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THE CROSS

The Cross is such a simple thing,
Yet of it men may talk and sing.

It is a ladder to the skies,
On which a mounting soul may rise

It is a sign-board on the road,
To cheer man with his weary load.

It is a key that fits the door,
To joyousness forever more.

It signals to the human race
That God in mercy offers grace.

To some it is a stumbling block
That causes men to curse and mock;

To others who their sins bemoan
It can become a stepping stone.

To voyagers its sturdy form
Becomes an anchor in the storm.

A hammer, it has won renown
By battering old oppressions down.

Gripped by still others as a sword,
It has won battles for the Lord.

Dragged as a plowshare through the heart,
New furrows cause the grain to start.

It is a beacon ever lit
By One identified with it.

By Charles N. Pace, D. D.

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"Home should be the ground
floor of heaven. Departure from this
life—just going upstairs."

HONOR ROLL**OF CHURCH FAMILY
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The most lovable and livable quality that any human being can possess is tolerance. Tolerance is the vision that enables us to see things from another's point of view. It is the generosity of spirit that concedes to others the right to their own opinion and individuality. It is the breath of mind that enables us to want those whom we love and respect to be happy in their own way and not in our way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Fredricktown	152	162	158	165
Mt. Pisgah	39	38	41	
Coppermines	92	99		
First, Flat River		141	167	175
Fellowship	185	185	207	196
Leadington	94	94	95	110
Desloge	96	96	93	108
Farmington	56	52		
Fourth	63	70	67	
Southside			230	
Monett	102	130	118	
Old Bethel	24	24	33	
Third Church	118			
Berkeley	156	186	196	
Richwoods			77	

Please send us your average, too.

Youth's Place in the Church

Miss Doris Spradlin

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

"Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 7:12)

First, I would like to point out that youth definitely has a place in the church. The church needs the young people and the young people need the church. The young people are as much a part of the church as the older people. Some have the mistaken idea that young people don't need to know how to be saved. They fail to recognize the fact that the overwhelming majority of people who have ever become Christian, and made a mark for Christ, accepted Him in the early days of their life.

Others think that youth need to be saved, but still refuse to accept them as part of the church and let them have a place in it. They do not seem to realize that today's youth will be tomorrow's powerful church, tomorrow's weak church, or tomorrow's lost and dying sinners, and that the place they are now filling will, to a great extent, determine which it will be.

Some people use our youth against us and don't want to let us have a place in the church because of the very fact that we are young. They say that since we are young, we are inexperienced and green about the church and its work, and that we often act rashly. That may be true, but may I also point out the fact that our youth gives an added zeal and enthusiasm to the church that older people never give to it.

Young Christians are a vital asset to the church because while they are still young and their minds are alert, they can begin to learn of the Lord and His work and put their talents to work for Him and develop their abilities.

I would like to point out the different departments of the church and see how youth fits into its services and work. First, I would like to state what, when we think of youth's place in the church, we need to realize that it is one of training, and even the work they do is in reality, training them for greater jobs. Also, we need not only to think of how this will help the church, but how it will help the

youth in their individual Christian experiences. If the individuals are weak, the church, as a whole, will be weak.

Let's look at the Sunday School department. Did you ever try to picture your Sunday School without young people? Just take all of the people from the age of twenty on down out of your Sunday School, what do you think it would be like? Surely youth does have a place in the Sunday School.

It is very important that each and every member of the church try to get all the young people they can into the Sunday School. Because from the cradle roll up, they can learn of God and His work and the teachings of Christ. Upon reaching the age of accountability, they then know their need of salvation, how to be saved, and vital pointers on how to live a Christian life. Sunday School is a time of teaching and it is important that young people get the right kind of teaching.

If you have small children, maybe you don't send them to Sunday School because you think they are too small to learn. This isn't true. Even if they don't remember any of the lesson, they will remember they should go. It's a fine habit to start. It is amazing how quickly little children grasp things whether good or bad. Isn't it much better for them to be in Sunday School learning the good, than someplace where they may learn the bad?

Teen-agers belong in Sunday School. There is sometimes quite a bit of difficulty in getting teen-agers to go to Sunday School. They would rather stay at home and sleep on Sunday morning. Some of this may be due to the fact that they were not made to go when they were younger. But a teen-ager needs to hear the lesson much more than he needs to be in bed and asleep. If he or she, needs that extra hour's sleep so badly, why not send them to bed an hour earlier on Saturday night?

Then youth belongs in the church worship service. People who readily realize that their children belong in Sunday School, think it all right for them to go home immediately afterward, instead of staying for the worship service. Did you ever notice how many young people go home after Sunday School? Even the majority of teen-agers do this. Many adults don't want young people in this service for they say they are too noisy. But if started at an early age they can be trained to behave during this service. We have one little girl in our church, who is only two or three years old, yet she always behaves during worship service. She enjoys the singing and

already knows how to bow her head during prayer. Even though she does not understand the message, she does understand that this is a time to be quiet and a time for reverence. In later years, she will develop a deeper reverence for the things of God.

Teen-agers belong in the church service. If they are old enough to be saved, they need to hear the preaching of the gospel as much as anyone else. If they are already Christian, they need to receive the blessing of the message. One of the main reasons teen-agers don't get anything from the message is because they don't really listen to it. If they would listen with a desire to learn, they would be amazed at how much they could get from it. Young people are helping this service by their mere presence. I've heard several preachers say that it was easier for them to preach before a large congregation than before empty pews; that they could tell when Christians were praying for them. A Christian young person can fill a pew and breathe a silent prayer for the service as well as an older person.

The youth belongs in League. While Sunday School is mainly a teaching department, League is a training service where you put to use the things you have learned. Here the young people not only learn now to live a Christian life, but begin to put it into practice. This service is especially valuable to young people. By holding the various offices in League, they are not only learning how to follow leaders, but to be a leader themselves. By giving topics in front of their class, they are training themselves to be able speakers in front of more people. By taking parts in the special singing and other activities of their class, they are putting into use other talents they may have.

Youth belongs in prayer meeting. It has often been said that this service is the power house of the church. In this service, Christians seem to be able to get closer to God than in some of the other services. Youth needs to enjoy these times of deepened experiences. If young people are tomorrow's church, shouldn't they attend prayer meeting and learn the value of prayer and humility in the church work?

Besides this, they are usually given an opportunity to testify for the Lord. Many times it is quite difficult for young Christians to talk to their sinner friends about salvation. I know it is for me. One reason is that we are just not used to talking about our

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May-Youth Camp Month-Let's Go! Missouri!

Dear Gem Readers:

Here I am again with a report on the progress of our Missouri State Youth Camp. Just one more month and Camp time is here. Have you made your plans to attend as yet? If not write Rev. Wm. Reeves, for full information and begin making your plans now to attend which I believe will be Missouri's greatest youth Camp session.

Teachers and officers have now been secured and are as follows:

Registrar—Rev. Stanley Letterman.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Harvey E. Hill.

General Supervisor—Rev. Lester Jones.

Evangelist—Rev. Teddy Davis.

Supervisor of Cabins and Playground—Rev. and Mrs. James Franklin.

Teachers

Mrs. Eunice Edwards—Creation and the fall.

Rev. James Davis—Law.

Rev. Rolla Smith—Prophecies of Christ and Fullfilment.

Rev. Ben Scott—New Testament Church.

Rev. Harry Beatty—Summary.

D. V. B. S. Teachers

Myrtle Jones, Margaret Walton, LaRue Horn, Elizabeth Hesselmeyer.

The above officers and teachers must have the complete co-operation of all if this is to be our best year. There are many things that are a must in way of improvements etc., if we are to accomplish the results desired. I was privileged to visit the camp on authority of the Youth Camp Board some few weeks ago and the following is a list of Camp needs that we must have before Camp time. If your Church, League, Sunday School class, Y.P.A., G.T.A., or individual would like to take one of the projects listed below as your responsibility, then notify your promotional secretary or Rev. Wm. Reeves and they will make note of it so that others will not accept the same project. Some have already told us of their intentions and we are very grateful for their interest. Please note the following needs.

Camp Needs

Siding on new Chapel and Refreshment stand.

Filing Cabinet—(Badly Needed).

Large Refrigerator—(Badly Needed).

14 Shower Curtains—(Bessie Yealy Circle, Monett Church has taken this).

Windows put in shower room.
Ceilings overhead shower rooms.
2 Doors for Chapel stage.
One dozen sugar bowls—(Berkeley womans Aux., has taken this).
New screen for softball diamond—(Badly Needed).
2 Sets of Badminton—(Badly Needed).
2 Volley balls and nets—(Badly Needed).
Several softballs and bats.
2 sets of horseshoes—(Berkeley Y.P.A. has taken this).
Dishwasher.
60 Gal. hot water heater—(Badly Needed).
More folding chairs.
Lots of dish cloths.
Concrete walk around pool.
Board wall around front and side of pool.
A change room by pool.
The 2 state cabins need new foundations— (Badly Needed).

Many of the cabins owned by Associations, Churches etc., also need repair. **Will You Please Get Behind Your Camp Board and Take One Of These Needs As Your Project so that this May Be our Greatest Year. I Know God Can Depend On You.**

Promotional Secretary

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

8914 Springdale

Berkeley 21, Missouri

SEEING THE POINT!

Little Johnny had been watching television for quite some time and now it was time to get his home work. His mother told him to get his book and get busy. Very reluctantly he got his book and sat down but did not study. Upon noticing him as he just sat and stared his mother questioned him as to what the trouble was. Johnny replied, "O, Mother, leave me alone, my head is so full now it can't hold anymore!" Could it be that the child's head is too full of other stuff?

—Selected.

SERMON IN A NUTSHELL!

Faithfulness in church worship speaks a more powerful sermon to the unsaved than the most eloquent preacher. A church member once complained to his pastor that it was a long drive of six miles to the church. The pastor replied, "You must not forget that each week you preach a sermon six miles long as you come."

Dear Gem Readers:

Its here at last, the May Youth Camp month that we have been talking and reading about for some few months now. **What is it?**

As you remember I told you some few months ago that the Youth Camp is in debt almost \$7,000.00 and that we must make a large payment on this debt soon, and that we do not have it. Therefore, in order that we may meet our obligations, we have set the month of May as Youth Camp Month and are asking every church in the State to take up an offering this month so that we may meet out obligation.

I am sure that all of you will agree with me that God has certainly put his approval on this great work, for during the past few years we have seen 188 boys and girls accept Christ at the Camp. Some of them were your boys or girls and many of those who attended our camp have announced their call to some special service. Is this worth a special offering from your church? I am sure that every person in this great State of ours who is a real Free Will Baptist will say, "Yes it is well worth it". If so, then why not do something about it? You pastors tell your church of this great need and if you pastors won't then some of you lay-members bring it up, for I am sure that most of you want to do something about it.

Maybe there is an individual who would like to give, if so send in your offering also. There has been one or two churches as well as Sunday school conventions who have already sent in. Why don't you do the same now. **Don't wait but do it now. Remember, We want at least \$1,000.00 sent in this month.** It can and will go well over if **You will do Your part.**

Can God depend on You? Can Your State depend on You? Can Your Boys and Girls depend on You? Can Your Youth Camp Board depend on You? I am sure the answer will be yes, so sit down and prove it right now.

May God bless you is our desire.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

Promotional Sec., Youth Camp

8914 Springdale

Berkeley 21, Missouri

"You should be ashamed of yourself, laughing at that fat man."

"I'm just having fun at his expense."

News Release

Greenville, N. C.

Several hundred delegates will be in attendance at the three-day Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Conference which meets in Greenville, June 12-14.

Plans for this conference, the seventh biennial meeting of its kind, has been announced by the Rev. Henry Melvin, national chairman, of Greenville. He is being assisted in this project by the Rev. R. B. Crawford, state chairman, also of Greenville.

Sessions will be held which present methods in program planning, also noting emphasis on foreign missions and featuring a religious drama under the direction of Miss Naomi Brant, chairman of the Department of Speech in the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. Speakers will include the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. T. H. Willey, co-director of Free Will Baptist Missions in Cuba, and other denominational youth leaders.

The program planning has been directed by Chairman Melvin, State Chairman Crawford, the Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C.; the Rev. C. F. Bowen, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Dale Munkas, Russellville, Ark.; and Mr. Ray Hurnage, promotional secretary of Nashville, Tenn.

The conference sessions will be held on the campus of East Carolina College in this city. Delegates will be housed in the dormitories on the campus and will use the cafeteria facilities of the college. Conference programs will be held in Austin and Wright Auditoriums.

BIBLE CONFERENCE GREAT BLESSING

The thirteenth annual Bible Conference was held at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, April 1-5, 1956. There was a large number in attendance and the program was one of the best yet.

The five-day meeting included a consecration service, expository messages from Ephesians by L. R. Ennis of Dunn, N. C., evangelistic messages by Dr. Jim Mercer of Minneapolis, Minnesota, missionary messages by Rev. Carl Taylor, director of New Tribes Mission in Brazil, and also by Rev. Dan Cronk, Free Will Baptist missionary home on leave from India, and an open forum for pastors conducted by Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. Floyd Cherry and Rev. J. L. Welch.

On Monday evening, the College Speech Department, under the direction of Miss Naomi Brant, presented the play, **The Rock**. The play deals with the devotion, and then the desertion, of one of the disciples. (This play is to be repeated at the Nationwide League Conference. It is well worth repeating!)

There was special music by the College choir, male chorus, male quartettes, and girls' trios, all under the direction of Mr. Ross Dowden, and it was a real blessing to listen.

It was quite evident to the visitors, that much time, labor, and love had been expended in an effort to make this the best Bible Conference ever. I, for one, feel they succeeded.

The Intermediate Sword Drill

I. Purpose Of The Drill

The sword drill is a Bible drill. Its purpose is to teach intermediates to handle effectively the Word of God. It is called the sword drill because the Bible is spoken of as the Christian's sword in Ephesians 6:17.

II. Method Of Drill—Calls

1. **Mass.** At this command all rise and stand by groups, Bible in left hand.

2. **Attention.** Heels together, shoulders up, hands at side, face the leader.

3. **Salute.** Regular military salute in two counts. (1) Right hand brought quickly to forehead over right eye. (2) Hand brought quickly to side.

4. **Draw Swords.** Bring Bibles to waist line immediate in front of body with left hand underneath the Bible and right hand resting on top of the Bible, ready to turn the leaves.

5. **Leader Announces the Scriptures to be found—**(for example, Matthew 6:33).

6. **Charge.** At this command every member of the group begins to search for the Scripture.

7. Each member who finds the Scripture steps forward. The first to move is scored 10; the second, 5; and every member who finds the scripture before the leader calls "Time out," is scored 1.

8. **Time out.** The leader allows 15 seconds before calling out. This is the signal for all to stop searching and the score is taken. The leader then selects one contestant to give the correct answer.

III. Types of Drills

1. **Scripture searching.** In this drill the leader announces a verse of Scripture to be found as described above under "Method of Drill."

2. **Book drill.** In this drill the name of some book in the Bible is mentioned. The boys and girls find the book. They must be ready to tell which book comes before the book and which follows it before they step forward.

3. **Character drill.** The name of some Bible character is given. The boys and girls find the name of the character in the Bible. It must be found in the body of a verse and not at the heading of a chapter. This drill may be varied by telling some facts about the character without calling his name.

4. **Unfinished quotation drill.** The leader quotes the first part of a verse of Scripture. The boys and girls must know its location and turn to it in the Bible.

5. **Doctrinal drill.** The leader asks the group to find a verse in the Bible setting forth some great Bible doctrine. For example, "Find a verse which proves that faith in Christ saves"; or, "Find a verse proving that all have sinned." The plan of salvation may be worked into this drill.

The Nationwide Intermediate Sword Drill

I. Its Purpose

This drill is given at each nationwide league conference in order to create a greater interest in Bible study among our young people.

II. Its Rules

1. **Age limit.** The intermediate boys and girls must be 13-16 inclusive.

2. **Bibles.** The drillers will use Bibles, all alike, furnished by the National League Board.

3. **Representation.** Each state will be represented by one intermediate only. Each state will qualify its own contestant.

4. **Each contestant,** or his league, will pay a small amount for the use of a costume.

5. **Entrance dead-line** is not later than two months before the nationwide league conference.

III. Awards

Appropriate and useful awards will be given each year to the first and second place winners.

IV. Name Of Contestant

Send name of contestant and request for further information to secretary of National League Board.

Free Will Baptist

How professional optimists manage to keep grinning so much of the time is a sort of trade secret that they do not like to divulge to outsiders.

From the Editor's Desk

THE GEM

Our sincere thanks to all who are helping to build the **Gem**. We do appreciate the many kind things you have said about it, your prayers and concern for it, your subscriptions that continue to come in.

There was a total of 1023 **Gem** papers printed in April, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who helped to make this possible. However, if your church is not subscribing to the **Gem** through the Family Plan, we earnestly ask your prayerful consideration of it for your group.

The number of families in the church is not the important thing. Some seem to think because their church is small in number, that it isn't worth the effort to enroll through the Family Plan. Let me assure you that we are just as much interested in the small churches adopting the Plan, as we are the larger churches.

So, even though your church is small in number, send us your list of families.

I believe we are now in the crucial time for the success or failure of our beloved State paper, **The Free Will Baptist Gem**. So, friends of the **Gem**, do your best to help us go over the top for the glory of our Lord.

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NOTICE

The Foreign Mission Board is offering some very attractive placemats. These are designed for banquets, socials, or even for the family at home. These contain the pictures of our foreign missionaries with arrows indicating their place of service.

These can be secured for 5c each from:

Foreign Mission Department
3801 Richland Avenue
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PASTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Lester Jones, who has been pastor of the Kirksville, Mo., church for the past three years, recently resigned and as yet, has not accepted another work.

WEAK FAITH—GREAT FAITH

Mrs. Gussie Hamblin

Many are weak when it comes to faith in God's providential care. They seem weak in trusting in His guiding hand, His gracious provision, or His care for them in their daily lives.

There are degrees of faith. Our Lord exclaimed at Peter's "little

faith", and marvelled at the "great faith" of the Syrophenician woman.

The disciples, conscious of their weakness, cried, "Lord increase our faith." In the epistle to the Romans, the Apostle Paul contrasts what Abraham was, with what he might have been. Paul also speaks of the believers "measure of faith."; "when your faith is increased"; and "your faith groweth exceedingly."

We learn from experience that there are degrees of faith. Several means and ways of growth are pointed out in the Scriptures.

Here are some Bible references: Isaiah 49:7; I Corinthians 1:9-13; I Thessalonians 5:24; II Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 10:23; II Timothy 2:13; Numbers 23:19; and when we feed on His faithfulness, we cannot be moved.

There is a living God.

He has spoken in His Word.

He means all that He has said.

He will do all that He has promised.

He cannot fail, for He is God!

He cannot fail, He's pledged His Word!

He cannot fail, He'll see me through!

'Tis God with whom I have to do.

"I Am The Door"

By Wilbia Sell

Stockton, Mo.

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9)

The door—besides its common uses as the entrance to a house or building, this word is sometimes used metaphorically as the entrance to anything: as our Saviour says of Himself, "I am the door," the entrance in to the kingdom.

There are literal doors and there are spiritual doors. We seem to be living in an age when the spiritual doors of our church organizations are gradually being closed. There are communities where the literal door has already closed. However, sometimes the literal door remains open long after the spiritual door has closed.

In speaking of spiritual doors, I believe Christ had the following scriptures in mind: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (II Timothy 3:5) "For the time will

come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (I Timothy 4:3-4) When services are carried on without any leadership of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual doors are closed. Christ is the door and no one can be saved where there is not the Spirit of Christ.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep." (John 10:1-2)

We find in our study of the door that it is a parable. That is, a representation of heavenly things through the medium of earthly things.

"The light of the world", "The Good Shepherd" and "The Door" are all to be understood as meaning Jesus Christ. The hireling, the willful blind, the murderers and robbers are the false Christs, false prophets, or false teachers and preachers.

As His Children, we are to continually pray for the leadership of His Spirit and then the spiritual doors will remain open. By our obedience spiritual doors will remain open as well as the literal doors of our churches.

THE SINNER'S PARADE

Two young men, seated in the early morning train on Monday, were speaking of how tired they were, more than on Saturday night. One related having driven to the beach in his new car, and said, "Never again for me!"

"Have trouble?" the other asked.

"No, but you know what that road is like on Sunday. At the height of the home coming traffic there is a line of cars end to end, mile after mile, all the way across the state—the sinners' parade, someone near me in the jam called it jeeringly. That phrase stuck in my mind. Of course, they were not all sinners—no doubt there were preachers, church workers, and doctors on their various errands. But I can't get away from the thought of the noise, the dust, the un-Sabbath-like gaiety and worldliness of the crowds, the many disabled cars and the one accident where several were seriously hurt.

"Don't think I'm a coward," continued, "that I am afraid of getting hurt physically. I can take my chances with the sinners, when I ought to be with the rest. But I am afraid of hurts that go deeper. I'm afraid to parade in church with the saints."

Liquor Advertising

Rev. Ollie Latch

A survey conducted by the National Reform Association has some interesting information to give regarding liquor advertising in the magazines of the country. There are, in the nation, sixty-four leading magazines which refuse to publish any liquor advertising of any kind. Among these, are such fine and widely circulated papers as "Reader's Digest," "National Geographic," "Saturday Evening Post," and many others. The magazines which refuse to accept liquor advertising have a combined circulation of some sixty-four million copies. No strictly religious magazines are included in this number.

The survey found also that there were forty-six leading magazines in the nation which accept liquor advertising. The offenders include such widely circulated magazines as "Look," "Time," "Life," "Colliers," "McCalls," and others. These magazines carry a combined circulation of some sixty million copies. This means that almost as many copies of the forty-six papers which carry liquor ads go into American homes regularly as those which do not. Naturally, no religious magazines are included in this survey, either.

Advertising revenue may be judged by a comparison of two of the nation's leading magazines. "Time," with a circulation of some five and one half million copies, had an advertising revenue of one hundred twenty-one million dollars in 1955. It carries liquor ads. "The Saturday Evening Post," with a circulation of some four and one half million copies, had an advertising revenue of near eighty-four million dollars in 1955. The difference of one million copies in circulation does not account for the thirty seven million dollar difference in revenue. Liquor pays high rates for its ads, and the magazines which turn away this advertising turn away literally millions in revenue each month.

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EXPRESSING APPRECIATION

Christian citizens should find some way of expressing their appreciation to the publishing houses which refuse to display liquor ads. It would not be too much trouble, nor would it be too costly to sit down and write the magazines which you buy and express your appreciation if they do not carry liquor in their ad columns. Nor would it be too much trouble or too costly to express your disapproval to those which do carry the liquor ads.

The National Reform Association

has prepared a list of the sixty-four dry magazines and a list of the forty-six wets. You may have these lists for ten cents each. They also have prepared a set of "Approval" and "Disapproval" stickers which come in sheets of four stickers for as little as three cents per sheet. You simply tear a liquor ad out of a magazine, attach the sticker to it, mail in a three cent letter to the magazine which has offended. Or, you tear off the masthead from a dry magazine and attach an approval sticker and send the letter first class.

We believe that such a campaign in the nation would do more to stop the brazen and lying advertising which is going on than all the laws which congress "will" pass. Not all it could pass, true, but all it will pass. You must remember that liquor money is freely spent for and against laws, too. However, we suspect that such an appeal as we are making here will generally fall on deaf ears. People are just simply sitting down and accepting the liquor situation in this nation without trying to stop it. We believe that the readers of this editorial (if any) will simply lay this aside and do nothing about it. If you do feel moved, however, you may obtain full information on the sticker campaign by writing to the National Reform Association, 209 Ninth St., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. If this editor were a betting man, he would bet that you don't do it.

Rev. Ollie Latch

Surprise! Rev. Latch:

Surprise! Rev. Latch. I not only read it, but sent for the stickers and decided it would be well to share it with our **Gem** readers. Thank you.

—Mrs. Edwards

ALCOHOL UNDER THE CROSS

The Cross of Christ means more to us when we realize that every type of evil is to be seen around the foot of the Cross. All the elementary evils that torment mankind are there.

Had you realized that alcohol, and the subtle evil of alcohol, were there, presenting themselves as challenges to the Saviour? "And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not" (Mark 15: 23).

Myrrh, or gall, is a narcotic and has a stupefying effect. The alcohol, and the added narcotic, were provided to deaden the pain. Christ refused them both. One can say that Christ refused the wine and the myrrh because He desired to keep every faculty keen, that He might experience

and suffer all the pains of death in order to accomplish a complete and perfect redemption for us.

But, for us, the chief and vastly impressive lesson is that Christ refused to drink the narcotic potion, and thus the Cross becomes our ally in the fight against alcohol.

—Dr. Ralph C. Walker, Pastor,
Madison Avenue Baptist
Church, New York.

American Bible Society

Dear Friend:

"Inspiration has been the keynote of America's phenomenal growth. Inspiration has been the backbone of America's greatness. Inspiration has been the difference between defeat and victory in America's wars. And this inspiration has come from faith in God, faith in the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount, and faith in the belief that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God.

Reading the Holy Bible within the family circles is more important today than ever before. It gives each member a faith to live by.

As a small boy I sat at my mother's knee while she read the Bible to me and explained its meaning with stories as we went along. It served to make the bond of faith between us much stronger. Then, there were those wonderful nights when my father would gather the family around him and read aloud verses from the Bible. This led to family discussions which were interesting, lively and informative. Those wonderful sessions left with me an imprint of the power of faith and the power of prayer which has sustained me in trying moments throughout my entire life."

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F. B. I.

CRUSADERS CREED

"I shall fear the Lord and lean my heart unto Him for understanding.

"I shall let integrity and principle be my watchword, and I shall seek subtility of the Lord as I go forth to meet mine enemies.

"I shall be safe and constantly comforted in the wisdom, understanding and counsel of the Lord.

"I shall loathe and vomit at egotism and conceit.

"I shall glory in the fact that when God is for me, no one can prevail against me.

"I shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make me FREE."

—Family Visitor

Letter From Dan Cronk

Dear Friends:

As all good things must necessarily end so also must this very pleasant time at home. Many of the things we had hoped to do remain undone and we haven't even been able to see all of you. As we looked ahead to more than a full year at home we thought that there would be time for everything which we wished to do but the time passed all too quickly. Still our hearts beat a little faster as we think of how soon we will be back in India.

We praise the Lord for all His abundant "extras" to us this year, for giving Randy to us, for giving us good health, for providing for all our needs and for loving friends who have made our furlough so pleasant. We want to recommend to all youngsters who are looking for something to be foreign missionaries—on furlough.

We want to thank everyone of you for your prayers and for everything you have done to make this year a joyous experience.

We thank those of you who have had a part in making it possible for us to go to school this winter to prepare ourselves for a little more effective service in India.

We felt that the Lord would have us make this effort but we couldn't see how it would be possible but we started in trusting Him to provide and He has provided, through you friends, enough extra gifts to meet our school tuition and to pay for the car that gets us around to the meetings. We thank you very much.

Since we were unable to get passage on a boat from New York, we will have to fly to England on June the 16th. We will leave England on the boat "Corfu" on June 22 and arrive in Bombay on July 8th.

The Lord is still working in India. Carlisle writes of recent conversions and baptisms in a new village and this has given us added encouragement as we start back. We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed and used Carlisle and Marie and we trust Him with them for many more blessings to come.

We request your prayers and increased interest in India. Still there is vast opportunity for winning souls to Christ. While the government is making it increasingly hard for new missionaries to get to India, it seems likely that the old missionaries will be allowed to stay indefinitely. But in case we too, have to leave, the Lord still has his Church there and He is adding to that Church daily. Pray for the Indian Church. Pray for revival among its members. Pray for the

young men who must lead. Pray definitely and regularly. Pray for the missionaries who remain that we may be the kind of inspiration that this young Church needs in these trying times.

Now as we go we bid you a fond farewell and pray that the Lord will keep on blessing your service for Him here at home. Some from among us will go on to be with Him before we meet again. For them it will be glory and for all who remain there is the unfinished task. . . .

Lovingly in Him
Dan, Trula and Randy

How I Found Christ

(Testimony of a Japanese Christian)

NOTE: (The following is the testimony of a lady, about 36 years old, who was converted through the feeble efforts of our missionary activities in our community. She has such a wonderful testimony that I wanted you to be able to rejoice with me concerning her new found love for the true God. At the time of her conversion we were conducting the meetings in our garage. Since then we have been having the regular Sunday night meeting in her home. She seems to be growing in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Please pray that she will remain true to Him.)

Wesley Calvery

One night after supper I heard a beautiful melody of a hymn through the window when I was washing dishes in the kitchen. At that time my heart was stirred and filled with a certain inspiration. I thought I could not stand still so I stopped washing dishes, notwithstanding there were some dishes which I had to do. Then I went to the meeting place close to my house without even taking my apron off. This is the meeting that Mr. and Mrs. Calvery began in May of last year.

I had been troubled with many problems and yet I had been unable to solve them before I knew of the meeting. There was neither true peace nor satisfaction in my heart. My life was really miserable. However, God did not forsake me, who was a sinner and against His will, but led me to Him. When I began to attend the meetings at first: I liked to sing songs rather than to study the Bible, because it made me so happy to sing. But it was only while I was singing in the meeting with other people that I felt happiness. Therefore, I was still troubled and unhappy. My heart was full of misery and desires of the flesh. I continued to live in the same way even after I began going to the meet-

ing. Oh, but praise the Lord, He talked to me and touched my heart by His word, love and power through the person who was the leader of the meeting. I recognized that I was a sinner to be judged and so I had to confess that I needed a Saviour. Over six months have passed since I was saved. I have learned to understand God's love increasingly. I give thanks to God because He keeps me in His great mercy and joy which is given to those only that believe in Him.

Praise the Lord. I have been upheld by God since I was saved. I was so weak and feeble that I could not but stumble if there was not God's help. Day by day I'm studying the scripture with victory. May God give me strong faith and guide me every moment. I give all the thanks to God and have great joy in Him.

—Mrs. Haseyo Horii

From The Field

Dear Bro. Riggs:

This \$15.72 is offering from our Eldridge, Ala., F.W.B. Church. We placed the offering in the Home treasury so as to write a check and save M.O. fee. We are small but we feel good to do a little for all of our enterprises.

W. F. Ryland, Pastor,
Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Springdale, Ark.

Rev. Lewis Barker:

The Phillips Chapel F.W.B. Church of the Old Mt. Zion Association, is sending a small offering for the Foreign Mission Work.

We received a letter from Bro. Riggs telling us that Easter Sunday had been designated as Foreign Mission Sunday, and the Phillips Chapel Church wants to help carry the Gospel to all the World.

I don't know if you are the one that we should send this offering to or not, but we wanted the State to get credit for it and I didn't know anyone else to send it to. So if you aren't the one, please send it on.

—Tommie Day

Pamplicxo, S. C.

Dear Mr. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of (\$38.70) Thirty-eight dollars and seventy cents for Foreign Missions, which we received as a special offering at the Pre-Easter week of prayer from Beulah F.W.B. Church Auxiliary. \$10.00 earmarked to Mrs.

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Mission to Mexico

By Damon C. Dodd

Our newest venture in Home Missions is Mexico. This Country offers one of the most challenging mission fields of our present day and especially to Free Will Baptists. Its close proximity to the United States makes it easily accessible and the facility of travel—by train, plane, or bus—puts one in close touch with any part of the country. Entrance restrictions are most reasonable, the Mexican Government requiring only personal proof of American Citizenship and small-pox vaccinations not more than three year old. In lieu of the vaccination, a recent test showing the last vaccination to still be effective is acceptable. A tourist permit, good for six months, is granted and one may enter Mexico.

The Mexican Constitution regulates church organizations in the country and states that "places of public worship are the property of the nation as represented by the federal government, which shall determine which of them may continue to devote to their present purpose". The constitution also stipulates that "State legislatures are given the power to determine the maximum number of ministers of religious creeds, according to the needs of each locality, and only a Mexican by birth may be a minister of any religion".

It is to be noted also that religious schools and institutions are barred. On this point the constitution states, "Public and private charitable institutions, for sick and needy, for scientific research, or for the effusion of knowledge may not be under the patronage, direction, administration, charge or supervision of religious sects or their institutions, nor of ministers of any religious sect or their dependents, even though the former of the latter shall not be in service".

All of this gives a coloring of the impossible to our challenging Mexico task. And a task it really is. There are 30 million people in Mexico and only 250,000 of them are Christians. It is estimated that 425 protestant missionaries are working there, which means one missionary to 71,000 population. The ratio of missionary to people is more staggering in view of the severe restrictions under which the Gospel must be preached. What, then, is the answer?

The dilemma has been partially solved by stationing missionaries in the American border towns and sending them in on short excursions to reach the towns nearby. This is the method which we are presently using. In this way we are serving two Mexi-

can towns, Monterrey and Jiminez.

Monterrey is located south of Laredo and west of McAllen, Texas, in the state of Nuevo de Leon. It is an important and busy city and the center of trade for the state of Nuevo de Leon. Our Free Will Baptist Mission has an attendance of 55—60 and has been in operation about two years. The Mexican pastor is Juan Lopez. Rev. Lopez carries on a small rural mission near Monterrey as well as the work in the city, and for all of his work he receives no pay whatever. In fact, he actually supports the work out of his own earnings as a day laborer, paying rent on the building in town and providing for its upkeep. Recently the church in N. Belmont, North Carolina, of which Rev. Ralph Staten is pastor, volunteered to underwrite the rent for the building, which is 100 pesos Mexican (\$12.50 American) per month, as well as \$10 per month toward the support of the pastor. This church is to be commended most highly for this wonderful gesture, and especially so, since they were already sending \$40 per month to support two national workers on foreign fields.

Our other Free Will Baptist Mission is in Jiminez, Mexico. This town of 700 people is south of Eagle Pass, Texas, in the Mexican state of Coahuila. The pastor, German Rodriguez, is assisted in the work by deacon Guadalupe Rodriguez. The attendance ranges from 35 to 45 and is growing slowly. This is the only protestant church in town and one of the very few in the entire area. It reaches many of the rural people who have not before had a chance to hear the Gospel. The pastor receives nothing for his services and supports himself and family by day labor. The group is building an adobe church and are having a struggle financially to keep going.

Piedras Negras, Mexico, a thriving city of 25,000 is situated in Coahuila, just across the Rio Grande river from Eagle Pass. This is a needy city spiritually, since there are few protestant churches there. Like Monterrey, it is the commercial and social capital of its state and offers a real challenge to us in our missionary program. We are told that a Free Will Baptist Church could easily be established there, as well as in the small rural communities surrounding it.

These are our immediate prospects in Mexico. We have two missionaries, Rev. James Timmons and Miss Bessie Yeley, and the three national workers, Rev. Juan Lopez, Rev. German Rodriguez and Deacon Guadalupe Rodri-

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Missions On the Home Front

By Damon C. Dodd

Wenatchee, Washington:

The first Free Will Baptist Churches ever to be set up in the state of Washington are slated for organization this spring. Rev. J. J. Postlewaite, Home Missionary to Washington and Oregon, has made the initial contacts in three cities where there are Free Will Baptist families and reports that first response from each place was most encouraging. Mr. Postlewaite is moving from Milton-Freewater, Oregon, to Wenatchee, Wash., so as to be in closer contact with the new fields. The missionary is also eyeing prospects in Washington's atomic city, Richlands, where there are good possibilities for a Free Will Baptist Church in the not-too distant future.

Milton-Freewater, Oregon:

The Free Will Baptist Church in Milton-Freewater has called Rev. William McClintock, Detroit, Michigan, as pastor, to take over the work vacated by Rev. Postlewaite, who has moved to Washington. Mr. McClintock is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and has been going to school and working in Detroit since finishing at Nashville. He will serve as pastor of the church, and will be in the employ of the church. This is a new group and they are to be commended for being able so soon to take over their own support.

Shelton, Nebraska:

The Free Will Baptist Church in Shelton, Nebraska, reports renewed interest, brought about by turning over the Sunday evening services to the young people of the church. Rev. G. C. Lee, Jr., missionary, also writes that Elm Island Church is coming along well and that the outlook in Nebraska is bright. The Shelton church is two years old; the Elm Island Church was the only remaining Free Will Baptist Church in Nebraska when Mr. and Mrs. Lee went there as home missionaries two years ago.

Juneau, Alaska:

Word from the Commissioner of Education of Alaska informs us that there are school teaching positions open in all three districts of Alaska to qualified persons. The minimum requirements are 90 hours from an accredited college, with at least 16 hours in education or related courses. The Home Mission Board is anxious to contact persons interested in going to Alaska as school teacher-missionary. Information relative to ap-

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CHURCH ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Dear Editor

Will you please publish the following information for the benefit of those near our church:

First Free Will Baptist Church
2400 Federal Street
El Paso, Texas
Rev. A. F. Pierce, Pastor
Telephone: 6-1300

(This church is located near the Biggs Field Air Base, Ft. Bliss, and White Sands Proving Grounds)

FIRST CHURCH NEWS

Flat River, Mo.

The Women's Mission of the First church of Fiat River, sponsored a special program of prayer during the week of March 26-30. The prayer hour was observed at 10:00 A. M. The program was well attended and each day included a topic, songs, personal testimonies, and much prayer.

On March 22, starting at 6 P. M., our church entered a 24 hour chain of prayer. The prayers that went up during this time will have a lasting effect on all who participated. It gave each one a new glimpse of Christ on the cross. A new feeling of humility possessed us. We may not see here the results of all these prayers, but most important of all, we were blessed of the Lord in giving us one soul in response to the prayers.

May God bless you all.

—Mrs. Marian Wilson, Cor.

S. S. CONVENTION AT SOUTH SIDE

The convention composed of the Greater St. Louis area churches was well attended when it convened at South Side Church Saturday, April 7, with the following churches participating. They were Richwoods, Wellston, Third, Crystal City, Fourth and Berkeley City. There were also eight ministers present.

A business session and election of officers was held. Bro Logsdon was re-elected Preident, Bro. Loy Smith was elected Vice-President and Gene Francis Secretary.

An interseting and I'm sure a helpful talk on "How to build a Sunday School" was made by our Superintendent Bro. James Langley.

Refreshments were served in the basement of the church. A good time in the Lord was had by everyone attending.

—Louise Davis, Cor.

The heaviest crosses which many of us carry are the crosses of our own making.

GREETINGS FROM RICHWOODS

We are very happy to report the dear Lord is still blessing us with showers of blessings here a Richwoods. We thank and praise Him for all the things He has done for us here.

We had a joyful Easter. We began our day with Sunrise service. A large crowd was in attendance to hear our pastor, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, bring us a short message on "Our Risen Lord." There followed an hour of fellowship and the ladies of the church served doughnuts and coffee. Then an egg hunt for the children.

We gathered back in the church for Sunday School with 151 present. (This broke our previous record of 122, and brought back to our minds memores of seventeen and a half years ago, when we began our Sunday School with 34 present under a slab arbor.) Our hearts were made to rejoice to see how the Lord has blessed us through the years.

At the eleven o'clock service, we were privileged to hear Rev. Woodrow Messex of St. Louis preach from the subject: "Resurrection of Our Lord."

At 2:30 in the afternoon, we gathered at the water's edge to witness our pastor administer the ordinance of baptism to twelve candidates. The regular evening worship was a great blessing also. Church fellowship privileges were extended and nine came forward to unite with the church.

So you see why we say we had a joyful Easter. We left the church determined to do more for the Lord and our church in the future, than we ever have in the past. Pray for us.

—Sophie Ackerson, Cor.

HOME? NOT YET

When the late Dr. Henry C. Morrison came home from one of his many travels, we are told that he arrived in the City of New York at the same time and on the same ship that brought the great "Teddy" Roosevelt home from one of his hunting trips to Africa. Literally thousands swarmed the docks to greet the noted hunter, but not a soul was there to welcome Dr. Morrison. Dr. Morrison relates how Satan, the accuser whispered to him, "Ha, see how they greet the men of the world and you—one of God's preachers—without a single soul to greet you." This man of God admitted that in the loneliness of his heart there could have been place for hurt, but the Father sweetly whispered, "Yes, but Henry, you are not home yet."

—Selected

THE BIBLE CAKE

1 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup syrup, 2 teaspoons honey, 6 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, 3 1/2 cups cake flour, 1 cup corn meal, 2 heaping teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup figs, 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon cloves.

Cream butter, sugar, syrup, and honey. Beat eggs until frothy. Add milk to eggs, then combine with the creamed mixture and beat thoroughly. Sift together first part of flour with baking powder. Add meal, mix with the first ingredients, raisins and figs. (Chop, and flour raisins and figs before adding). Add spices last.

Beat for two (2) minutes.

Bake at 375 degrees for thirty (30) minutes.

Contributed by: Mrs. Alma Robinson.

N A E IS FAITH IN ACTION

The National Association of Evangelicals was organized in 1942 to serve all Bible believing Christians at the inter-denominational level. Providing a means of co-operation without compromise, it now represents 37 complete denominations, individual churches from some 40 other groups, many Bible schools, colleges and seminaries, ministerial fellowships and evangelistic organizations as well as individual Christians. The actual membership now numbers more than one and one-half million with a service constituency through the commissions and agencies shown below of more than ten million.

The N. A. E. is not another denomination or church; it is not an organic union of churches; nor is it a means of exercising control or authority over any constituents.

The N. A. E. is a voluntary association of evangelical churches, denominations, schools, organizations and individuals. Through the headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, the National office in Washington, D. C. and the various regional offices essential services are provided for the freedom of the Gospel around the world.

Have you heard of the two Ladies aids? One was perpetually short of money. It collected 10c monthly dues of its members, then cumbered itself like Martha, putting on bazaars and dinners. The other was noted for raising and spending gigantic sums for missions. It pressed free-will offerings "as unto the Lord." God likes only heartily proffered funds.

—Today

CORRECTION

The sermon entitled "The Next Great Event" in the April issue of the GEM was written by Rev. Eugene Waddell of Timmons ville, South Carolina. Due to oversight no mention was made of the writer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The St. Francois County Sunday School Convention met with the Leadington church on Sunday afternoon, April 29th.

The program consisted of congregational singing conducted by Rev. Dean Burpo; special music, two numbers by Sue Dane and Lewis Miller and one number by Harold McDonald; business conducted by the president, Mr. Austin Boyd; several numbers by a combined Junior Choir directed by Ruth Ragsdale; a Bible quiz conducted by Mrs. Eunice Edwards; topic by Doris Spradlin; Sword Drill conducted by Agness Smith.

The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mr. Dain Ward, Vice-President, Mr. Leon Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Burpo, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jean Blakely.

The next meeting will be held with the Alsbury Church.

PROGRAM

Program of the Southeast Missouri Minister's Conference when convened with Coppermines Free Will Baptist Church, May 19, 1956, 10:00 A. M., (standard time).

- 10:00 A. M. Devotions,—Rev. Leslie Logsdon.
- 10:20 A. M.—Business.
- 11:00 A. M. Message,—Rev. James Franklin.
- 12:00 Noon—Lunch.
- 1:15 P. M. Devotions—Rev. H. C. Beasley.
- 1:30 P. M. Open Forum—Rev. Harvey Hill. (presiding)
- 2:30 P. M. Election of Officers.
- 2:45 P. M. Adjournment.

HOW TO KILL, EMBALM, AND BURY A SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If it is too wet or too dry or too cold or too hot, stay home.
4. When you come, be sure to find fault.
5. Refuse every invitation to help.
6. Do not take any part in the service.
7. Do not encourage the officers; they don't need it.

8. Tell the officers and teachers how to run the school; they want to know.

9. Put five cents in the collection.

10. Believe everything you hear without investigation.

11. Wear a sour-face so as to show your disapproval of everything that is going on.

12. Rush out of the house as soon as the school is closed without speaking to anyone.

—Taken from the "Free Will Baptist"

JAPANESE INCOME TAX

MNS April 1, 1956

In recent months many evangelicals have been interested in seeing what would eventually be done about income tax on foreigners living in Japan. Under the agreement which expired last December 31st all foreigners living in Japan (including missionaries and all other Americans) had to report their income received. They were exempt up to 50 per cent of their income, to a total of approximately \$9,000.

Mission boards working in Japan have waited with interest to know what income tax requirements will be in the future. The latest report is that the Cabinet has recommended to the Diet that income tax be levied only against funds paid in Japan, or funds sent to Japan, including those funds brought to Japan by check from abroad. It is recommended that in 1957 the income tax be based on 60 per cent of the income, and in 1958, on 70 per cent of the income. Beyond that, no recommendations have been made. It is anticipated that the Diet will pass these recommendations.

This would not help missionaries to any great extent. Americans of higher salary brackets would benefit, because they would need to bring to Japan only that part of their salary which is actually needed for housing, food, clothing, etc., and could retain in the United States all funds for paying insurance, education of children, savings, etc. Since missionaries receive a net salary which barely covers the cost of living, it would all have to be brought to Japan in order to live, and thus would all be subject to taxation. Further study will be given this matter, once the picture is clarified.

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OBSTACLES FOR MEXICAN CONGREGATIONS

In Mexico a congregation of evangelical Indians has been required, by law, to pay one thousand pesos (approximately \$81.00) for permission

to hold worship services in its own church building.

Mexican law requires that when a church has erected a building for worship, the titles to that property must be given to the government. Thus, the government owns all the church buildings in the country. The law further provides that the government will, in turn, give written permission to hold public services in the building.

The Mexican Indian Mission reports that this permission is due to be granted one of its congregations—but the congregation will have to pay for it. Three other groups have recently faced the same problem. At Huau-chinango, Cuautempan and Zongozotla, the believers, with much sacrifice and difficulty, raised the money to pay for permission to hold services in their new church buildings.

—From EFMA

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Southeast Missouri League Convention convened April 21 with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River, Mo. Fifteen churches were represented, with a total attendance of 289. The Third Church of St. Louis retained the banner for the third consecutive time for having the largest number of leaguers present. Their attendance was 49.

Rev. Harry Asher, the president, presided over the meeting. Rev. John Rogers led in the opening prayer, and Sis. Logsdon read the devotional scripture.

The program consisted of special songs from the various Leagues represented, an interesting topic presented by Miss Doris Spradlin of the Leadington Church on "Youth's Place in the Church," and the business meeting.

The Convention was concluded by a play presented by the young people of the host church. The play, "This Is My Church," was enjoyed by all and was an inspiration to every church member.

Rev. Ben Scott dismissed the Convention in prayer.

The next Convention will be held at the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, on July 21st.

—Glenda Barks, Secretary.

A rattlesnake, if cornered, will become so angry it will bite itself. That is exactly what the harboring of hate and resentment against others is—a biting of oneself. We think we are harming others in holding these spite and hates, but the deeper harm is to ourselves. —E. Stanley Jones

Woman's Auxiliary

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

We are sending this check of \$10 for the Co-Labors Fund, to you, so that we will get recognition for it in the **Gem**. I hope that it doesn't cause too much trouble.

Thank you very much,

Shirley Byrd, Sec.-Treas.,
Joplin Auxiliary.

(We are happy to acknowledge your gift in the **Gem**.)

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Free Will Baptist Gem Readers:

An announcement I would like for you to publish in our paper:

I am free to go anywhere, anytime. I want my time to be God's time and if any of our churches want work done, either revival effort or pastoral, I am willing and ready to go if God go with me and so direct.

Pray for me. My heart burns within me to work somewhere.

Your Brother and His Servant,
Don McCoy, 4829 Byram Ford Road, Kansas City, Mo. Telephone WA-31234.

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Mrs. Edwards:

Enclosed you will find check for our special offering for foreign missions (\$101.77) that was taken at our church on Easter Sunday.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Willa Mae Barker, Treas.
Fellowship Church

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NEOSHO AUXILIARY MEETS

The Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Sarah Davidson. Scripture reading was from Ephesians 2:8-10, read by Mrs. Virginia Pogue. The Year Book program was studied and then refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. There were 10 members present, one visitor, and the pastor, Rev. James McCully.

—Mrs. Dorothy Childress, Reporter

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KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY REPORTS

The Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Lillian Wood, with nine members and four children present. Devotional reading was given by Mrs. Alta Mikel, followed with prayer led by Mrs. McElhinney. After the business period, the Year Book study was enjoyed, with topics given by Fern Fortney, Betty Swisher, Lillian Wood and Alta Mikel.

Benediction by Mrs. Velma Wellman.

Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Lee Darr, with Mrs. Myrtle Jones serving as co-hostess.

—Mrs. Russell Wellman, Reporter

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NEW CHURCH AT ALTON

The Free Will Baptists have organized a church here in Alton and built a new church building. If any of you brothers or sisters could send us a donation, we would appreciate it very much. Send your offerings to:

Mrs. Josie Bailey,
Alton, Missouri

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WEEK OF PRAYER AT COPPERMINES

The Auxiliary observed the Pre-Easter week of prayer. We concluded the week by presenting a program to the church. The program consisted of singing, scripture reading, prayer, and special numbers. The program was concluded with the presentation of two short playlets: "Aunt Martha Wins the Victory", and "He Is Risen." An offering of \$23.63 was received for foreign missions.

—Mrs. Norma Hovis, Reporter

RE-EVALUATION

Probably not since the martyrdom in China, of missionaries John and Betty Stam on December 8, 1934 has anything stirred the Christian world as the massacre by the South American Auka Indians, of the five missionaries on January 8. These men were married and all but one had small children. They possessed a deep burden for this tribe of "barbarians" and made very thorough, ingenious, and remarkable preparations for an entrance into their territory. Two days after the first friendly contact was made, they returned and made specific preparation for an all-out attempt to reach these Indians. Within hours their bodies were all pierced with lances, mutilated with machettes and thrown in the nearby Cururay River.

This incident brings us to a place of re-evaluation, not only of our personal lives, but in the activities of our auxiliary. Somehow, the new air conditioners we provided the church do not seem so necessary. Somehow, the money raising projects, so thoughtfully planned, have lost their appeal. Hours spent in planning interesting socials and suppers bring a haunting sense of spiritual delinquency from the more vital tasks of the auxiliary.

The W.N.A.C. adopted, as a project, sending out a missionary in the "person" of visual aid equipment. The Cronks plan to take these needed materials with them when they return to India in June, 1956. Most of the states have been faithful in sending their quotas, but you may have been negligent since you thought you had several months yet.

But the time is NOW!

The states who have been using the Indian Convention as a publicity aid will be interested to know that the South Carolina Convoy reached India first. Congratulations, So. Carolina!

Send all offerings to W.N.A.C., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

BERKELEY AUXILIARY MEETS

The Auxiliary met on April 24th with eight members present. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Cantrell. The program from the Year Book was carried out. Mrs. Avery DeWitt gave a very interesting topic in which she observed: "That if Christians would live up to their privileges, the church would be in revival all the time." We are planning a youth revival in June. We pray that there will be many souls saved.

The youth are sponsoring a Ham supper and Minstrel on May 19th. The proceeds will be used for the building. We give thanks to our pastor and Mrs. DeWitt for sponsoring our young people. The Women's Auxiliary Workshop is to be here at our church, May 9th. We invite all the ladies to come and worship with us. I believe you will receive a blessing by attending the Workshop.

Mrs. Floyd Cantrell, Cor.

A twelve year old boy was an important witness in a lawsuit. One of the lawyers, after cross-examining him severely said:

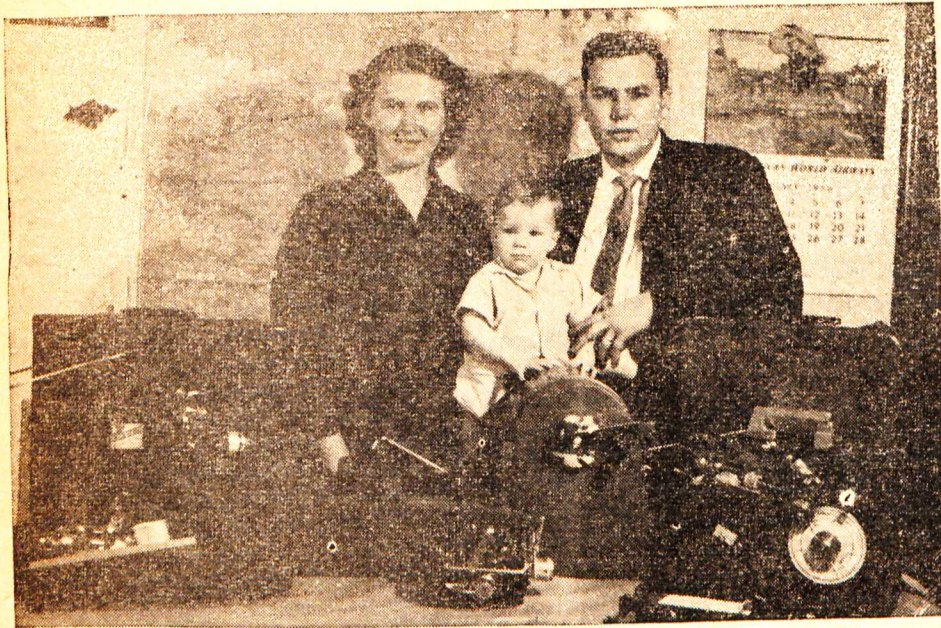
"Your father has been telling you how to testify, hasn't he?"

"Yes," said the boy.

"Now," said the lawyer, "just tell us how your father told you to testify."

"Well," he said modestly, "father told me the lawyers would try to tangle me in my testimony, but if I would just be careful to tell the truth, I could repeat the same thing every time."

If people would just speak the truth, they would not have to spend so much time trying to remember what they had previously said.



Missionaries Have Visual Equipment; Auxiliaries Urged to Finish Drive

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Shown in the picture, above are Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk and their son, James Randall, with the visual aid equipment which has been provided by the Woman's Auxiliaries for them to use in their missionary work when they return to India in June.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention adopted the project last July and invited the women over the denomination to help in raising the \$1,000 needed to purchase the equipment. Included in the items are projectors, cameras, mimeograph machine, tape recorder, and an amplifying system. All of it is designed for use where electricity is not available.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronk have been in the United States on furlough after serving one term in North India. They will return to their field in June.

Of the \$1,000 goal set by the WNAC, nearly \$700 had been raised up to March 22. Eight states had reached their quotas, with five of them going over the amount asked. State standings are as follows:

	Quota	Paid	Balance
Alabama	\$ 45.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 23.00
Arkansas	20.00	36.75	
California	45.00	10.00	35.00
Florida	25.00	25.00	
Georgia	60.00	70.00	
Illinois	30.00	3.70	26.30
Kentucky	20.00	25.00	
Michigan	60.00	68.25	
Mississippi	25.00	14.20	10.80
Missouri	100.00	69.85	30.15
North Carolina	175.00	15.00	160.00
Ohio	20.00	20.00	
Oklahoma	100.00	79.50	20.50
South Carolina	80.00	125.55	
Tennessee	100.00	62.00	38.00
Texas	55.00	5.00	50.00
Virginia	20.00	20.00	
West Virginia	20.00		20.00

Workshop Outline

THEME: Knowing How

Purpose: "That thou mayest know how...." (1 Tim. 3:15).

- 9:30 A. M. Registration.
- 10:00 A. M. Hymns.
- 10:10 A. M. Devotional.
- 10:20 A. M. "Know Them which labor among you". (1 Thess. 5:12).

Recognition of officers, speakers, auxiliaries.

- 10:30 A. M. "Know How to Plan Challenging Programs".
- 10:45 A. M. "Know How to Publicize".
- 10:55 A. M. "The Know How of Vacation Bible Schools".
- 11:10 A. M. "Know How to Win Souls"—Playlet.
- 11:30 A. M. Special number in song. Missionary Message.
- 12:00 A. M. Benediction.

"Know your Publications and Literature"

Display table.

- 1:15 P. M. Devotional.

"Teach Me to Pray, Lord"—special song.

Lord's Prayer in Unison.

Departmental Sessions

- "That thou mayest know how"—To Lead an Auxiliary.
- To Enlist and Promote
- To Foster Youth Auxiliary
- To Conduct an Interesting Study Course
- To Emphasize Stewardship-Prayer
- To Direct Personal Service
- To Keep Accurate Records
- Reports

- 2:15 P. M. Assembly

Announcements
Adjourn

Knowing How

"—that thou mayest know how—", wrote Paul in 1 Timothy 3:16 to the leaders of the early church—the elders, deacons and their wives—that they might Know How to become better leaders in the house of God.

In order to realize the most from their efforts, Woman's Auxiliary workers must Know How to accomplish the task that has been given them.

Much time, effort, and money has been wasted in auxiliaries in the past because of inefficient officers and workers. We need to Know How to win souls. We need to Know How to enlist indifferent women not only in

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YOUTH'S PLACE IN THE CHURCH

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salvation and our wonderful Saviour. By testifying of this before other Christians, we are not only praising the Lord, but making it easier to tell sinners the same.

There is also the special activities designed for the youth, such as the GTA and YPA, to say nothing of the DVBS. Young people are reached here that never attend the other services.

Most churches have a Junior Choir. This gives an added attraction to the service as well as teaching the very young the joy of singing for Jesus. Children don't always go home and tell the lesson, but they will be quick to sing a new song they have learned and thereby tell the gospel story. Such activity gives them an opportunity to sing while their voices are young and sweet. It is hard for an older person who knows nothing of music, to learn to sing well.

Spirited singing is important to any service and the younger people put their full zeal into singing. The singing sounds better if one is trained to sing. Although it is most important to sing in the Spirit, it also helps if the singing is on key.

The young people should take part in the outside work of the church. They can visit the sick, advertise the revivals, take part in plays, pageants, give topics, invite people to service, and do personal soul-winning.

So you see, even though youth does not hold a great position in the church such as the pastor or deacon, they do have a place and it is not a small place. Youth needs to be helped to fill their place as much as any other age group in the church.

I close with the following poem:

Youth Dedication

I am youth, I look ahead
Into the days of coming years.
I'm not alone, I'm unafraid
Of all the warnings and the fears.
The hopeless tales that I am told
By pessimistic prophets here
Of what the future years will hold
Of what there is for me to fear.
I hear them not, for they are wrong
My world will be a happy one.
I make my own life, weak or
strong,

And fearing not, my work is done.

Unafraid and not alone,
I face the world they painted grim.
I pledge my time and all I own
And all my life I live for Him.
Into the distant time to be
I see that hope is burning strong
I see my Lord awaiting me,

And seeing, follow with a song.
Oh, Lord, to Thee I dedicate
My life and all that I would be.
Into Thy hands I place my fate
And having faith, I'll live for Thee.

(Author unknown)

Surely, if young people would say to the Lord what is contained in this little poem, and older people were willing to help them, the youth would be able to find their place in the church and truly fill it well

(Editor's Note: This topic was given at the Southeast Missouri League Convention and was so thoroughly enjoyed that I want to share it through the printed page.

Miss Spradlin is a member of the Leadington, Senior League, and is one of their most faithful members.

The Convention was held at the First Church in Flat River, April 21, 1956. There was the largest crowd present in the history of the Convention.)

FROM THE FIELD

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Josephine Stevens; \$6.00 to Miss Laura Belle Barnard; \$10.00 to the Hannas. Give the rest the way you see best, give South Carolina credit for this. We are trying to help witness for him, Jesus in giving our little.

—Mrs. G. D. Jones
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Merrimon, N. C.

Dear Mr. Riggs:

During the Pre-Easter week of prayer sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary and Young People's Auxiliary an offering was received. We decided to send this offering to the Foreign Mission Board, to be used for whatever it is needed most. Enclosed money order \$16.00.

—Marie Cannon
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Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find offering of \$10.78 from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Oak Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, for the Foreign Mission Board.

—Miss Barbara Beverly
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Charleston Heights, S. C.

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed you will find a money order for five dollars (\$5.00) from the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church Charleston, S. C.

The money was raised through our birthday offering plan, its not much but we pray the Lord will use it for

his glory. The money is to be applied to the Hersey's fund.

—J. D. Granger, S. S. Supt.

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Zillah, Wash.

Hello to the Riggs Family:

For months we have intended to write and tell you how much we appreciate the news letters.

So far we have been unable to find a church to our liking here in the State of Washington, especially here at Zillah. We have been worshipping with the Nazarene people, but don't go along with their doctrine; therefore we don't enjoy the services or get too much out of them. There are six churches in Zillah: Southern Baptist, Episcopal, Church of Christ, Nazarene, Assembly of God and Grace Lutheran. No Free Will Baptist, the one we would like most to have listed.

The population of this valley are people from Mo., Ark., Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. And they like us, are starving spiritually for the kind of religious services we had in our home states. The singing here is hymns, which are good, but not our kind.

We are hoping and praying for a church here in the valley near enough for us to attend and enjoy fellowship with people that understand the Bible like we do.

We are having wonderful weather now, which we appreciate very much after the long cold winter.

Our children are growing up fast. Jerry, our oldest son married Dec. 8. Janice is 14, and Sally Jo is 7, a beginner in school this year.

We would like very much to see and visit with you people again, and re-live again some of the good times we have had in the past, especially to hear once more some of the good singing and preaching.

We are sending a little love offering. Use it where you think it would be needed most as you know better than we do.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ,
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cates

LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

Country folk, many years ago, taking their produce to town on market day, usually tied up each suckling pig in its individual bag—a pig in a poke. And some unscrupulous tricksters hit on the notion of substituting an occasional cat, hoping the potential buyers would not open every bag for inspection. When, however, a cautious customer insisted on seeing the contents of the poke, untied the string, and there was no shoat within, he was said to "let the cat out of the bag."

MISSIONS ON THE HOME FRONT

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plication forms, salary, etc., will be sent on request. This is an open door for Free Will Baptists into Alaska and we must take advantage of it.

Washington, D. C.:

Information reaching us from the Department of Indian Affairs points out that there are openings for school-teachers and nurses on the Indian Reservations in the United States. These positions are classified as Civil Service jobs and carry a corresponding Civil Service Grade. Here again are possibilities of teachers and nurses doing missionary work in connection with their official duties.

Nashville, Tennessee:

Letters are going out soon from the Home Mission office in Nashville, requesting gifts of \$10 each from at least 200 persons for the purpose of paying off the loan which the Board had to take last December in order to keep up the Home Mission program. This note will be due in June of this year and every effort is being made to pay it off in full even before it comes due. Please do your part in helping to make this possible. If you do not receive a personal request by letter, please consider this as your invitation to share in the victory with us, by sending your check or money order for \$10 for this cause.

Tampa, Florida:

Miss Bessie Yeley left here March 15th for Pearsall, Texas, where she will work with the Mexican mission in Laredo and Eagle Pass, Texas. The Central Free Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Missionary Robert Wilfong in charge, reports four decisions for Christ recently. This church serves both Americans and Cubans in Tampa, near the Cuban settlement of Ybor City.

El Paso, Texas:

Rev. A. F. Pierce writes the following corrections on the new church in El Paso. "The church was organized with 13 instead of 35 charter members and has now grown to 26 members. Instead of Rev. Wayne Wegman being the pastor, it is Rev. A. F. Pierce, Box 3557, Station A, El Paso, Texas."

A survey of 50,000 New York City high school children showed that two thirds of them had never heard of the Ten Commandments, according to a testimony before a Senate sub-committee. —Selected.

MISSIONS TO MEXICO

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quez. This staff is pitifully small but it is all we can afford financially at this time. We are looking forward to the time when we will have at least 12 American missionaries to assign to this field.

What are our needs? Briefly, here they are:

1. An additional \$25 per month for the pastor in Monterrey. This would make a salary of \$35 per month for him.

2. A salary of \$25 per month for the pastor in Jiminez.

3. At least \$150 to complete the church now under construction in Jiminez.

4. 24 churches to give \$10 a month to underwrite the salary and house rent for Rev. James Timmons, one of our missionaries to Mexico.

5. Above all things, 100,000 prayer warriors to pray daily for the success of this work.

6. Missionary volunteers to go to Mexico and give themselves wholeheartedly to the task of seeking out the lost.

If you or your church, league group, Sunday School class, Woman's Auxiliary, Y.P.A., G.T.A., or any other group can help the Home Mission Board meet many of the above needs, please let us hear from you. Our address is 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

KNOWING HOW

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auxiliary membership but in active service. We need to Know How to lead and inspire our youth to a high plane of missionary giving and living; to know how to present spiritual, purposeful programs; to conduct interesting study courses; and to lead our women in planned personal service for the spiritual and physically needy in their communities.

Often we fail, not because we do not wish to accomplish great things for the Master, but because we simply do not know how. A good auxiliary officer must be made to realize the importance of her job and then needs to be shown how to lead others.

Those who Know Not and Know that they Know Not can be greatly helped to become more efficient leaders by attending their district or state workshop. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Mrs. Paul Pursell

Study Chairman, WNAC

Join The Church Plan**HOW TO HANDLE AN ALIBI**

For the past years I have tried to keep a mental list of the excuses that have been offered to me for not going to church. During the last nine years, I don't think I have heard a new one.... You wouldn't believe some of the excuses that have been given by people with perfectly straight faces! Perhaps they think that preachers, when they enter the ministry, take a vow to believe everything they hear.

A pastor in Dayton Beach, Florida, had a good idea. In a recent bulletin he ran a check list; across the top were words, "I cannot attend church services because:" And then..... "Please check." Following are some reasons that a person can check: "Too busy. Golf. Pleasure trip. Company. Fishing. Disinterest. Watching TV program. Need to rest." And then there is this instruction across the bottom: "Please tear off and mail to God."

—Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

JUDGING THE CHURCH

The church is not to be judged by the frailties or failures of its members. The church is to be judged for what it can do for a person, and what it offers in its ideals, its resources, and not by those who have let the church down.

Robert Boyd Munger, in
What Jesus Says
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

WHICH WILL IT BE?

Others will live with the victory,
Uphold a standard that's high;
Walk with light on their Pathway
Have peace in their soul when they die.

I'm glad to see this accomplished,
By grace and obedience they're free;
They'll have a home in the heavens,
But which will it be for me?

Some give way to the sinful,
Sin slips o're their head like a rope;
They live in pleasures so lustily,
But within it all they've no hope.

They must hear the sad fatal summons
"Depart for I do not know thee"
To spend eternity in torments
What will it be for me?

The only and lovely Lamb of God,
Hath died to set me free;
Before me is life or death eternal
Which will it be for me?

—D. McCoy

Affliction cannot injure when blended with submission.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Dr. Paul P. Petticord of Portland, Ore., the president of Western Evangelical Seminary of Portland, Oregon was elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals at the organizations 1956 Convention held at Cleveland, Ohio, April 10-12.

Dr. Petticord succeeds Dr. Henry H. Savage of Pontiac, Mich. A minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for 30 years, Dr. Petticord has been the head of the seminary for 10 years, and has been active in the work of the association of evangelicals since its formation 15 years ago.

Other Executive officers elected to head the NAE during the next year include Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, Providence, R. I., first vice president; Dr. Herbert McKeel, of Schenectady, N. Y., second vice president; Rev. C. C. Burnett of Springfield, Mo., secretary; and layman, Robert Van Kampen of Wheaton, Ill., treasurer.

In another action, Rev. George L. Ford of Wheaton, Ill., who has served two years as associate director was promoted to full rank of Executive Director.

The delegates voted to conduct their 1957 convention in Buffalo, N. Y., April 2-4.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

CLEVELAND, OHIO—American religious groups must continue to have the privilege of purchasing radio and television time for religious programs, members of the National Religious Broadcasters association insisted here today.

By unanimous action at their annual convention in Cleveland, Ohio, broadcasters voted to oppose the recent declaration of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches which seeks elimination of programs on the paid time basis, and asks the broadcasting industry to limit all religious broadcasting to programs on a sustaining basis.

The statement which was approved in the action of the religious broadcasters here today pointed out that the National Council of Churches "does not speak for all the Christians of America," and insisted that "more than 20 million members are in various Protestant churches which are not affiliated with the National Council."

The broadcasters then commended the National Broadcasting Company for changing its past policy and prac-

tice to accept Evangelist Billy Graham's paid religious broadcast on the NBS network. Billy Graham is a member of the board of directors of the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.

"The request of the NBC Broadcasting and Film commission, if followed by the industry, would deny Billy Graham this privilege," it said. The statement also commended the American Broadcasting Company, the Mutual network, and owners of radio and television stations which "have been willing to offer their facilities by providing commercial time for the broadcasting and telecasting of the Gospel."

The broadcasters then quoted from their own code of ethics adopted in 1945, concerning maintenance of "high standards with respect to content, method of presentation, speakers' qualifications, and ethical practices."

Following the action by the National Religious Broadcasters, the delegates to the convention of the National Association of Evangelicals also concurred in the action. The NAE membership includes 40 denominations, 10 conferences of denominations, and more than 1,000 independent local churches.

ONE THING IS NEEDFUL

Luke 10:42

The natural man of today expresses many needs and far more wants; however we know no needs compared to some people in the world. We have plenty of food and clothing while others hang on the precipice of starvation and many have already dropped into this gorge of death.

We think we have needs and possibly we have, but there is one thing really needful. Jesus pointed this out while visiting the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany. Martha busied herself in physical service, while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus. Upon becoming tired and frustrated Martha went to Jesus to seek Mary's help and Jesus said to her. "Martha, Martha thou art careful and troubled about many things: But One Thing Is Needful and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Martha being cumbered with service had not found that deep settled peace and contentment of heart that Mary had discovered in repose at our Lord's feet. We are busy studying, and serving, but are we waiting before the Lord? Jesus said that this was the One needful thing.

Most Christians desire to grow and become strong in the Lord, but a growing Christian is one that sits at

Jesus' feet and waits to hear the voice and teachings of God. When we have something vital to tell a person we want him to stop everything and listen. God wants the same of us. We must stop and listen before we can even know what battle is to be fought. In Psalms 46:10 God says "Be still and know that I am God." Are you a still and waiting Christian? Are you a growing Christian?

Elijah learned under what conditions the Lord could and would speak. While he was standing upon the mount before the Lord there came a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire but God was not in either of these; but after-wards God spoke to Elijah in a still small voice.

God wants to speak to us. Are we willing to push aside other things so that we can hear the still small voice of God? There is victory in real fellowship with the Lord. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26:3.

F. W. B. B. College Envoy

GIVE AGAIN?

"Giving is living," the angel said, "Go feed to the hungry sweet charity's bread".

"And must I keep giving and giving again?"

My selfish and querulous answer ran—

"Oh, no," said the angel, his eyes pierced me through,

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

IF YOUR MONEY COULD TALK IT WOULD SAY—

"If you hold me I will dry out the foundations of sympathy and benevolence in your soul and leave you barren and desolate. Grasp me tightly and I will change your eyes that they will care to look upon nothing that does not contain my image, and I will transform your ears that my soft metallic ring will sound louder than the cries of the heathen."

"Keep me, clutch me, and I will destroy your sympathy for the race, your respect for the right, and your love and reverence for God. If you will give me away I will return in streams of spiritual benefit and revenue to your soul. I will supply food for the hungry, raiment for the naked, medicine for the sick and will send the gospel to the benighted in lands which lie in heathen darkness and where no cross is lifted high."

—Selected

Join The Church Family Plan