was I? How many Sundays did we miss last year?

When did I make my last absentee visit, or invite a new student to our Sunday School? When did I last use my car to bring in a student from a distance?

When does our Sunday School teachers and officers have their regular meeting and when did I last attend?

What do these questions have to do with effective Sunday School organization? I think you know the answer to this question. I told you it was not my intention to draw any conclusions.

Ten Reasons For Attending S. S.

1. From the standpoint of Godliness:

It teaches the Bible—which is the basis of our faith in God—and leads to Christ as personal Saviour and Lord.

2. From the standpoint of Education:

It trains your mind and heart along the lines of things eternal.

3. From the Social Standpoint:

It enables you to enjoy the friendship of genuine Christians.

4. From the standpoint of the Personality:

It helps to develop the Christian character necessary to face life's problems victoriously.

5. From the standpoint of Character:

It is the chief aim of the Sunday School to teach us to be examples of the believer in word and deed.

6. From the standpoint of Interest:

It presents interesting programs for your delight and culture.

7. From the standpoint of the Family:

It has a class for every age, and the whole family can go together and profit by its teaching.

8. From the standpoint of Service:

It affords opportunity to serve God and the Church in activities that are not open elsewhere.

9. From the standpoint of Immortality:

It turns our eyes heavenward and makes us realize that we must prepare for a life beyond the mortal grave.

10. From the Practical standpoint:

The hour or so spent in Sunday School each Sunday could not be expended more profitably.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

(Prepared jointly by the National Sunday School Association and The Greater Chicago Sunday School Association.)

Revival

The greatest world need today is a genuine heaven-sent revival. The greatest need of our nation today is a true spiritual awakening. Moreover, the greatest need in our lives individually is revival. We should, therefore, pray as did the Psalmist, "Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Every Christian should be praying for a personal revival—revive me.

To help you remember, I submit the three revival imperatives which were discussed in the message last Sunday morning.

First, there must be concern on the part of the Christians—"As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy".

Secondly, proper attention must be given to the Holy Spirit—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts"; to prayer—"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together"; to the word of God—"The gospel is the power of God unto salvation."

Thirdly, there must be separation from known sin—"Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord".

Again I say, God wants to give us revival. If we don't have one, the fault will lie within us. May God help us during these days to desire above all else to experience revival. To that end may we be willing to purge ourselves from sin and yield ourselves unreservedly unto God.

From Fellowship Bulletin,
By Rev. Rolla Smith

"Our witness to a lost world is not the making of a creed but the keeping of a covenant."

I believe with all my heart that God's purpose for His Church today is the same—to make it a church to be feared. Speaking of the church in terms of a building, it should be a place to which people almost fear to come lest they be converted.

Victorious Christian Living,
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

The Reasons For Having Vacation Bible School

By Mrs. Rolla Smith

(The following paragraphs are taken from "Vacation Bible School Handbook" by Nelson.)

1—Because the Church of the Future Depends upon It.

How can pastors and church officers hope that there will be a church at all in the future, unless effort is made for a powerful church now? Even Christ Himself, historically, has not made the church strong except as His followers have been willing and consecrated enough to make it so. Influences at this moment are tending to destroy the very heart of spiritual and organizational church life. If something is not done at once, something aggressive, aimed at the children and youth, how can we hope to overcome influences that are bound to make weak Christians and weak churches, or no church at all? Souls are being lost! Churches are dying!

2—Sunday School Instruction Not Enough.

Some one has pointed out that the feeble efforts of the average Sunday School, well intentioned as they may be, result actually in only about twenty-six hours of religious instruction in a whole year's time, provided the pupil comes every Sunday and always has a full thirty minutes of instruction. In most cases he does not!

3—Home and Public School Neglect Religious Training.

Today, the home and the public school, by neglect and refusal, deny the child definite and connected Christian instruction. Few parents regularly take their children to church services.

4—Often Both Preacher and Layman Lack Accurate Bible Knowledge.

Many a preacher, well meaning as he may be, himself is sadly lacking in an understanding of the Bible. Is it any wonder that we have reared at least two generations of church people who have no strong religious conviction, who, down in their hearts, believe "one church is as good as another," and who, to save their lives, could not trace the way of salvation according to the Scriptures? They excuse themselves by saying, "there are so many different opinions".

5—The Vacation School a Way to Win and Hold People.

Many an earnest pastor, or superintendent, or teacher feels he would give almost anything for a method to

get a better hold on the boys and girls and young people. Nothing so far developed solves this problem as effectively as does the Vacation Bible School. In it there is opportunity to be with the pupil hours at a time, five days a week. This often results in a kinship that makes of the boy or girl a friend for life. Moreover, the special and extra attention given each one in the Bible study and memory work, in manual training or handwork classes arouses keen interest in the part of parents who never in any other way could be reached. The surest way to the heart of a parent, as we have heard before, is through the heart of the child.

6—Visible Results of Vacation Bible School Work Include:

Increased attendance at the Sunday School.

Whole new families attracted to the church.

Keener interest of the church members in Bible knowledge.

Minds made more receptive to Scriptural truth.

Better understanding and fellowship among the children and young people.

More competent teaching in the church.

More Bibles in the homes.

More Bibles in use.

Closer and more intelligent relations with Christ.

More actual conversions, and more persons added to the church.

More trained workers for use throughout the church.

7—Reasons for Having a Daily Vacation School.

Typical expressions of parents and others affected by the Vacation Bible School are proof of its effectiveness:

(1) Parents usually exclaim: "How much you are doing for our children!"

(2) From a father, who at first had been unwilling for his daughter to attend: "Mrs. Superintendent, if you never did anything at your church except what you have done for our Janet, you have done your part".

(3) Often heard from pupils at close of term: "I don't want the school to close." In a school that enrolled over 250, running four weeks, the pastor thought he would test out the love of the pupils for the school. He asked at assembly on the last morning, "What day is this?" "Last day of school" they shouted. He thought he had made a mistake, and that they were happy to be through. But he then asked, "Are you glad?" And they shouted back a united "No" that seemed to raise the ceiling. This has been his joy through the years—that the school makes happy children.

(4) In the same school a boy about eleven, decidedly a problem boy in

the Sunday School, the Vacation Bible School, the home and the neighborhood—mother dead, father a drunkard—was soundly converted and became a joy to those who knew him.

(5) In a school in Philadelphia one summer, the worst boy in the neighborhood was won to the school, almost at the cost of losing some good children. He became the leader in memory work and holding a large group of boys. He has grown up to be a fine, dependable young man and has married a fine girl.

(6) Two boys, one about eight, the other six, came to a school in the same city. One insisted on doing woodwork beyond his years, but the leaders were patient. The parents, fine, lovable people, also were cultivated and taught. Later, they came into the church. As the boys grew up they themselves made outstanding Christians.

(7) Two other boys, who had been in this school a few summers, were seen, years afterward, in an Ohio city by their pastor. They reminded him of the good times they had in the Vacation School. Both they and their mother spoke of how much the things learned had benefitted them throughout the years. In the interim, the boys had received, from rich relatives, expensive gifts and other unusual things which easily would have spoiled the average young person. Yet these boys, now grown into manhood, seemed to be the pride of their church.

(8) A twelve-year-old girl requested to be baptized during a school. The Father and also the mother found joy in the same obedience to Christ and united with the church in which the school was held. In the same school there were five others who united with the church as the direct result of the work of the Vacation Bible School. This was a natural expression of faith, without any particular effort on the part of the teachers.

(9) A girl in a Eastern city who in the years she was in a Vacation Bible School did not give much promise of a happy or beautiful life, grew into a lovely young woman with strong Christian character. When she married a fine young man, who later prepared for the Christian ministry, she called the pastor of her old Vacation School to make a total trip of over eight hundred miles to perform the ceremony.

(10) In one school, "on closing day, twenty-nine Juniors publicly accepted Christ."

(11) Parents, on Commencement night, when the children show what

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
February 1, 1956—February 29, 1956
Free Will Baptist Mission
Pinar del Rio, Cuba

Cash on Hand Feb. 1, 1956	\$ 40.41	
Cash in Bank Feb. 1, 1956	24.88	
Cash in Dormitory Fund Feb. 1, 1956	606.33	
Cash in Temple Fund Feb. 1, 1956	257.63	929.25
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Received		
Check from Mission Board	2,645.54	
Check for Mr. Willey's trip to Latin America	600.00	
Check for Phenecie Boys	130.00	
Gifts	127.00	
Gift received for payments on lot in Jaruco (Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams)	100.00	
Refunds books and quotas	2.25	
Sale of Light Plant	300.00	
Sales	12.76	3,917.55
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Expenses		
Food	194.31	
Salaries:		
National workers	1,316.55	
American Missionaries	390.00	
Phenecie Boys	130.00	
Rent	269.50	
Hospitalization	77.81	
Licenses for cars	52.90	
Maintenance of Equipment	71.10	
Gas and Oil	75.80	
Hardware	126.07	
Fuel	29.17	
Payment on Lot in San Juan	200.00	
Payment on Lot in Jaruco	100.00	
Girls' Dormitory repairs	222.22	
Animal Feed	122.02	
Passage	14.85	
Office Expense	7.28	
Printing press (final payment)	200.00	
Printing press (Payment on loan \$25.00)	28.60	
School Supplies70	
Payment on Deepfreeze (final)	100.00	
Posts	35.00	
Check to Mr. Willey for trip	543.43	
Film for trip to Latin America	56.57	
Bank exchange	6.29	
Miscellaneous	18.12	4,388.29
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Cash on Hand Feb. 29, 1956	3.73	
Cash in general fund in Bank, Feb. 29, 1956	13.04	
Cash in Dormitory Fund, Feb. 29, 1956	384.11	
Cash in Temple Fund, Feb. 28, 1956	57.63	
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	458.51	458.51
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		\$4,846.80

HANNA WRITES FROM NORTH INDIA

Our mela was not quite so large this year as it usually is. This border dispute (Bihar-Bengal) was causing much uprising in Kishanganj, and people were afraid to go to the mela. This made the mela come late.

Then on the day it should have opened, we had a downpour of rain which lasted off and on for three days. Many people came for the cattle market and returned home because of these reasons. Still compared to the number of days we worked in the mela this year, our sale of Gospels was more than last year. We feel we had more opportunity for personal witness this year than before. Many people who had already bought were willing to listen, and even insist that others buy. We do pray that these Gospels and contacts may be a means of many finding Christ as Savior.

We had a very good conference this year. I feel that the Lord, in a very quiet way, came right down in our midst and blessed each heart as it was open to Him for blessing. Rev. Hembrom, a Santal pastor from South Bihar was with us for the first part of the conference. His messages were clear and simple but from the bottom of a heart of love. He spoke both in Santali and Bengali. I spoke the last two days in Hindu and we closed on Sunday Feb. 19th. At the close of the last service, we observed the Lord's Supper. The Spirit Himself seemed to have complete right of way in this service binding us first of all to Christ, then to each other in a real bond of fellowship. Soon Christ will come and we will not need to remember His death and coming again, for we will be in His presence. How it thrills our hearts to think that He may come for His church before we observe these ordinances again. Yet when we think of the many still waiting, walking in darkness round about us, we can only pray that the Lord will give us more strength to do more for Him while it is yet day.

We are very anxious for Cronks return. It won't be very long now. Trust they will return refreshed in every way. Everyone is asking if they have left America yet. They think it must take several months to travel so far. Am sure Randy and Brenda Kay will be great playmates.

"He's a brilliant young engineer, but all he can talk about is building tunnels, you know."

"Terribly boring of course."

Today's problems are often the consequences of yesterday's foolishness.

ANOTHER FRIENDLY CONTACT MADE WITH AUCA INDIANS

Despite the Ecuadorian government's warning that they cannot control the savage Auca Indians in the "Green Hell" near Shell Mera—where five young missionaries laid down their lives last January in an attempt to tell them of God's love for them—another friendly contact has been made. Hope for further, protracted contacts has been revived.

The latest attempt was made in January 31 by two Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilots who could not rest until they had made "at least one more friendly flight to show our love and interest." The pilots, Grady Parrott and John Keenan, flew over "Palm Beach" (where the damaged plane still stands as a memorial to the Martyrs) to "Terminal City" (the place where the wild Auca Indians traded gifts with the missionaries) and observed that the native canoes were gone and that all of the big houses in the village had been burned, as is customary with the Indians when they move to a new area. However, they did note that the platform on which the Aucas had stood to exchange gifts and the little square houses on which they had displayed crude representations of the mission airplane were still intact.

The two pilots concluded that the village was vacant and made a third pass overhead as low as they dared take their small craft. This time, to their utter amazement, three Auca youths appeared, one conspicuously "dressed" in a green checked shirt, one of the gifts dropped by the martyred missionaries in the months before they landed on the beach.

The pilots dropped the only garments they could spare—a pair of swimming trunks and a red checked shirt—and watched to see what could happen. The Indians caught up the garments and "waved and waved them in a very friendly fashion." All this time the plane was flying so low that according to Keenan, "we could see their ear plugs."

The Indian Youths appeared to the pilots to be "built like young Tarzans" and they were "bounding about in delight."

This experience tends to confirm the belief of some missionaries that the Auca Indians are divided—the older ones, remembering how severely their relatives were massacred by the white rubber company men years ago, and the younger men who, in all probability, have heard how some tribesmen have left the jungle to live in the white man's land. If this be so there is reason to hope that this very division might hasten the day when missionaries may be able to freely preach

the gospel in Auca land and vindicate the sacrifice made at "Palm Beach."

From: ERA

From The Field

Kenly, N. C.
Mar. 13, 1956

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We are sending thirty dollars and thirteen cents (\$30.13) from St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church (Western Conf.) to be used for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.

Adrian Overman, Treas.

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Greentop, Mo.
Mar. 12, 1956

Rev. Raymond Riggs:
Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed a check for \$10.00 for the Rev. Fred Hersey fund. This is from the Ladies Auxiliary of Hazel Creek Church.

Sincerely,

Miss Leona Thompson

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Boyd R. Allen
61 Kottinger Village
Pleasanton, Calif.
March 6th., 1956

Free Will Baptist National
Board of Foreign Missions
3801 Richland Avenue
Nashville, Tenn.

Brethren in Christ:

Am inclosing an offering of \$60.00 which I want to give to foreign missions. With this goes my prayers that many souls will be brought to the knowledge of Christ. I am a member of Highway 71 Free Will Baptist Church of Alma, Ark., and if possible I want this credited to the Arkansas account. May God bless you in God's Service.

A Brother in Christ

Boyd R. Allen

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Bridgeton, N. C.
Mar. 13, 1956

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Saturday night, March 10th, the Youth for Christ held their Rally at Smyrna F.W.B. Church in Beaufort County. It is always our custom to let all of the offering but ten percent go to the speaker. Bro. C. M. Dixon brought us the message this time and he kindly suggested that the Youth for Christ send the amount to you to be applied to foreign missions, which I thought was very thoughtful of him, so I am enclosing money order to you for ten dollars. Please accept this small gift for a worthy cause and

the Youth for Christ ask you to always remember them in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Joe Hamilton, President
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Farmville, N. C.
March 9, 1956

F.W.B. Foreign Mission Board:

Dear Sirs:

Am enclosing a check for \$35.00 which the Ladies Auxiliary of Kings Cross Roads Church (General Conference, N. C.) would like to have applied to the expenses of Rev. and Mrs. Hersey. We hope to send more to foreign missions in the future but this \$35.00 we would like the Herseys to have.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. J. Wooten

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INDIA GOVERNMENT CONTINUES PRESSURE ON MISSIONARIES

Protestant missions in India continue under pressure from the government, which seems to be tightening the restrictions on missionaries. Practically no session of Parliament or of State Legislature passes without discussions of the activities of missionaries, and a great deal of opposition is expressed.

In one state recently a bill was introduced to stop mission schools, but the bill was lost because the Chief Minister took a strong stand against it. In the National Parliament a bill was introduced which would require any convert to register with the police, and the person responsible for his conversion would have to have a license from the government. Prime Minister Nehru strongly opposed this bill, pointing out that it was aimed at Christians, for whom he spoke favorably. He noted that a government report had just come to him on orphanages in India and that those run by Christians were found to be all right, whereas others were not well reported. This bill was also lost.

In the province of Madhya Pradesh a commission was appointed to investigate two charges: (1) that the missionaries were using wrong means or inducements to secure converts, and (2) that Christians were being harassed by Hindus. The personnel of the commission was exclusively Hindu, and their work had a damaging effect on missions. In the written report of their proceedings not one single question was asked on charge number two. They concentrated their efforts strictly on proving statements damaging to the position of missionaries. Another province appointed a similar commission. The man at the head of this one was fair and judicial. His re-

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BERKELEY CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

The Crusaders for Christ met Monday evening with thirty present. As we grow in number, we pray we will grow spiritually and that we may be a light to other young people in our community.

For our devotional service, Rev. Hill (our Pastor) is teaching the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists. We are enjoying these lessons and feel it is helping us to grow in our Christian life and better prepare us to take our place of service in the future, and to help us win souls for the Master now.

The Crusaders decided to take as their next project, the repairing of the church parsonage. The living room has that "new look" already with a new plaster and hardwood floors. We thank the Brotherhood Club for their fine co-operation in helping us complete this project.

We are working on the March issue of our "C.F.C. Messenger". This project has proved a real blessing to each of us as it has taught us the true value of uniting ourselves together as a band of Christian youths.

We are being blessed from the financial standpoint also, as proceeds from our February issue amounted to \$215.50. One fine young Christian business man in our community gave our Sponsor a check for \$100.00 toward our paper which we are very thankful for.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our many Christian friends from various states who have sent letters to our staff expressing their appreciation for our paper.

Two young couples recently joined our group and we are glad for them. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Black and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shaffer.

Please continue to pray for us that we may fulfil our aim: "Building For Christ."

—Reporter

FIRST CHURCH REPORTS

Hello Christian Friends:

We are happy to come to you again with a brief account of what we are doing at First Church.

The various departments of the Church have been quite busy the past month. On Feb. 25th, the Young People sponsored a singing convention, which was well attended. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the evening and were invited back for another singing to be held on March 24th, sponsored by the Men's Fellowship.

On March 17th, the Women's Mission gave a chicken and ham supper. The supper was a huge success. The ladies have also been busy making

articles for a bazaar and bake sale to be given March 31. All proceeds from these projects will be applied to material for completion of the new kitchen.

We thank the Lord for the privilege of broadcasting each Sunday evening at 9 o'clock over Radio Station KFMO. We pray that the efforts of those that make the broadcast possible have been blessed by reaching many who are unable to attend church services and above all to reach the lost.

—Mariam Wilson, Cor.

TRIUMPHANT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Convention is composed of the Greater St. Louis Area Churches, Crystal City, Richwoods and Salem Churches.

We recently had the pleasure of having the Rev. Wm. Mishler, of the National Sunday School Board to meet with us at the Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, for a week of instructions on how to build a better Sunday School. It was well attended with an average of seventy-five each night. There was much interest shown in the meetings.

All of the Sunday Schools were greatly helped and we believe much lasting good is in the making. I'm certain, that any Sunday School, no matter how small, would be greatly helped by having Rev. Mishler as an Instructor for a week, or longer.

May the Lord richly bless you Bro. Mishler wherever you are in His Service, and you will have the prayers and best wishes of this Convention always.

—Ettie Logsdon, Sec.

SOUTHSIDE AT ST. LOUIS MOVES FORWARD

We bring you greetings from the Southside Free Will Baptist Church at 3124 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis, Mo.

We are happy to report to you that at the end of our Associational year our Sunday School average was 187. Since then our average has grown to 230, for which we are very thankful. We have had to convert part of the parsonage into Sunday School rooms and at this present time we are crowded for room. Please pray for us as we plan to build. The whole church has progressed in a great way, the Lord has been especially good to us.

The womans Auxiliary, G. T. A., and Y. P. A. are doing great work for the Lord. The Ladies are making Surgical Masks for the Children Hospital and have plans to make Puppets for the Children at the Hospital, to make life a little happier for them.

Our Pastor will be leaving us in the near future, please pray for us as we select a Pastor to lead us. Our present pastor is Rev. James Franklin, pray for him in his selection of a place to labor for the cause.

LEBANON CHURCH HAS NEW PASTOR

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

I am enclosing a check for the Gem for our church subscriptions. We have a new Pastor who is Rev. Lavern Jones from Lebanon, Mo. We are having good attendance and our Sunday School has been back up to 70. We have good prayer meetings on Wednesday evening. We have also organized a Young People's meeting with a large group of young people coming and very much interested in the work of the Lord.

We feel blessed for having our new Pastor and we truly thank the Lord for having sent him our way. Pray for us that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May He richly bless you in your work and our workers out over the State.

—Mrs. Myrtle Cornelison, Cor.

RICHWOODS ENJOYING BLESSINGS

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in Jesus Name! The people of the Richwoods church are very happy in the Lord these days. We are happy and thankful because the Lord is blessing us with Showers of blessings.

Two souls were saved just recently and the last Sunday in February were baptized and united with the church. We had been praying for one of these men for a long, long time.

Our Sunday School average for February was 66. Superintendent Clarence Sohn is a consecrated Christian and is doing a real job of putting our Sunday School over the top for the glory of God.

Our League average for February was 29. Our League President is also doing a god job.

There is much sickness in our community and we invite you to pray with us for their healing. Our good Pastor and his wife have been going day and night to visit these sick people and we praise the Lord for their faithfulness.

—Cor.

NOTICE

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Coppermines Church April 6, 7.

In traffic you meet a very cross section of humanity.

Report of State Treasurer

(January To April 1956)
CO-OPERATIVE FUND

RECEIVED:

Church Amount

Alton, Sunday School	\$ 8.75
Mine La Motte	13.85
Hazel Creek Union	119.38
Cartersville	25.50
Myrtle	33.99
Mountain Valley	27.43
Kirksville	114.24
Geo. W. Scott	

(personal)	10.00
Leadington	204.09
Martinstown	20.60
Dutch Chapel	19.46
Thayer	82.26
Fredericktown	213.85
Hannon S. S.	32.01
Southside	225.00
Desloge	103.07
Union Light	3.80
Mill Creek	70.00
Copper Mines	83.88
Black Oak	7.05
Fellowship	261.82
Merl's Chapel	46.64
Farmington	74.24
Wellston	142.23
Fourth	72.06
Macedonia	10.60
Faith and Hope	17.00
Richwoods	71.15
First (Flat River)	236.75
Hickory Grove	61.27
Mountain Grove	120.00
Aulsbury Chapel	81.00

Total Received: \$2,612.97

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

National Co-op Fund	\$1,829.08
State General Expenses	313.56
State Home Missions	261.29
Gem	195.98
State Superannuation	13.06
Total Disbursed	\$2,612.97

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Church	Amount
Coppermines S. S.	\$ 17.00
Union Light S. S.	48.81
Leadington	50.00
Southside	70.00
Wolf Creek	10.00
Fellowship	50.00
Monett	17.14
Hartville	29.49
Garfield	13.74
New Harmony S. S.	54.90

Total Received	\$ 361.08
Total Disbursed	\$ 361.08

MISSIONS

Church	Amount
Rock Chapel	\$ 54.85
First (Flat River)	49.11
New Harmony S. S.	164.27
Jewell	20.30
Martinstown	25.00
Fredricktown	106.92

Total Received \$420.45

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Foreign Missions	\$294.31
Home Missions	\$126.14

Total Disbursed \$420.45

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Church	Amount
Southside	\$ 75.00
Monett	17.14
Southside League	10.00

Total Received \$102.14

Total Disbursed \$102.14

HERSEY FUND

Church	Amount
Leadington League	\$25.00
Martinstown	20.00

Total Received \$45.00

Total Disbursed \$45.00

WISEHART FUND

Church	Amount
Kansas City Auxiliary	\$50.00
Mrs. Saxa Fielding	20.00

Total Received \$70.00

Total Disbursed \$70.00

WILFONG FUND

Church	Amount
Fellowship	\$75.00

Total Received \$75.00

Total Disbursed \$75.00

STATE SUPERANNUATION

Church	Amount
Monett	\$11.42

Total Received \$11.42

Total Disbursed \$11.42

YOUTH CAMP

Church	Amount
Southside	\$70.00

Total Received \$70.00

Total Disbursed \$70.00

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE

Church	Amount
Cyrus E. Sevits	\$ 6.87

Garfield 13.74

Total Received \$20.61

Total Disbursed \$20.61

BIBLE COLLEGE

Church Amount

Monett \$28.57

Gem Office 2.92

(Sale of books)

Total Received \$31.49

Total Disbursed \$31.49

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Church Amount

Monett \$5.71

Total Received \$5.71

Total Disbursed \$5.71

GEM

Source Amount

Subscriptions \$303.63

Gifts (Monett) 11.42

Sale of books, supplies 139.77

Sale of Equipment 1.00

Refund General Baptist Press 2.50

Total Received \$458.32

(Signed) Mrs. Eunice Edwards,

Clerk-Treas., Mo. State Ass'n.

Daily Vacation Bible School Supplies

—9191 Introductory Kit \$3.75

—9180 Director's Manual .50

Teacher's Manuals (each) .45

—9181 Nursery

—9183 Beginner

—9185 Primary

—9187 Junior

—9189 Teen

Pupil's Workbooks 10 for \$2.50

—9182 Nursery

—9184 Beginner

—9186 Primary

—9188 Junior

—9190 Teen

—9196 Picture Set \$1.25

—9197 Table Top Pictograph \$1.35

Supplemental Aids

—9195 Poster (doz.) \$1.50

—9194 Dodger .60

—9193 Postcard 1.50

—7806 Button 2.25

—9255 Tag 1.50

—9179 Headband 2.50

—9198 Folder Certificate .06

—Diploma Certificate .04

—9172 Contest 1.00

—9399 Enrollment Card .85

Order From: GEM OFFICE

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Desloge, Missouri

Woman's Auxiliary

Greetings On Mother's Day

Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Proverbs 31: 25-29

"I remember my mother's prayers—and they have always followed me. They have clung to me throughout life."

Abraham Lincoln

"Never despair of a child. The one you weep most for at the mercy-seat may fill your heart with sweetest joys."

T. L. Cuyler

"All that is good in my life has come from my mother."

D. W. Moody

"She was the best of all mothers, to whom I owe endless gratitude."

Thomas Carlyle

"My mother was my first preacher as well as my first teacher."

Laymon Abbot

WELLSTON FREE WILL BAPTIST AUXILIARY

The ladies of the Wellston Church met the 24th of February for their monthly Year Book Study. The Program subject for the month was: **We Need Prayer Warriors For Such A Time As This**. We were certainly blessed by the study of this lesson. It was our conclusion that if each one of us would spend more time in prayer and strive to be more like Mary (more concerned with the spiritual blessings) and less concerned with our physical beings, we would be on the firing line all the time. If we have enough faith to trust the Lord for our spiritual blessing, how much more faith should we have and realize that He will take care of the material things.

Do you think the Lord is pleased with us when we attend our prayer meetings, yet fail to attend the Auxiliary meetings? We are all thankful

for our little church and we believe the Lord will give us a better building to worship in if we all pray and work and be ready to meet the Lord when He comes in the clouds. Pray for us that we will always be found in the center of the Lord's will, I consider it a real privilege to work for the Lord through the channels of our Auxiliary. I enjoy each lesson very much and feel that it is most helpful to me in my Christian life.

If only all our membership would lay aside every thing else and attend the meetings. All are needed and I believe if we would pool our strength, we could accomplish more for our Blessed Lord who did so much for us.

Ladies, let us band ourselves together and really be prayer warriors and fight sin with the greatest weapon given to us, Prayer.

—Your Co-labourer

UNION AUXILIARY MEETS

The Union Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary near Thompsonville, Illinois met March 1, 1956, with thirteen members present. It was a very stormy day, but the Lord was with us and blessed us all. The devotional consisted of singing, prayer, and special numbers.

After roll call and business, the

Scripture reading was given by Joyce Browning. Topics were discussed by the following: Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Mrs. Ethel Boyer, Mrs. Muriel Jones, Mrs. Flo Elam, Mrs. Ocie McReynolds, and Mrs. Zola McClerren.

Others present were: Mrs. Gladys Brucchi, Mrs. Herbert McClerren, Mrs. Mildred McClerre, and Mrs. Juanita McClerren.

—Auxiliary Cor.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Virginia Pogue on Wednesday, March 14, 1956.

The meeting opened with prayer and singing. Scripture reading was by Mrs. Ruth Turner. The Program for March was studied, entitled: "We Need Faith For Such A Time As This". Mrs. Pogue gave the benediction.

After the benediction, refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Louise McCully, Mrs. Ruth Turner, Mrs. Dorothy Childress, Mrs. Ella Pogue, Mrs. Virginia Pogue, Mrs. Wilma Pogue and Rev. James McCully, who is the Pastor at Neosha, Mo.

—Mrs. Childress, Secretary

Join The Church Family Plan

STANDING OF STATES ON INDIA VISUAL AID PROJECT

February 29, 1956

State	Quotas	Contributions Received	Receipts Over Quotas	Receipts Under Quotas
Alabama	\$ 45.00	\$ 12.00		\$ 33.00
Arkansas	20.00	18.00		2.00
California	45.00	10.00		35.00
Florida	25.00	25.00		
Georgia	60.00	55.00		5.00
Illinois	30.00	3.70		26.30
Kentucky	20.00	25.00	5.00	
Michigan	60.00			60.00
Mississippi	25.00	14.20		10.80
Missouri	100.00	66.30		33.70
North Carolina	175.00	15.00		160.00
Ohio	20.00	20.00		
Oklahoma	100.00	74.50		25.50
South Carolina	80.00	125.55	45.55	
Tennessee	100.00	57.00		43.00
Texas	55.00	5.00		50.00
Virginia	20.00	20.00		
West Virginia	20.00			20.00
	\$1,000.00	\$546.25	\$50.55	\$504.30

KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Alta Mikel for the March meeting.

After singing and prayer, the Scripture text was read by Mrs. Mikel from Hebrews 11:1-30.

Following the business session, the March program was studied and topics were given by: Mrs. Reda Maggart, Mrs. Laura Glaspie, Mrs. Allie Peterson, and Mrs. Alma Scrivens.

Mrs. Elsie Dare pronounced the benediction. Refreshments were served to the 12 members and 8 visitors present.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lillian Woods with Mrs. Wanda Scribens as Co-hostess.

—Mrs. Russel Wellman, Cor.

GROWTH IN KINSTON NORTH CAROLINA CHURCH

The Rev. James F. Miller, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, reports an ever increasing attendance upon the services of the church. To care for the growth in the church and auxiliaries the congregation has purchased a spacious lot on North Heritage Street in Kinston, upon which a new church plant will be erected. The cost of the lot was \$10,000.

Mr. Miller reports that the average attendance in the Sunday School in 1951 was 118, in 1952 it was 126, in 1953 it was 144, in 1944 it was 195, in 1955 it was 245 and at the present it is 259.

—The Free Will Baptist

(Editors Note: Rev. Miller will be remembered by the people of Missouri for his devoted service to this state and it is not surprising to learn of his success in our sister state.

COLLEGE CHOIR TO APPEAR

First F. W. B. Church, Mountain Grove, Mo.

The College Choir from our Free Will Baptist College of Nashville, Tennessee are scheduled to appear in our church, April 23. Each year the choir takes a tour and we are very fortunate to have them to appear here. Dr. Johnson, President of the College, called the other night and reports that more information will be mailed to us at an early date. We feel honored that our church was one of the places they desired to appear. Please remember the date.

RESULTS OF REVIVAL

During the revival there were several who made decisions for Christ. Backsliders reclaimed were Bob Eden, Sr.; Mr. Dodson; Leo Centers; Louise Centers; Ruby Pope, and Mrs. Jim

Eden. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson made public confession of having accepted Christ as Saviour. Mr. and Mrs. Dodson were received into the membership of the church. Too, it is evident that the church in general has been revived. We should accept the challenge of those yet unreached and continue our efforts to win them.

On behalf of the church and those who attended the revival we express our sincere appreciation for the tireless efforts put forth by Rev. and Mrs. Waddell, during these evangelistic services. We pray the Lord's blessings on them and trust that a great harvest of souls will be reaped as a result of their work.

—From Fellowship Bulletin

WAR AGAINST SIN

On March 23, 1775 Patrick Henry speaking to the second Virginia Convention said, "Gentlemen may cry peace, peace—but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!" This spiritually interpreted could well be a challenge to everyone of us. The fight against evil has begun—join in with us here and let's **Fight The Good Fight Of Faith For Jesus Christ Our Lord.**

MODERN TRUTHS FROM BIBLE DAYS

"His sling was in His hand." 1 Samuel 17:40. It was the stone not the sword that toppled Goliath! Modern giants too, are overcome by the faithful dedication of our talents. No matter how insignificant they seem, they prepare us for emergencies later in life.

It is God, and the discovery of Him in life, and the certainty that He has plans for our lives and is doing something with them, that gives us a true, deep sense of movement, and lets us always feel the power and delight of unknown coming things.

PRESSURE ON MISSIONARIES

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port has been shelved without publication because of its vindication of missionaries.

Recently there have been cases of missionaries ordered out of the country. One missionary doctor was charged with smuggling Indian currency into Pakistan (where he had not been).

R. H. Smith of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, after 38 years of service in India, was loaned for some months before his retirement to the committee which arranged Billy Graham's visit to India. This involved his transfer to Bangalore. He was ordered to leave, with no reasons given. Since he was retiring soon anyway, he left without making and protest. From: Friends Oriental News.

MOODY ANNOUNCES MISSIONARY LITERATURE WORKSHOP

"The big problem on the mission field is not to teach the people to read—but to give them something worth reading." This from a missionary to Nigeria who has faced the problem firsthand.

Moody Bible Institute is doing something to meet this need with its annual summer school missionary literature workshop. Through two sessions of summer school, June 18 to July 6 and July 9 to July 27, missionaries on furlough, missionary candidates, or anyone can learn from experts what journalism is all about. Tuition is free.

Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life*, will be in charge of the first session (June 18 to July 6) dealing with basic principles of tract writing, news stories, feature articles for foreign Christians magazines, and problems of translation and adaptation.

William Peterson also of *Christian Life*, and Alver Johnson Michaelson, well-known free lance writer and journalism teacher, will be assisting Mr. Walker.

The second session (July 9 to July 27) will be led by Ken Taylor, Moody Press director; Peter Gunther, of Moody Colportage Department, and Rev. Harold Cook, missions expert on the Institute faculty. In this session concentration will be on missionary publishing and marketing problems.

Students in this important course can expect to do more than just listen and take notes—written assignments will be a vital part of the course. In addition, they will be able to observe the various techniques in action as they make field trips to Chicago newspapers, magazines, print plants and others.

NOTICE

According to the Japanese Consulate in Washington, D. C., missionaries applying for a visa to Japan must present a letter of invitation from the church or mission organization in Japan. Formerly, there was required only a letter from the church or mission headquarters in the United States.

Master! Carest Thou Not?

Ollie Latch

"And they say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Mark 4:38.

It came at the close of a hard day, as most of the crises of life seem to come. Jesus had been teaching and the disciples had been working. At the close of the day, bone weary with tiredness, they started across the sea to the other side. Jesus lay back in rest, and the silent disciples steered the boat toward the other shore. But one of those violent storms, which they tell us are common to the sea of Galilee, swept down upon them. These men, many of them accustomed to the sea, were frightened. Death seemed to be upon them. Jesus continued to rest and the disciples could bear it no longer. They cried out to him, "Master, are you unconcerned about our situation? Don't you even care?" There is nothing in the terror stricken question which even suggests that they thought he could do anything about the matter. They were simply frantic with fear. But he did care. With one bound he stood upright, and with one word, one gesture of his hand, he stilled the tumult and quieted the storm.

How often are we, like they, caught in the swirling storms of life! How often are we, like they, completely overcome with terror. And in such times it would seem that the great Saviour of the world is asleep on his throne. The help we so desperately need does not come. The relief we so anxiously look for does not arrive. In such an hour we are faced with the question, "Does Jesus really care?" The purpose of this sermon is to try to reassure your soul and mine that he cares. He rides the storm with you in the difficult times through which you pass.

I—We Have Our Storm Periods

Ah, yes! We are often at the mercy of the storms of life. Let none think he shall escape. We are beset by the rolling waves of temptation, coming to us in awful fury. I stood last fall on an ocean pier and watched the waves come in, one on another, wild and fierce in their power. I saw in that the perfect picture of our lives as we are faced with the daily grind of temptation. There may be calms, gentle swells, and placid times, but ever and anon the waves of temptation begin to pour in upon us.

With every storm of temptation

comes the daggerlike lightning of doubt. Streaking across the blackness of the clouds that overshadow us, slashing with terror at the anchors of our souls, our doubts pile up. Is there, after all, a God who rules the universe with a firm hand? Are we but atoms of matter, somehow endowed with the power to think, but as transient as the flotsam which dots the waves about us? How anxiously we scan the clouds. How sickening the emptiness which comes with doubt. And our boats are so frail, so much paper in the vast, storm swept sea. We see ourselves being engulfed. We draw back. We hate the things we are tempted to do. We seek to bolster our faith and quench the raging tumult of our souls. In anguish we cry out, "Oh Christ! Do you not care? Are you alive to our problems? Carest thou not that we perish?"

II—We Are Often Lost

The sea of life on which we sail is vast. It stretches out to the horizon, and no man dares to say he knows the way across its trackless wastes. He may chart the Atlantic, but the ocean of Life will continue to baffle him. And in every direction it stretches with appalling grayness, a terrible sameness that is deceiving, for it is never the same. Down its wave canyoned walls our frail boats must go, and once launched, we are, it would appear, completely adrift. We tug at the oars and our boats do not respond. We heave at the helm and yet seem to drift on, at the mercy of vast forces beyond our control. Soon we feel that we are lost.

And we are lost, there is no question about it. If there were any stars, our instruments are far too limited to read them. Were there any sounding the sea of life, we would be too ignorant to interpret the readings. All we can see is the mountainous waves of sin, and our own in them. No matter how much we may want to do right, the honest man or woman must always face the facts of life. We all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. To use the Bible metaphor, "All we like sheep have gone astray." To stay with our own metaphor, all of us have cast our stones into the sea of life, setting in motion the waves of our own sins.

Is there anywhere a man or woman, boy or girl, who does not at some time wish to be free of this lousiness? I think not. I think there comes to all of us sometime in life a horrible sickness with the state in which our boat drifts. We long to be under control, to have some assurance of direction,

to anchor in some quiet harbor. It is then we start looking up. It is then we raise shaking hands to shade tired eyes, and peer out across the wasteland of sin-tossed waves and cry out of the misery of our hearts, "Oh Christ! Don't you care?"

III—And Comes The End

No matter how sturdy the great ocean going vessel, it is material and it must go down someday. When a ship is no more seaworthy and has no salvage value, they tow it far out to sea and sink it. There is here the perfect simile of our lives. We are dying men and women. I write to you today as a dying man. You read this as dying people. We are born unto death, as the smoke goes upward. Our ships which sail so proudly today in the youth or prime of life will some day reach the point where the waves they have crested so bravely will be their tomb.

With gusto and gladness we may have faced all that life has to hurl at us. We may have invited the Great Pilot aboard, and we may have given of our fullest to his service. There are those who plunge into the service of Jesus Christ with complete abandon. We wear ourselves out. The grim hand of time begins to haul us down. The Pirate of Death overtakes us. We go the way of all flesh. Sickness lays her hand upon us. We waste away, and suffer from the years which we have borne. The things which we thought would come to us are still over the horizon. The gates of the city do not flash for us as they have flashed for others. The darkness closes in. The chill and damp is there. We know we are sinking. Disintegration has overtaken us. Always before us is the valley and the shadow, the closing walls of unfamiliar death. Who can face this unknown without quailing before it! Even the Master of Men quailed in Gethsemane. How then may I come hence without crying out of the depths of my spirit, "Master, I perish. Do you care?"

Conclusion

The disciples found that he cared. He bounded awake at their call. He quieted the tumult of the sea. He cares. Oh I can assure your heart and mine today that he cares. Brush aside his miracles. Forget his glorious sermons. Wipe out every last shred of the Bible but leave one thing. Leave a cross on a hill, burdened with the limp figure of One who has gone through all the hell that earth can give. Watch with me while that figure writhes in misery and squirms with

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F. B. I. Chief Pleads:

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a recent newspaper article, called upon parents to preserve the home life of America.

Solemnly, the FBI head warned: "If present trends continue thousands of American boys and girls will become crime casualties before the war is over."

Mr. Hoover cited the broken home as the leading cause of juvenile delinquency, pointing out that divorce alone is destroying 250,000 homes each year.

"In thousands of other homes," added the FBI chief, "children are being raised as though they were boarders. Sleeping quarters and three meals a day are all 'home' represents to such children. Between meals and after school they are being shuttled into the street, off to the movies, over to the neighbor's, or down the alley—anywhere to get them out of the way.

"Parents in these homes are disinheriting their children—attempting to raise them by remote control."

Mr. Hoover also made these significant statements:

"Thousands of teen-age children are running away from home each year.

"Shocked parents soon find their children acquiring a code of life emanating from the gutter. There is no alternative when a boy or girl is shrugged off by self-centered parents too busy to answer 'childish' questions.

"We need more religious training in the home."

Note especially that last sentence, Dad and Mother. A minister didn't say that. A "hard-boiled" G-man did. And Mr. Hoover meant it, we can assure you. How much thought have you given to the spiritual nurture of your children?

Our Sunday School and church can help you provide proper Christian training. We have Bible classes for all ages. Our teachers have been trained for their work. You will like our friendly atmosphere.

Parent, set the example for your children. Bring them to Sunday School every Sunday. "Study to show thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim. 2:15).

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

—C. V. Egemeier

(Prepared jointly by the National Sunday School Association and The Greater Chicago Sunday School Association)

God often digs the wells of joy with the spade of sorrow.

THE REASONS FOR HAVING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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they have learned, say, "It's just wonderful."

(12) "The best work ever done in our church," said one enthusiast.

(13) "The best piece of missionary work which the church ever does," said a minister.

(14) A typical expression: "I do not believe anything has presented itself to us in our work which offers so much pleasure and profit or so small an outlay of time and money."

(15) The teachers and workers give up much to serve a school for from two to four weeks, but they feel it is the happiest service ever rendered to Christ. It always is a matter of amazement to see how much they can accomplish in so short a time!

From The Field

"Prophecy shows the Church's Commission Completed." Christ spoke of the end of the age, but said, "The Gospel must first be published among all nations". Again, "Ye shall be witnesses to me unto the uttermost part of the earth". This is both a command and a prophecy. In Heaven saints shall sing: "Thou hast redeemed us to God by the blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation". Again John sees, "A great multitude from all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues". Yes, world evangelization shall be accomplished.

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"Our Coming King. Countless ills afflict humanity, from falsehood in the church to atomic terror worldwide. One thing alone will bring them to an end. That is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We seek to hasten His return by fulfilling His commands.

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"Our Cruel Crime. We have let millions perish without a chance to know Christ. We have hardly bothered our heads about Christ's burning command to go with the Gospel to lost men. The greatest foes of missions are prejudice and indifference, and ignorance is the mother of them both. Half the people in the world have never yet heard of Christ. This vast hell-bound throng is increasing faster than we are evangelizing it. A Niagara falls of lost souls plunges daily into eternity."

BILLY GRAHAM IN INDIA:

(Following is a paragraph taken from recent letter from Volena Wilson in South India. The two young men she speaks of are members of our Church in Kotagiri:)

"I would like to share with you the blessing that came to Wilson-raj and Achish, who accompanied me to Dr. Graham's meetings in Palamcottah. I had not expected to get into any of Dr. Graham's meetings as I had been away from station for sometime and had been back only a short time when Dr. Graham came here. But I was so grateful to the Lord for opening up a way for me to go down to Palamcottah. God met Wilson-raj one morning in Dr. Pierce's meetings when he spoke on "The Man God Uses". Wilson had gone to those meetings with a very hungry heart and he wanted something concrete that would help him know how to find out God's will for one's life. I wish you could have seen him afterwards—his face was radiant. And on our return trip, he was used of the Lord to give forth a very bright witness in our train compartment. He even read the Scripture to the entire compartment and to do that it takes a great deal of courage, does it not? It was so lovely. We were all so blessed. We sang choruses and hymns and witnessed and gave out tracts to all who were in our compartment—about 30 people. Now for Achish—he was met in one of Dr. Graham's meetings—the night he preached on "Blind Bartimaeus". He, too, came back to Kotagiri with a radiant testimony and as was Wilson-raj used on the return trip home so was Achish. We do praise God for all that He has done in all hearts as we gathered in the various meetings of Dr. Graham. I wish I could tell you of all the lovely incidents we have heard of as a direct result of these meetings. Time does not allow me. I will share some of them with you when I come home. It has been so unusual to hear the testimonies of many who thought they were Christians but in Dr. Graham's meetings realized for the first time that they were sinners."

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Thanks to each of you for your prayers and support, and when you are in Nashville you are invited to visit the Foreign Mission Office.

Sincerely yours,
Raymond Riggs

MASTER! CAREST THOU NOT?

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the agony of his suffering. Why is he here? Because he cares. He cares when temptation rolls its billows over you. He cares when the gray vastness of life swallows you up and you are lost. He cares when you face the valley of the shadow. The crimson cross of Calvary answers the heart searching cry you lift in the night. He cares. That is why he died.

CREED FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

1. I will study my Bible regularly because in it I will find source material and inspiration for my class.

2. I will be with my class each Sunday whenever possible. In case of emergency I will call my substitute well in advance.

3. I will do my best to attend all teachers' meetings and such training courses as may be offered during the year.

4. I will spend a reasonable amount of time in the preparation of my lessons. As a teacher of God, I would not do less.

5. I will keep close contact with my class through personal visits, and whenever this is not possible, by cards, notes or telephone.

6. I will pray regularly for my pupils. I will seek to know their personal needs so that I may call them over to the Lord in prayer.

7. I will make my teaching aim two-fold: To lead my unsaved pupils to Christ and to build Christian character in those who are saved. I will seek to do this by example as well as by precept.

8. I will remember my class at Christmas and on their birthdays with a card or some other expression of good will.

9. I will do my best to attend the worship services of my Church regularly and will urge my class to do likewise.

10. As a leader whom others will follow, I will cooperate with my pastor, superintendent and the overall program of my Church.

—Contact.

THE BIBLE CAKE

A. 1 Cup Judges 5:25 (last clause)

B. 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20.

C. 2 tsps. I Samuel 14:25 (last clause).

D. 6 Jeremiah 17:11.

E. ½ Cup Judges 4:19 (last clause)

F. 4¼ I Kings 4:22 (proportion to taste)

G. 2 heaping tsps Amos 4:5.

H. 1 Cup I Samuel 30:12 (second phrase).

I. 1 Cup Nahum 3:12.

J. II Chronicles 9:9 (second phrase to taste).

Bake at 370 for 30 minutes.

Cream together A, B, C.

D. Beat until frothy; add E to D then combine with the creamed mixture and beat thoroughly. Sift together the first part of F with G then add the rest of F; this is mixed with the

first ingredients, H and I are chopped and floured before adding last of all. J use about 1 tsp each of 4 different kinds. Beat for a good 5 minutes.

Contributed by, Mrs. Alma Robinson.

(Editors Note: I shall give you the interpretation next month if you have not looked it up before then.)

The Next Great Event

From many places come speculations about the future. Many believe that another war will damage and disgrace our generation. Some think that communism will complete its world conquest. However, the Christian has had one major expectation of the future—the return of Jesus Christ.

His first appearance has brought about more significant changes than any other historical occurrence. His second coming will be even more remarkable. Jesus Christ's first advent was as a substitutionary lamb sacrificed for the sins of the world. His second advent will be as a judge and monarch. The next great event is the second coming of the Son of God.

The promise of this advent of our Lord is a sure promise. It is as true as the Bible is true. God repeatedly reassures His children of the reappearing of their redeemer. One Bible Scholar stated that one out of every twenty-five verses in the New Testament pertained to this precious promise. However, let us take the word of the Master as recorded in John 14:3—"And If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Though the sinful skeptic scoff, he cannot snatch from the saved this secure word. Though the busy world hustles about its affairs, the Word of God "forever settled in the heavens", stands as a gigantic rock unmoved by the tests of time or weather. Jesus Christ is coming back!

However, more significant to every man is the purpose of His coming. It is two-fold.

(1) The Lord Jesus Christ shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20 and 21) of course this refers to the Christian. By this change the saved shall be transferred from the realm of sickness, sadness, sorrow and death into the realm of eternal health, happiness, joy and life.

(2) The Lord Jesus Christ, shall come with vengeance bringing punishment upon those who do not obey His gospel. (II Thessalonians 1:8 and 9.) This tremendous fact should cause the sinner to hasten to ask: "How may I make preparations for this great event?"

God has given the answer to this question also, Thomas asked a similar question in John 14:4, and Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Therefore to be prepared for the second coming of our Lord one must be in the right relation with the Lord Jesus Christ himself. The way is not some creed, church or sacrament. Jesus is the way! One must become a true believer in Him—His friend, His follower, His servant.

A Christian mother once gave her son an admonition which is significant to constant preparation for the Lord's return. She said: "Don't go anywhere you would not like to be found if the Lord should come. Don't say anything you should not like to be saying if the Lord should come."

Some years ago the Prince of Wales was touring a certain section of his province. He made an un-expected visit in a humble peasant's cottage. Some friends asked the farmer how he felt when the prince called. "I was ashamed," he answered. "I would have been glad to welcome his highness if I had been prepared for his coming. Our house wasn't clean. The floors were not swept. The dishes were not washed. We were unprepared and ashamed."

If Jesus should come for you today, would you be ashamed? "And now little children abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." (I John 2:28).

"Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." (Matthew 24:44)

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Dear Editor:

The American Guild of Organists, with 15,000 members and Chapters or Branches in every State, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska and the Canal Zone (260 in all), will hold its 23rd Annual (7th Biennial) National Convention in New York City, June 25-29, 1956, in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the A.G.O.

The national membership of this association of church musicians consists of both organists and choral directors, and represents all religious bodies. It was chartered in 1896 by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York for the purpose of raising standards of organ and choral music.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

S. Lewis Elmer

National President