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Against His Inclination

Wallace Dunbar Vincent

Dad tried his best when I was young,
To fix it in my mind,
That "as the tiny twig is bent
So is the tree inclined;"
And when he'd lay me 'cross his knee
On punishment intent,
I used to cry, "Say, Dad, look out,
Or I'll grow up all bent!"

And when he'd say, "Come on, young man,
And weed this onion bed!"
Just when I'd planned a fishing trip
With Jimmy Jones instead,
I used to scowl until my face
Was black as black could be,
And mutter, "When I do grow up
I'll be humpbacked—you'll see!"

But years have come and years have gone,
With many a care and trouble,
With many a load that for a time
Has bent me nearly double;
But always I've sprung back again
Before it was too late—
For, though he made me bend a bit,
'Twas Dad who made me straight!

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"When you get to the end of your
rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

HONOR ROLL

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Individual intelligence and backbone are still necessary for modern civilization despite the tendency to gather in huge groups and holler yes to a loud orator.

We should always keep a spare corner in our minds to give passing hospitality to our friends' opinions.
—Joseph Joubert

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Fellowship	185	185	207	196	208
Leadington	94	94	95	110	98
Fredricktown	152	162	158	165	
First, Flat River	39	38	41		
Mt. Pisgah	92	99			
Coppermines		141	167	175	
Desloge	96	96	93	108	
Farmington	56	52			
Fourth	63	70	67	59	62
Southside			230		
Monett	102	130	118	140	
Old Bethel	24	24	33	34	
Third Church	118				
Berkeley	156	186	196		
Richwoods			77	96	

Please send us your average, too.

Are You Ever Tempted?

Ollie Latch
I Cor. 10:13

Introduction:

That will seem like a very senseless question to most of you. The truth is that all of us are tempted, sometimes more than others, but always at some time tempted. It is the universal experience of man that he passes through his fiery trials. Each has had his own searing, crushing experience. Each has been shamed, humbled, and driven to tears over his mistakes. It is peculiarly a problem of Christians, or someone with high ideals. Satan does not have to bother the non-Christian very much, he has that one already. Temptation is essentially the problem of the Christian, and you may know, if you are undergoing a fiery trial, that you are not lost. It is important that we have some deep and soul encouraging understanding of the trials we face. We must understand their origin, limitations and possibilities if we are to sustain faith in our battle for right.

I—What Makes Temptation Possible?

The text above answers this by saying that temptations are common to men. But, we ask, why are they common? The first reason is that we have been made, created by the hand of God, with the possibility of following evil as well as good. We were not made to be automatic sons and daughters of God. We were made to see and appreciate both good and evil, with the possibility of choosing either one. This is the first thing that makes temptation possible.

The second thing that makes it possible is that there is a force for evil in the world. There are two great spiritual forces at work in the entire creation as we know it—the force for good and the force for evil. Truly, the whole creation groans and travails in this great battle. Both of these forces have their appeal to man, and the forces of evil have entry into your life freely, presenting you with the object or deed which constitutes your particular temptation.

Someone may ask, "Well why did God make it possible for us to want thus and so if it is wrong? Why has he dealt thus with us?" The answer is that only those who are tempted and fight back against temptation can be said to glorify God. He wants us to be freely his, fighting for right because we love him and want to be his rather than because we can't do wrong. God wants you to be a winner,

not a stump. He is not going to condemn you for being tempted. This is a part of your greatness. You will be condemned only when you refuse to fight back. Neither must we assume that the fight shall always be successful. Such an assumption is dangerous, for we are not always so. But we must never stop fighting back if we are going to win.

II—Sources of Temptation

Temptation arises in many ways and follows no set pattern. You will never be able to pin it down and say, "Here is how it will happen." True, temptation has changed little since the days of Adam and Eve, so far as its content is concerned. The appeal to the senses is, of course, the basic element in temptation. But there are as many variations of pattern in the striking force of temptation as there are people in the world.

There are times when temptation is offered and pressed by one openly and vocally your enemy. The effort to stampede you as a Christian is plain and offensive. Pressure upon you to bow to the demands of the crowd, fun poked at you and your way of life, provoking actions and attitudes pressed upon you—all from an unfriendly standpoint and with open antagonism. Such temptations are easier to withstand, and strangely enough, the general public is more willing to forgive your falling before these than any other form.

Sometimes temptation is underhanded, sly, slinking. You will not be aware that there is an enemy around you until someone has you in the wrong place at the right time. Such temptations may come from people who profess friendliness but who are deliberately planning your downfall. Such was the temptation Judas placed before the others of the apostolic band. When it was found that he, one of their number, had sold them down the river, they were crushed. You must be eternally on your guard against those who profess friendship for you who are, actually, your enemies and plotting your downfall.

A third source of temptation lies in your best friends. What a strange thing to say. It is true, nonetheless, that sometimes in all innocence, your best friends will be the source of your temptation. In all the world Jesus had no better friend than Simon Peter. In spite of all the ups and downs of the Big Fisherman, there is little ground to actually attack his love and loyalty to Christ. He simply did not understand why he could not give his life for Jesus, and in the confusion of

the moment he ran away. Peter was the friend of Jesus, probably his very best friend. As such he undertook to advise Jesus upon certain lines of conduct. Poor Simon had no idea how he was being used. He could not appreciate it at all. He thought he was doing the right thing—the good thing. He said, "Lord, you must not go to Jerusalem to be arrested and killed." How could he know that in the life of Jesus the Tempter was pressing that very same point? How surprised he was when Jesus turned on him and said, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

No matter what the source of our temptations, we should think of them as stalking tigers. With deadly persistence, our temptations will follow us. They will lie in wait; they will crouch; they will hold back for weeks, months or years. Then the moment of weakness will come; the guard will be down, and like a tiger in ambush, they will strike with terrible fury. You will find your very soul writhing, gasping, crying out in anguish at the pain you suffer. It is ever thus, no matter the source.

III—God and Our Temptations

But you are not alone in these experiences. God will be with you. He is with you. He will help you in this hour if you have the presence of mind to call upon him. God does not send temptation upon us, but rather he allows temptation to come upon us that we may be tested, tried and proven in the great kingdom of God. Only such as can appreciate heaven will be permitted to be there, and only those who have learned to hate and resist sin can appreciate heaven.

No matter how fiery the trial, we are assured that God has made a way for us. That assurance is so clear in this text that I need not belabor it. God has foreseen the difficulties through which we will pass. He knows our weaknesses, and while we may not be aware of the tiger of temptation that stalks us, our dear Lord knows he is there and that he will strike in a certain way and at a certain place. Therefore, provisions are made for that place and time, and ample help will be yours if you seek it when it comes.

As a word of caution, we point out that the text does not say you will be shielded from temptation or that it will be any less trying or heart-breaking to you when it comes. The Word does not say that you will be insulated against temptation. Some very innocent thing you do or another does

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Youths' Week

(Partially a speech for Youth Camp Day)

Last spring I went to the Youth Camp for the first time. You'll never realize how much this meant to me. But I'll try to explain a few things. It was here that I learned what it was like to be a Real Christian. Together with (1) the many different messages of the various ministers (2), all the Christian fellowship (3), the sight of so many young people come to accept Christ as their Saviour, and (4), the sight of those called into full-time Christian service, I was really revived.

We had classes to learn of the importance of Loyalty to the church, taught by Ministers. I learned more in those classes and in the many messages than I probably would in six months of Sundays. Believe me, not one of those six days were wasted.

It had always seemed hard to go on from day to day, but when I saw all of those other Christians working for God, I was greatly inspired. It makes all of my struggles and my burdens seem much lighter, knowing that there are many more young people with the same struggles and burdens.

It thrilled my heart to see God working among us, to see so many young people become Christians and get a good start in their Christian lives from the Christian fellowship and atmosphere. It was much easier there for God to talk to us, where we were away from the rush of the sinful world and had our minds on the spiritual things. Out of that many of the youth came to know what God had planned for them in their lives.

In other words, the Youth Camp was a great inspiration and revival for all those who attended.

Many souls would still be unsaved and many Christians would turn back to a sinful life, if we did not have a Youth Camp.

Maybe you have children that you will want to send to the Youth Camp, or maybe even grandchildren. I, (being one who tasted the joy and fellowship and learning of it), wholeheartedly advise you to do so, if it is at all possible. You'll never regret it.

But there is a big "if" in this plan. "If" we still have a Youth Camp. There is danger of losing the property and there are many debts to be paid, many repairs to be made and much equipment obtained. **We cannot have a Youth Camp if we do not support it.**

You have the opportunity to give to the Camp and it is indeed an hon-

or to help, for you will be helping thousands of young people, who will attend the Camp in the future.

I urge you to give and give freely. You can't give too much. It is strange that we who have been there and realize the great needs, have little money and have to depend upon you who are older and have more money than us—even though you do not perhaps realize the needs as much as we. We have lived there for six days and have learned the values and needs.

The Youth Camp fills needs for each young person attending: (1) the need for Christian fellowship and friends; (2) the need for wholesome recreation; (3) the need for more knowledge of God's Word; (4) the need for Christian teachers; (5) the need for a summer "vacation"; (6) the need to see God's will and begin to answer to His call.

If it were better equipped, the Camp could reach many more young people who are in need.

Again, I ask you to give to a very worthy cause. **We Need Your Help.**

(Editor's Note: This speech was prepared and given at a Youth Camp Day last Fall at Kirksville. I'm sorry to not have the author's name. It was signed simply, A Kirksville Girl.)

The Consecrated Life

He who loves Christ the most will do the greatest amount of good. There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. If men will endure the necessary discipline, without complaining or fainting by the way, God will teach them hour by hour, and day by day. He longs to reveal His Grace. If His people will remove the obstructions, He will pour forth the waters of salvation in abundant streams through the human channels. If men in humble life were encouraged to do all the good they could do, if restraining hands were not laid upon them to repress their zeal, there would be a hundred workers for Christ where now there is one.

God takes men as they are, and educates them for His service, if they will yield themselves to Him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, will quicken all its faculties. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mind that is devoted to God develops harmoniously, and is strengthened to comprehend and fulfill the requirements of God. The week, vacillating character becomes changed to one of strength and steadfastness. Continual

devotion establishes so close a relation between Jesus and His disciple that the Christian becomes like Him in mind and character. Through a connection with Christ he will have clearer and broader views. His discernment will be more penetrative, his judgment better balanced. He who longs to be of service to Christ is so quickened by the life-giving power of the Son of Righteousness that he is enabled to bear much fruit to the glory of God.

—E. G. White

Call Unto Me, and

Lily Winder Gale

I will—"answer thee." Jeremiah 33:3.

I will—"say, Here I am." Isaiah 58:9.

I will—"deliver thee." Psalm 50:15.

I will—"be with him in trouble." Psalm 91:15.

I will—"speak comfortably." Hosea 2:14.

I will—"direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6.

I will—"hold thine hand." Isaiah 42:6.

I will—"keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 91:11.

I will—"bless thee." Genesis 22:17.

THE PLACE OF PRAYER

Prayer is to the spiritual life what air is to the physical. Make it a rule never to see the face of a man until you have seen the face of God. Each day is a new life. Make sure of a good beginning. The devil may be so thoroughly beaten in the morning that his assaults may be feeble all the rest of the day... The spirit of prayer should also be cultivated until we form the habit of associating prayer with all we do. Our petition need not always be uttered in words.

Prayer in the form of silent aspiration of the soul should be continually breathed out to God, whether we are in solitude or surrounded by a happy crowd. We should finish each day as we begin it, on our knees. Before retiring to rest always review the day and ask forgiveness for the wrong you may have done. Be men and women of prayer. None are eminent for piety and usefulness who neglect this duty. All who would win great victories for God in public must prevail in the solitude of their own chambers.

—Gospel Herald.

Youth Camp Time Near

Dear Gem Readers:

May I come in once again to chat with you in regards to our Missouri State Youth Camp work. It is such a pleasure to tell you of the great work of our Youth Camp.

First let me say that Youth Camp time is almost here. This years session will begin on June 24th. and continue through June 30th. Have you made your plans to attend? If not sit down now and write Rev. Wm. Reeves at Niangua and tell him you are coming.

We are expecting a record crowd this year and a good session and time is planned for all who will attend.

Rev. Lester Jones is the General Supt., Rev. O. T. Dixon the principal of teaching. Rev. Stanley Letterman, Registrar, Rev. Harvey E. Hill, Recording Secretary, Rev. Teddy Davis, Evangelist, and teachers as follows: Creation and fall of man, Rev. Eunice Edwards, Law and its Purpose, Rev. James Davis, Prophecies of Christ and fulfilment, Rev. Rolla Smith, The New Testament Church, Rev. Ben Scott, and Summary, Rev. Harry Beatty.

The D.V.B.S. under the direction of Mrs. Lester Jones, with the Music Director, Mary Latimer. Rev. and Mrs. James Franklin will serve as General Cabin Sponsors.

Remember if we are to have a Camp that we can be proud of and if we are going to retire the indebtedness on our Camp, then don't forget to send in your offering that we ask you to send for the May Drive. Maybe some of you have over looked it but you still want to send it. If so take your offering now and send it on in and tell Rev. Reeves it is for the May Drive and we will still credit you with same. **Don't Fail Us.**

Listed below is the names of churches, Auxiliaries etc., that have sent in thus far on the May drive, up to this date, May, 15th.

Lebanon Church (Organized last year)	\$ 6.50
Rock Chapel Church	17.25
Mt. Zion Church	5.84
L. R. Broyles	10.00
Myrtle Church (Womens Aux.)	30.00
Third Church, St. Louis, Mo.	75.00
Macedonia Church (Near Monett)	8.50
Ever Ready S. S. Class (Monett Church)	20.00
Triumphant S. S. Convention	47.00
Union Third Fork	8.74
St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting (Womens Aux.)	31.00

Womens Aux., of South East Missouri	70.00
(Unknown—Name lost— Please let us know if you sent it,	10.00
Total thus far	\$339.83

If your church, Aux., etc., have sent in an offering and it is not listed here it is because Rev. Reeves got it to late to send it on to me. A list with all who have given along with amounts on the May drive will be printed in a later issue of the Gem.

The needs of the camp are still many as printed in last months issue of the Gem. Watch the Crier for more news in regard to the Youth Camp Needs and other items of importance. If you would like to receive a Crier monthly, just write Rev. Harvey E. Hill, 8914 Springdale, Berkeley 21, Mo., Promotional Secretary, and I will be glad to send you one each month. If you would like to become a member of the Dollar a Month Club, you may do so by sending your name and address along with your first Dollar to me and I will be happy to enroll you and send your membership Card on to you. This is a wonderful way for everyone to help and many are joining each month. If you, your church, League, Womens Aux., S. S. Class etc., wish to join just write me at once.

A working will be held at the Camp on June 8th and 9th and it will be appreciated if you can attend. One working was held a few days ago and much work was accomplished as we were able to put new foundations under the State Cabins. A wall around the swimming pool and others worked on individual cabins. Thanks to each of you who came and helped us.

In closing may I again remind you that this is **YOUR CAMP** and what you make it **Depends On You** so why not do your best by it, for it may be your boy or girl who is saved this year or who announces a special call for service, so please do your best by us financially and pray for us as we work to help our youth to become better Christians. May God bless you is my desire.

Yours for a greater Youth Camp.
Rev. Harvey E. Hill,
Promotional Secretary

IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements have been made by the following churches and associations who own cabins:

Niangua Association and Cooperative churches new block cabin.

First Flat River Church, new windows and foundation.

Myrtle Church new foundation and windows.

Central Western Mo., Asso., new cabin.

Third Church repairing and new furniture.

Merls Chapel Church repairing cabin.

Special donation of \$24.00 for camp needs by W. H. Lucas. Any others wishing to send donations appreciated.

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

CHOICE BITS

This conversation is reported to have taken place recently in the South Sea Islands:

A native child pointed towards an airliner passing overhead and asked his mother, "What's that?"

"That," the cannibalistic lady answered, "is something like a lobster: You only eat what is inside."

—Tid-Bits

From the Editor's Desk

D. V. B. S.

DVBS time is here again. Many churches are already nearing the close of their school, while others are getting ready to open. It is difficult to evaluate the worth of a DVBS, but Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me—," and this should be reason enough for us to overcome any obstacle that would prevent a school. For, in DVBS, there is opportunity to stress Jesus' teaching and Way of life in a manner not afforded in regular Sunday School classes.

The cynicism, skepticism, and so-called "sophistication" of this age among children, frightens me. I believe the children are frightened also. I think they really want help. If the proper preparation and enough prayer has been made, that help can be given in DVBS.

Not only is there opportunity for intensive Bible training, but usually, there is opportunity for creative work.

Imitators can be had for a dime a dozen. Our children are exposed to a steady diet of imitations. For example, if a Hollywood personality enjoys a certain brand of something or other, many foolish parents go overboard to see that their child has exactly the same thing. It requires real ability to be original. I dare to hope we have creative ability among the youth of our churches.

However, creative ability is not all that is required. It must be pointed in the right direction. This can be done in DVBS. "Hero worship" that is so normal to all youth can be directed to Christ, who is the Epitome of all any young person could desire.

Don't let Satan hinder or prevent your having a DVBS in your church. Satan realizes the worth of it and can be counted on to make an "all-out" attack against it. All the more reason for having a school.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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Teacher's Manuals (each)45
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—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 Dodger60
—9193 Postcard	1.50
—7806 Button	2.25
—9255 Tag	1.50
—9179 Headband	2.50
—9198 Folder Certificate06
—Diploma Certificate04
—9172 Contest	1.00
—9399 Enrollment Card85

Order From: Gem Office
Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Desloge, Missouri

We have just received the list of subscribers from the Pleasant Grove Church, bringing the total churches participating to 25. We are most happy to welcome this church as well as the Fredricktown Church into the Family Plan this month.

There were 118 churches reported at the 1955 State Association with a total of 8698 members.

The subscription list reveals that only 25 out of 118 Free Will Baptist Churches are subscribing to the Gem.

What is wrong with us? We said we wanted our State paper; that we would do our best. Well, so far—we need 100 Churches, at least. You answer this one: Are you doing your best?

CHURCH ASKS FOR HELP

Wabash, Indiana

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Six years ago a group of people came to the State of Indiana from various Freewill Baptist Churches in eastern Kentucky to find employment.

At that time we started by having cottage prayer meeting and had only one ordained deacon in the group.

Since coming to this state, we have organized six churches and established our Indiana Conference known as the Kosciusko County Conference of Indiana. We now have a total of ten ordained ministers, four licensed ministers, and three that are not licensed as yet.

We, at Wabash, are at the present time, renting a building in which to worship. However, we have under construction a new building which measures 35 by 50 feet, which, when completed, will cost approximately \$8,000.00.

Since we have only 61 members at the present time, and have spent

thirty-five hundred dollars of our own money and have borrowed by way of note an additional three-thousand dollars with which to continue construction, we are desperately in need of financial help.

We would appreciate a freewill offering from your church to aid in the completion of this church as we believe we are in a great work in the State of Indiana.

When completed, we will send you by return mail a notice of Dedication date.

Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain,

Prayerfully yours,
Bro. Robert McCarty, Clerk
Freewill Baptist Church
Wabash, Indiana

IT IS HERE!

The many boys and girls all over the state have been looking for camp time and at last it has arrived. June 24-30 is the date. Have you made your plans to attend? If not, there is no time to wait. Send your application in now to Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Missouri. A good time is in store for all who attend. The youth camp each year is for all young people who wish to come for the good they may get from the teaching by the instructors. There is not only play, but also it is for learning. So come prepared for learning! Sign the application below and mail it in with your fee.

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APPLICATION

Name Date
of Birth, 19.... Sex.....
Home Address
....., City state
..... Beneficiary
address
relationship Have
you been treated by a physician, (M.
D.) within the past 6 months?
What ailment?
..... A fee of \$..... ac-
companies this application for
days from, 19.... until
....., 19...., while I am at
Camp
Signed at (city)
(state) Date.....
....., 19....

Signature of applicant,
Parent or guardian.

The Central Japan Pioneer Mission makes a specialty of tent campaigns and at one held in Ashikaga there were 59 inquirers, all adults and mostly men. —The Christian

How to Finance My Church

Mrs. B. B. Edwards
Newton, Georgia

(Editors Note: This article is an adaptation of a speech made by Mrs. Edwards at a meeting of the Midway Association of Georgia which convened on April 27, 1956.)

The Lord of hosts commanded that the church be financed with tithes and offerings. Early in the history of the world we read of paying the tithe. "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all" (Genesis 14:17-20).

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in the way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's House: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Genesis 28:20-22).

Paying tithes was a duty in the olden days, or in Christ's day, as it is today. Jesus built one of his stewardship parables around a man whom history has called a fool (Luke 12:16-21). But don't think that his riches were what made him a fool; they only helped. What made him a fool was his desire to own everything he could get his hands on. Instead of giving thanks to his Creator and giving the tenth unto the Lord, this man said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:19, 20). Thus Jesus taught by a vivid parable the eternal truth that God is Owner of all things and that we should be stewards. We owe God a tenth of all we have, and we need to make a gift also.

"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine—for the world is mine,—" (Psalm 50:10-12). "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

"And they came to Jerusalem; and

Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves" (Mark 11:15-17). This Scripture proves that Christ does not want us to sell or barter in our churches.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2). Here Paul tells us to put aside our tithes and offerings on the first day of the week so the offering will be ready to use when it is needed. If every person would give a tenth to the Lord, we would not have to worry about how to finance the church or God's work.

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee" (Deuteronomy 16:17). "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8). If we are not giving at least a tenth of our material possessions to the Lord we are robbing Him as the Scripture plainly states. There are no exceptions. No matter how much or how little money we have, we owe at least a tenth to the Lord. The tithe is the minimum that we owe God. Notice that the Scripture also says He had been robbed of offerings. Offerings are that which are given over and above the tithe. Therefore, we are expected, if possible, to give more than the tithe. Many people give more than the tithe and receive blessings untold because of it.

In Malachi 3:10, 11 we are told the results of our faithfulness to God in giving the tithe: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, and there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Let us try the Lord and prove His glorious promise until we fulfill the

conditions He has set for us.

There should by all means be a system to our giving. We should give regularly to God through the church, not just when we feel like it, or when we happen to have a little money left over from paying all the bills. God should have His share first of all. We should keep an account of all the money we receive and give God His share, and whenever possible, we should give God an offering above the tithe.

—Free Will Baptist

"TAKE, READ"

The Bible is not a magical charm or fetish, the mere possession of which insures us an infallible rule of faith and practice. As Francis Bacon said of some books, the Bible is a Book that must "be chewed and digested." It is the entrance of God's Word that giveth light. He who is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water" and who "bringeth forth his fruit in his season" is he who meditates upon God's Word "day and night." It is he who "heareth these words... and doeth them" who is like the house built upon the rock. If the Bible is to be an adequate rule of faith and practice we must "know it in the head, stow it in the heart, show it in the life... Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy... Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, reverently... Dig it up, write it down, pray it in, live it out, pass it on!"

—Cumberland Presbyterian

Wasted Money

Wallace Nutting tells in his autobiography about a certain man who was famed as a collector of Bibles. The man's interest was not in the truth which could be found in the sacred books. He was concerned merely with their monetary value when they were placed on the market. He would go home with profanity pouring from his lips after he had bought a rare copy of the Bible. He never opened a single volume to read what was written on its pages. Nutting says that even though the man once paid \$100,000 for a single Bible, "he didn't get enough for his money."

From G. Ernest Thomas, in *Spiritual Life in the New Testament*

America has traveled from Plymouth Rock to Alcatraz, but the Rock of Ages still stands. It is better to know the Rock of Ages than to know the age of the rocks.

First Century Vs. Twentieth Century

First Century: "And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Twentieth Century: The thing to do is get the finest house you can possibly afford or even a little finer than you can really afford. Fill it with handsome, elegant furniture, lovely rugs, sterling silver, and exquisite china. It's your money; go ahead and spend it.

First Century: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

Twentieth Century: Having delicately-seasoned food, daintily served with cut glass and fine linens, and having fashionably styled clothing of beautiful fabric and latest design, let us be therewith discontent.

And let us increase our discontent by watching enviously the passing parade of other Americans who are even more self indulgent and luxury-loving than we, while we forget the millions of people in other nations who are starving and in rags.

First Century: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you."

Twentieth Century: You have to make a living, of course. Business is business, and I'm like all the rest—I don't really have much time for church work, now that I'm on this new job.

Yeah, I'd like to help the church, but a man's got to eat.

My tithe? Huh, what's that? One tenth of my money for the church? Are you kidding? And the payments due on the TV set and the deep freeze, and two payments behind on the car? What a laugh!

Oh, somebody will support the missionaries, I guess. It's not my worry.

First Century: "And he said to them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

Twentieth Century: How much does he make? So they sold the other car to us and bought that Cadillac convertible they've been dreaming about. And you ought to see the way she has redecorated her downstairs! It's a dream! But, mother, it's only \$25 more, and it does look nicer on me than the brown one. And his folks

gave him another motor boat for his birthday. Yes, she was going to teach in the church college, but she gets \$1,500 more a year where she is, you know. Subscribe to the **Missionary Tidings**? Oh, I can't afford it!

First Century: "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered ship-wreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep. In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the Churches."

Twentieth Century: No, Mary, we won't go to Sunday School this morning; see it's raining a little already. We never try to make it to church on Sunday evening any more; it's the only time John has with the youngsters. Witness at work? Not me? I tried to talk to a man about the Lord once, and he laughed at me. Oh, I couldn't possibly teach a class. Aren't there enough on the committee without me?

**"For Where Your Treasure Is,
There Will Your Heart Be Also."**

—Elva McAllister,
in the Free Methodist

"MONEY APPRECIATED FOR MILK"

When Mrs. Harold Stevens was home on furlough there were many of our people who made pledges to send money to Africa to help in the support of orphan children. Those of you who have done so will be glad to know that the Lord is blessing this endeavor. Following is a letter recently received from the person in charge regarding your support to this work. May God bless each of you as you continue to keep your pledge that those in this dark continent may be helped by your support.

Missao de Catota
Chitembo, Bie
Angola, Africa
* * * *

Dear Rev. Riggs:

We have just received your gift for milk for our babies and certainly want to thank you. Finding enough funds to keep the assorted babies in milk is quite a problem for us. I don't know how much you know about Catota as you are a stranger to us but we have a general hospital of 30 beds with a few T. B. patients in a special camp, a leprosarium of 120 and a large daily clinic. We also run a nurses' training school. The course is 3 years and we have 12 students at present. Keeps us busy.

The babies we feed are mostly children whose mothers died at birth

or soon after and they bring the child to us. When the baby is close to a year either we put him up for adoption by a Christian family or his relatives say he may stay at the missions. Right now we also have a new set of twins whose mother can't produce enough to keep up with them and another child a year old who already has a little brother. One of the student nurses keeps busy all morning just making formulas and checking up on babies as they come to carry away their daily supply. I forgot the babies of mothers with T. B. also have to be kept separately and fed; so you see how much we can use your help. Once more thank you to all those who contribute to your organization. As these babies grow up they are taught the Words and Ways of God by their parents or adopted parents.

Yours in Christ,
Regina Person, M.D.

REPORT ON TRIP TO HOKKAIDO

Tokyo, Japan

Description Of Hokkaido:

Hokkaido is the northernmost island of the four largest islands of Japan. It is second largest but because of the extreme cold it is very sparsely populated. The population is about 5 million. It has many year-round snow capped mountains with large fertile valleys in between. The houses are built very much on western style because the ordinary Japanese house is not built for cold weather. Snow is on the ground 4-5 months out of the year. Hokkaido is a pioneer country similar to the western part of the U. S. about 50 years ago. It is expected to develop into a prosperous island because of the opportunity there and the overpopulation in the rest of Japan.

We have just returned from a survey trip to Hokkaido. As you know we are looking over the various possibilities for a field for Free Will Baptist in Japan, thus we accepted an invitation to visit Hokkaido. Our itinerary was as follows:

May 5, Left Tokyo.

May 6, 7, Muroran, Hokkaido with the Swedish Evangelical Mission.

May 8, 9, Sapporo, Hokkaido Attending the Hokkaido Missionary Fellowshipship.

May 10, Taiiki, Hokkaido With Mennonite Missionaries.

May 11, Hombestu, Hokkaido With Mennonite Missionaries.

May 12, 13, Nakashibetsu, Hokkaido With Mennonite Missionaries.

May 14, Shari and Abashiri, Hokkaido With Lee Kanagy, Mennonite

missionary, looking for a possible field.

May 15, Bihoro and Kitami, Hokkaido With Mr. Knagy and a Presbyterian Japanese pastor looking for a possible field. At Kitami we visited three Overseas Missionary Fellowship missionaries.

May 17, We arrived home.

At the missionary fellowship we sought the advice of most every group represented about doing work in the Hokkaido area. Since missionary comity is practiced in Hokkaido (no where else in Japan is it practiced) we were obligated to seek their advice. We learned about several needy places where no one is doing any Christian work. There are several prosperous and fast growing valleys with no Christian witness. The two valleys we were most impressed with was the Bihoro area and the Shari-Kawayu area. Abashiri is a town of 50 thousand with a Catholic and Episcopal Church. The Shari-kawayu area has no witness at all. Between Abashiri and Kitami there is no witness. Even the Catholics haven't come to these places yet. Kitami has a good Presbyterian church but since the town is 60 thousand they can't reach them all.

We found a place where two couples could work very well. Also there are nearby places where others could go if we have more missionaries to come. These two places are divided by a mountain range which can be crossed in the summer but in the winter a longer route connects them. It seems it would be good if we were in one valley and plan for the Hersseys to be in the other. One is the Kawayu—Shari valley and the other is the Bihoro valley.

We were most impressed by the immediate possibilities of the Bihoro valley. Bihoro itself is 30 thousand but there are also many more thousands within an hour train ride. There is only one Christian in the town. He was converted in Tokyo and is a Northern Baptist. He is quite anxious for someone to establish a Christian work there. Near Bihoro is an Ainu village (the aboriginals of Japan). There is one unbaptized believer among them. He begged us to come to his village with the gospel. There is also one Catholic believer and according to the Baptist man, the Catholics are planning to enter that area soon.

The Presbyterian Church welcomed us to come and work in that area. They are by far the strongest evangelical witness in North Eastern Hokkaido.

We were inspired by the possibilities there but there are some things

we must gain victory over before going there. We want to be led by the Holy Spirit in making our choices but we must face the facts. First—it is quite lonely there. Foreign fellowship would be almost impossible. Second—It is rather distant to civilization such as we are accustomed to, even here in Tokyo. Third—the weather is quite severe in the winter.

Help us pray about these things because it would not do for us to go without gaining victory over them. We have given our lives to Him to be used sacrificially so if He speaks to us, we want to be willing to do as He leads, no matter what the circumstances are. Please pray as we seek God's will. A decision must be made soon in order to get housing before winter. We feel very weak in times like these when such important decisions must be made but we are trusting the Lord for strength.

Wesley Calvery

REPORT ON TRIP TO KYUSHU

Aileen and I have returned from a trip to the southern most island of Japan; Kyushu. We were invited by an Assembly of God friend to investigate the needs of the area where he is working. The time is soon coming when we must decide where the Lord would have us to work. Thus we made the trip and in the next few months we plan to visit some other places. After we have visited these places we will let the Lord lead us to His place for us. We can't let need direct us because the gospel is needed everywhere here. So we must depend on the Holy Spirit to lead us. We will keep you informed on the fields that we visit so that you can pray with us.

First of all I am wondering if you have a good map of Japan. Taking it for granted that you don't, I am going to send you one in the near future.

The place that we visited last week is about 30 hrs., by train from Tokyo. We spent our time in Saga and Nagasaki prefectures. Our friend, Herbert Millen (independent Assembly of God) lives in Karatsu city (50,000). He is the only missionary there. There are four churches in this town but all of them are liberal and not very active. We traveled by bus over terrible roads thru village after village which reminded us very much of Cuba except there were no palm trees. These villages have no witness for Christ except about once a year someone comes through and passes out tracts. The first large town that we visited was Takeo (40,000). It has one liberal Presbyterian church with 25-30 active members. It is surround-

ed by dozens of villages. (It is very hard to count villages here because in every little valley and around every curve in the road there is a village.) Of course these places have no witness since the Presbyterian church only ministers to those who happen to come to service. They make no effort to reach the unevangelized around them. We were impressed more by this location than any of the others. There we found an active Baptist church with 60-70 active members and about 2 or 3 "out stations" but they did not feel that they could take care of the area alone.

After this we visited Kashima (35,000) about 45 minutes by bus from Takeo. This was the only church in this area. Of course Kashima is surrounded by villages too.

The next day we visited three other places. Namely: Imari, Arita, Sasebo.

Imari, is a town of 23,000 people and only a Catholic church with an Italian priest. The last protestant missionary who lived in this town was forced by the town people to leave. No doubt they were influenced by the Catholics.

Arita, (20,000) has a Presbyterian meeting with 15 or so in attendance but no church.

Sasebo, (200,000) is the only place that looks like a real city in the area. It is a wicked city influenced by the American sailors there. There are six protestant churches there but only two of them are considered evangelical. There are three missionaries in Sasebo. Two of them run an orphanage (mostly for half American children) and the other one, an older lady, has been working among the sailors.

In order to get a true picture of this area you must visualize the fact that each of these towns are connected by a chain of villages one after the other where out stations, Sunday School and tract work could be done. It is a lonesome area for the foreigner because very few foreigners live in this area except for the sailors at Sasebo. There is an American missionary and Italian priest in Karatsu; an Italian priest in Imari and three American missionaries in Sasebo. This would mean that choosing this area would eliminate the possibility of fellowship with other foreigners. Fellowship, we have learned from others already on the field is a very important aspect of the missionaries' life. But the Hersseys would soon be joining us and the Lord can give us grace.

Next month we are planning a trip to Hokkaido. Pray with us that God's will may be done.

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QUARTERLY MEETING AT THE HAZEL CREEK CHURCH

The North East Missouri quarterly meeting convened with the Hazel Creek church April 28, 1956. The speakers, Rev. Alta Mikel, Mr. Vernon Maggart and Jerry Pinkerton, gave talks on the theme for the afternoon session. The theme for the meeting was Prayer.

Saturday night was the League Conference. The meeting was opened by Rev. Alta Mikel, who led the congregation in singing and prayer. The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. The new officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mr. Mike Fomler; Secretary, Mrs. Shirley Houston; Assistant Secretary, Janet Vanlanningham.

The program consisted of the following: The Hazel Creek church gave a play and a Bible Drill, a play "Inspired Word", was given by the Graysville church. Miss Kay Wagner, from the Jewell church, gave a reading "Following Jesus", a song by the congregation, a play "Swift Feet", by the Kirksville church. Mrs. Shirley Houston pronounced the benediction.

LEADINGTON D V B S

The Vacation Bible School is proving a blessing as usual, although the enrollment is lower than before.

There have been two conversions so far.

Closing Program is scheduled for Sunday night, 7:30 p m.

FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rolla D. Smith, Pastor

Lowell Reichardt Home on Leave

We were so happy to have Lowell Reichardt in our services of last Sunday and in the mid-week service. We were especially thankful for the Wednesday night service in which he showed colored slides which he had taken while touring the Holy Land. Lowell now plans to enter Bible College this fall to prepare for full time Christian service wherever the Lord leads.

Prayer Meeting

A special feature in the prayer meeting this week will be a series of slides on the life of Christ. You will find these pictures very interesting as well as helpful in your study of the Bible. The pictures were taken by Lowell Reichardt.

Bible School Note

The Vacation Bible School has progressed very nicely through the

first week. The enrollment is 113 pupils with a staff of 25 teachers and helpers. Classes will continue through next week with the demonstration program to be given at 7:30 Friday night. The picnic will be next Saturday. The place will be announced later when arrangements are completed. There will be no school on Memorial Day.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Minister's Conference met in its sixteenth annual conference at the Coppermines Free Will Baptist Church near Fredricktown, Missouri, May 19, 1956 with thirteen ministers present.

The Conference was called to order by the president, Rev. Glen Rehkop. Rev. Dean Burpo led the singing and Rev. Leslie Logsdon conducted the devotional.

The business session followed by receiving of dues: motion that letter of recommendation be given to Rev. James Franklin, who is leaving the State for a pastorate in California; Rev. Ben Scott was received as a new member. The financial report was read and accepted. Motion that ten (10.00) dollars be given to Missouri State Youth Camp. Motion that the next semi-annual meeting be held with the Desloge church, November 17, 1956.

The eleven o'clock service was opened by the president. Rev. Willard Darnell led the devotions. Rev. James Franklin was presented and used as his subject: "Preach the Preaching, That I Have Given Thee," and as his text: Jonah 1:1-3. Following the message, the hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. Franklin and he was wished much success in his new work.

The afternoon was given over to discussions, the major one being on this subject: "Revivals In The Last Days."

Election of Officers followed. Officers elected were: President, Rev. Glen Rehkop; Vice-President, Rev. Dean Burpo; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Ben Scott.

Benediction, Rev. John Long.

—Rev. A. Halbrook, Cor.

"MEETIN' TIME"

First Free Will Baptist Church
Mountain Grove, Mo.

We are happy to report truly it has been "Meetin' Time" in our church. Again this month we have seen several walk the aisles for Christ, and we are still looking and trusting God for greater blessings.

The new hardwood furniture with longer pews has given us more seating capacity, which was very badly needed for both our Sunday services.

Our Sunday School has been averaging around two hundred, for which we are thankful. The Daily Vacation Bible School started off with an enrollment of 70 for the first three days and is still growing.

Plans are now being made to insure several of our youth, attending the State Youth Camp. We are looking forward to it with great expectations.

We still believe that there will be standing room in our churches if we will do our part as we ought for the glorious cause of Christ and the great denomination of Free Will Baptist.

—Miss Ila Edwards, Sec.

GENE WORKMAN TO BOYS STATE

We are very happy to announce that Gene Workman, an outstanding young man of our church, has been elected to Boys State. Congratulations to Gene and we bid him God's speed.

REPORT ON TRIP TO KYUSHU

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I think you understand that Japan is strictly divided in two groups. The liberals and the evangelicals. This must be taken into consideration when we survey these fields. Most evangelicals here do not make any consideration at all for the liberals when they go into an area to work. They do their work as if no other Christian work was being done there. What is your thinking on this matter? Would you please give me a statement on this. I do not mean to say that we should agree with them but how far do we go in making a break with them? Should we council with them concerning the area where we both are working?

Frankly we did not want to return to Tokyo. Tokyo is modern and almost like living in the states but when we saw all of the towns and villages without the knowledge of Christ we wanted to stay. But we must follow the Lord and we still feel that we should be in language school for a while longer yet. The next three months we plan to study Bible in Japanese which will prepare us to present the message that we have come to Japan to preach. In God's time we will go to some of the villages where Christ is not known and tell them of Him who can give them real Life.

Join The Church Plan

FIFTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

The Fifth Sunday School Meeting convened with the Hazel Creek Church April 29, 1956 with Sunday School at the morning service. The morning worship service was opened with congregational singing and prayers by Mr. Gene Mikel and Rev. Stanley Letterman. Rev. Kermit Crooks delivered the sermon. He read for the Scripture Lesson Romans 12: 1-2, and I Peter 1:14-15. Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Mike Fomler. Immediately following the morning service, a bountiful dinner was served at noon hour.

The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing. Mrs. Edith Adkins led the congregation in prayer. Miss Janetta Vanlanningham read for the Scripture Lesson Psalms 24. The minutes of our last meeting was read and approved. Also at this time, letters were read from the New Harmony, Kirksville, and Hazel Creek Auxiliaries.

Our next meeting will be with the Graysville Church, with Rev. J. E. Corey bringing the eleven o'clock sermon. The program for the afternoon session of the meeting is as follows: A reading, "Like Jesus", by Eva Sponsler, Kay Wagner gave a reading, "On This Sabbath Day", a trio by the Kirksville Church "He Lives", a reading, "The Family Altar", by Mrs. Arlene Clay, a play "Merkey Church", by the Hazel Creek Church, reading, "Madonna Lillies", by Mrs. Sylvia Sevits, a reading, "This is a Perfect Day", by Mrs. Cleo Cooper, a play "Christian Witness", and "Yet There is Room", by Mrs. Fred Wood, a duet, "Mansion Over the Hilltop", by Mr. and Mrs. Duane Matthews, a play, "Make it a Matter of Prayer", by the New Harmony Church. Benediction by Mr. Vernon Maggart.

—Mrs. Thompson, Sec.-Treas.

FIFTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

The Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Zion, was host to the Fifth Sunday School Meeting of the Northwest Missouri and the Northeast Kansas Association.

The Morning services were opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Rush. A piano solo, "The Holy City", by Miss Janet Tyre. A song, "I will Meet You in the Morning", by the men at the Mt. Zion Church. The morning message was brought by Rev. Vernie Wellbaum. The Scripture reading was taken from John 1:1-10. The subject used was David and the flock. The

application of the subject was to the pastor and the flock using the 5 stones that David used: Faith, ambition, concern, courage and knowledge. It was a very interesting and inspiring message, which was enjoyed by all. The morning session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Mary Wellbaum.

After a bountiful dinner was served and an hour of social fellowship, the afternoon services were opened by the President of the Fifth Sunday School Meeting, Mrs. Carl Sloan. The congregation sang "The Lily of the Valley", devotional by Rev. W. R. Rush. The scripture reading was I John 1:1-14. Minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. The election of officers for the coming year were: President—Mrs. Quentin Thomas, Vice-President—Mrs. Carl Sloan, Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. Mrs. Mary Wellbaum. Immediately following the business session, the following program was given: A group of choruses were given by the Third Fork Children, which were led by Mrs. Dorlene Thomas. They sang "It is no Secret" "O Say but I'm Glad," "Open up Your Heart," and "Do Lord". Norman Thomas played a saxophone solo. The Intermediate and Junior classes of the Third Fork Church sang "I'll Remember Jesus". Miss Joyce Whitely played a piano solo, "Rock of Ages". Another piano solo was played by Miss Janet Tyre, "Rest Thee". "It's Real" was sung by Mrs. Dorlene Thomas, a reading was given by Emma Lou Christensen, "If Jesus Comes to Your House", written by Mrs. Carl Sloan, was given by the Mt. Zion Church. The play was greatly enjoyed by all. At the conclusion of the program, an offering for missions was taken. The offering was \$13.00.

The next Fifth Sunday School Meeting will be with the Third Fork Church. Dismissal of the meeting was by Rev. Mrs. Mary Wellbaum.

ARE YOU EVER TEMPTED?

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may turn upon you like an enraged lion, and you may be scratched, hurt, pummeled or stung by the lash of its power. But he has said that he will make a way for you to bear the temptation. He has not made a cage in which you will be protected from temptation, but he will arrange for you to have strength to withstand and bear the thrust of the tempter's lash. Strength to bear it, not force to prevent it.

Conclusion

The Christian must be ever mindful

of his human frailty. Like Peter, we may boast that we won't do thus and so and suddenly find that we are not nearly so strong as we thought. Like Saul, we may be strong and powerful, but when the storm is raging around, we may bow before it like the giant oak that topples before the wind. It is most important that we watch the sources and recognize what is about to happen. It is here we most often fail. It is important too, that we never blame other people for our troubles, no matter if they are partially to blame, intentionally or unintentionally. Put the blame upon yourself; assume responsibility for what you are doing; face the music for yourself. It is easier to win that way.

Above all, when you fall (not necessarily inevitable but quite a strong likelihood), don't take the position that you are ruined and quit. The greatest people of the Bible are often those who have fallen before temptation. Abraham could travel a thousand miles on faith and stumble in a lie because he was afraid of a puny man. David could face the laughing Philistine soldiers and come out conqueror. Goliath had no terror for him, but in his unguarded moment he could go from lust to adultery and from adultery to murder. Peter was the great champion of Jesus, but in a moment of confusion, turned away from him and fled. So you could count up most of these people. They were great, not because they were perfect or because they never fell, but they were great because, when they fell, they had the moral courage to rise again. Don't fall. It has too many pains. But if you do, don't quit. Bear the cost. Pay whatever you have to pay. But hold on to God. Cry out with David, "Let me fall into the hands of God."

WHY I BELIEVE

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because He talked like incarnate deity; He thought like it, He planned like it, He died like it, rising from the dead in glorious vindication of it. I believe in Christ because He evidences the divinity of His person today by bringing new life to those who receive Him. What do we think of this man Jesus? Well, if you doubt what He says about Himself, ask Him to verify it in your own experience, surrendering to the truth He has to say about you.

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

Join The Church Family Plan

Woman's Auxiliary

PROGRAM Of The Twenty-First Annual Session Of The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

Keynote: O Send Out The Light and Thy Truth

Watchword: Send Out The Light
Convention Hymn: "Send The Light"

Monday, July 9

Thought for the day: The light of salvation must be real in our lives before we can show or tell others.
Scripture: "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14-16)

Monday Afternoon

1:30—Executive Committee meeting.

Monday Evening

7:00—Registration
7:30—"The Light is Challenged in South America"
—Meditation led by Estenio Garcia, Cuba
—Convention hymn
—Invocation
7:45—The business of organizing
8:00—Address of welcome by Mrs. George W. Chapman, Huntington, W. Va.
—Response by Mrs. W. J. Gaskins, New Bern, N. C.
8:05—"The Light Shines through Home Missions"
—Inspirational singing
—Special music by Free Will Baptist Bible College Women's Auxiliary
8:15—"What We Are Doing for Home Missions"—Rev. Robert Wilfong, Tampa, Fla.
—Film, "Sombrero Land"
9:30—Benediction

Tuesday, July 10

Thought for the day: The responsibility of sending the light is ours who have it since no one can be saved except the light of God shines in the heart.

Scripture: "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:13-15).

Tuesday Morning

9:00—"The Light Shines in India"
—Meditations led by Rev. E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.
—Hymn
—Prayer
—Special music by Miss Wanda Edwards, Paintsville, Ky.
9:20—"A Glowing Auxiliary"—

President's message

9:30—Business period
10:20—Music
10:25—"The Light Shines through the Missions Declaration Contest"
—Led By Mrs. Luther Sanders, Cordova, Ala.
Presentation of awards
11:15—"The Light Shines to and from Cuba"
—Inspirational music
—"The Unveiled Christ," solo by Mrs. Reford Wilson, Pochontas, Ark.
11:30—Inspirational message by Benito Rodriguez, Cuba
12:00—Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Meditations led by Miss Lucy Wisheart, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
—Prayer
—Special music by Miss Wisheart
1:50—Business period and reports
3:00—Closing hymn
—Adjournment and benediction
Music director—Rev. Robert Hill, Joelton, Tenn.
Pianist—Mrs. Robert Hill Joelton, Tenn.
Organist—Mrs. Rufus Coffey, Darlington, S. C.

Officers

President—Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Memphis, Tenn.
Vice-president—Mrs. J. B. Chism, Warwick, Va.
Recording secretary—Mrs. Ralph Staires, Tulsa, Okla.
Assistant secretary—Mrs. Ronald Creech, Florence, S. C.
Executive secretary—Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Nashville, Tenn.
Chairmen:
Study Course—Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow, Okla.
Stewardship Prayer—Mrs. Cecil Campbell, New Bern, N. C.
Personal Service—Mrs. E. D. Hel-lard, Houston, Texas
Literature—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.
Youth—Mrs. Luther Sanders, Cordova, Ala.

AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

The Southeast Missouri Auxiliary Convention met with the Berkeley Church for their Workshop on May ninth. The theme of the program was carried out with several topics being on "We Need Revival For Such A

Time As This". Speakers were: Mrs. Effie Matthews, Mrs. Genevieve White, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, and Rev. Glen Rehkop brought the eleven o'clock message.

There was a good crowd in attendance. Among those present were visitors from Kirksville, Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones and Mrs. Lucille Beatty from Thayer, Missouri. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Beatty are State Convention officers and we certainly counted it a privilege to have them with us in this Workshop.

Mrs. Jones conducted the afternoon forum for District and State officers.

Benediction, Mrs. Evelyn Rehkop.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Hazel Creek Ladies Auxiliary met Wednesday, May 2 with Mrs. Mary Filkins for an all day meeting. A quilt top was finished and materials cut out for Bible School.

The President led the devotional period with all singing "Revive Us Again". Prayer by Martha Letterman. Our Scripture Lesson was from Esther 4:14-17. Roll call was answered with a scripture quotation from the eight members present. They reported having read 362 Bible Chapters, sent 21 cards and made 53 sick calls. We had one visitor and 8 children present. A committee of Mrs. Emma Vanlaningham and Maizie Devits were appointed to have charge of refreshments for the DVBS. We also discussed a plan to enlarge our church library. A thank you letter was read from Lucy Wisheart. Mrs. Martha Letterman and Mrs. Berniece Thomas sang "Cleanse Me" as a special feature. The lesson "We Need Revival for Such a Time as This" was studied with topics given by Mrs. Mary Filkins, Mrs. Martha Letterman and Mrs. Leona Thompson. Dismissed by Mrs. Dora Sponsler.

—Mrs. Lola Filkins, Secretary

NEOSHO AUXILIARY MEETS

The Womens National Auxiliary met on April 26th, with 10 members present. The scripture reading, which was Matt. 22:1-14, was read and discussed by Mrs. Ella Pogue. The hymn we sang was, He Keeps Me Singing. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Loretta Russell, who pronounced our benediction.

The Womens National Auxiliary in Neosho met once again in May

10th with the following members present: Mrs. Virginia Pogue, Mrs. Wilma Pogue, Mrs. Loretta Russell, Mrs. Ruth Turner, Mrs. Ella Pogue, Mrs. Dorothy Childress, Mrs. Louise McCully, Mrs. Sarah Davidson. Also present were two new members:

Mrs. Lorene Knee, and Mrs. Georgia Treed, and our visitor, Mrs. Wanda Hislip. Our scripture reading was given by Mrs. Wilma Pogue, who chose for her text, Esther 4:14-17. We discussed our lesson subject which is "We Need Revival for Such a Time As This."

Benediction by Mrs. Virginia Pogue.

—Mrs. Childress, Sec.

RICHWOOD'S AUXILIARY MEETS

Dear Christian Friends:

We send Greetings in Jesus' name. We are happy to come to you again with our brief account of our work in this part of the Lord's Vineyard.

Last week, we received the blue prints for our new church. Rev. Logsdon and all of us have been very busy during the past month getting ready to start on the construction of the church basement.

Election time for new officer's came once again to the ladies of the Richwood's Auxiliary. At our meeting on May 14th, the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Elsie Schutte.

Vice-President—Mrs. Juanita Smith

Secretary—Mrs. Logsdon.

Treasurer—Mrs. Betty Sahn.

Reporter—Mrs. Sophia Ackerson.

We thank and praise the dear Lord for all the things He has provided for us.

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson, Cor.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH REPORTS

St. Louis, Mo.

The revival meeting is near at hand at Southside, beginning June the 11th. We ask for the prayers of everyone that many souls will be saved during this meeting. Rev. Robert Hill will be the Evangelist.

Rev. Hill will also be the Superintendent of our Daily Vacation Bible School which will begin on the 18th of June, also pray that it will be a great success.

We are happy to report that our Sunday School average for April is 234 that was also our average for the quarter, for which we are thankful. The Crusaders Sunday School Class are planning a class picnic on June 9th at the Crondelette Park in St. Louis. We ask your prayers that the Lord will bless and that our class

will grow and prosper for the Lord.

We here at Southside Church certainly thank the Lord or the Air Conditioning which has been installed here at the church. We are striving to make excuses impossible for people staying out of Sunday School and Church. People go to many places of the world to keep cool. So we are trying to make the Church comfortable and cool so that people will come to the house of the Lord. We desire your prayer's that the Church and Sunday School will continue to grow and that many Souls will be won to the Lord.

—Louise Davis, Cor.

Rev. Sam G. Ziady
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Rev. Riggs:

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from Columbia.

I have promised to write you a letter about the next decision or the next step I make. After a long time of prayer and waiting upon the Lord I have come to this conclusion. Since I have to wait four to five years in the U.S.A. before I can travel on an American Passport; and the countries over there are in a state of war; and I felt of the need of some experience in pastoring and preaching, I have decided to remain in U.S.A., as a pastor until the Lord irons out some of the problems.

So until a further notice please take off my name, of your Mission Board and use the funds that were sent to me in your general funds.

When the time comes for me to go I am willing to go through a complete investigation and your approval.

In the mean-time if the Lord leads me to apply to another mission board, I am going to do so, since from now on, I am free from your Mission Board. Please discontinue my investigation. Now I am pastoring a mission in Charleston, S. C. and always open for any question and co-operation.

Yours in His Service,
Sam G. Ziady

NOTE: We appreciate the relationship that we have had with Bro. Ziady, as a Board, and we are praying for the Lord to lead in his future plans. His decision is wholly his own and the Foreign Mission Board has voted to grant his request: He is still a F. W. B. and working with our people in Charleston, S. C.

Raymond Riggs

If you want to be a Christian—obey God's commands.

NORTH CAROLINA PASTOR VISITS MISSION FIELD

For the past several years there have been some interested pastors and in some instances, laymen who have attended the Annual Free Will Baptist Convention in Cuba. This year Rev. and Mrs. Henry Melvin of Winterville, N. C. went as visitors, and of course we asked Bro. Melvin to observe the work and report to us his findings and observations.

Following are excerpts taken from Bro. Melvin's recent letter after his return:

Dear Bro. Riggs:

First, let me say that Lola and I had a wonderful trip. Safe travel, no problems in any manner whatsoever, pleasant weather. In short a perfect trip.

"We had aside from our personal luggage; three large trunks of used clothing for the workers, plus packages picked up in Miami. We went through customs without a hitch; I carried my car over and the Cuban government now has a customs inspector on the boat and before we had pulled out of harbor at Key West, I was already through customs, so when we reached Havana all I had to do was drive off the boat.

For the first part of my report, let me make some general observations:

1. All the missionaries, both American and native are doing a highly commendable job. They are doing a noble piece of sacrificial work. Our people never fully appreciate this.

2. There is full harmony and agreement among the American missionaries and full cooperation between the American personnel and the native workers.

3. The Phenicians are doing a marvelous job. I dare say that not even the Board is fully aware of Herbert's value to the mission.

4. Lucy has done a very fine job in her three years there and is well liked and respected by all.

5. In contrast to what we had and what has been accomplished in the 13 years since I was in Cuba, we must, as a people, be ever grateful for the super-human and marvellous job which Tom and Mabel have done. (I am not forgetful of His blessings but am speaking there from the human angle solely.

6. I found that our mission enjoys the respect and confidence of the Cuban people of all classes and despite the unrest and seething revolution against the government; our Mission has the respect of all factors of the Government. This observation

would not be complete without saying in all fairness to Tom—that he stands ace-high in every circle within Cuba. Go where you will in the Province and mention Mr. Willey and immediately the native responds: "Mr. Weely!"

Mr. Melvin further states that the province still presents a mighty challenge to us, and he thinks one of the finest ways to meet that challenge would be a Christian Day School located outside Pinar del Rio. Some of the National workers are preparing themselves for such a project, so please pray for the Lord's guidance.

We appreciate Bro. Melvin's observation and we are glad he could go.

—Raymond Riggs

HANNA WRITES FROM NORTH INDIA!

"We are now preparing for our summer Bible School. We had hoped to wait until Dan and Trula got here, but the boys will all be back in school so we are going to have it from May 23—June 6. That should get us through and give us about a week before the rains really come, although the last ten days have been almost like the real monsoon. Please pray with us that the Word may grip the hearts of these young men, and that they may be able to make their decisions accordingly. Pray for us as we try to teach them the Word, realizing that we cannot take them further than we ourselves have gone. Pray for David as he will be with us now for two months after his first year in Bible College in Calcutta. He has worked hard in Calcutta and is a real soul winner so the president of the Bible College told me. We trust that he will not lose his zeal when he leaves the city and comes back to the village.

"We are building a temporary building here in Sonapurhat for our little school boys. We will have about eight to ten next school term—from July. Some of these are from our little Mission School out at Digabond and Chuticore, and some are from other villages where they have no opportunity for education. Some of these boys will not keep on going to school and try for the high school matric, but will read here for a year or two and return to their own villages and farm work. All we trust will be able to serve the Lord and be of help to others in their villages.

Our church is almost finished. We are waiting for cement for the floors, that is all we lack now. I applied for cement in December but haven't received permit for one bag as yet. Do hope we receive it soon, as we would

so like to have the church ready to use for our Bible School.

The old blind man from our church here in Sonapurhat passed away about two weeks ago and Bongo's mother passed away four days later. The blind man's wife said her husband longed more than anything to see the church finished and worship in it. He expected to, but fell ill and died after only one day's illness. Bongo's mother had suffered so much, we are glad she is at rest.

We plan to baptize three more people in the Santal village where we baptized four in March. We were going on Friday but because of storms we were unable to go. We also hope to baptize about twelve men and women out near the border on Friday of this week. Pray that the Lord may strengthen these day by day, and that many more may come to know Him soon.

Sincerely in Him

D. Carlisle Hanna

A Plain Man's Prayer

Good God, I put up this prayer to Thee because I have to. I don't know how it works—this praying business, I mean—but there must be something to it, or I wouldn't feel the urge to do it whenever things go wrong with the world, with my job, with my buddies and the fellows who don't like me, with my family, with me.

I do so many ornery things I know I shouldn't, and I fail to do so much I know I should. I'm inwardly ashamed, though I don't often admit it. I'm not the man I ought to be. I try, and keep on trying, but I miss. I bungle, I get confused, and so frequently flirt with despair.

Yet there's something in me that keeps me climbing, hoping, yearning, dreaming, believing that the struggle's all important. I know I mustn't quit. It must be You, God, stirring me, luring me, goading me to play the man. If so, I want to thank You, for without such help I don't know where I'd be.

They tell me Jesus showed us the kind of God you are:—a Father who understands us, loves us, feels with us, does all that can be done to help us. I'm a father, too. I love my kids. There's nothing I wouldn't do for them—if they'd let me. But so often they won't. They think they know best. They want to do as they please. They resent my suggestions. And if I try to force them to do as I say, it only makes them peeved. I guess I'm like that with You, God. I wonder if it hurts You when I ignore or disobey You, the way it makes me ache

inside when my youngsters pay no attention to me? If it does I'm sorry. Please forgive me. Give me sense enough to understand that the only lasting joy there is comes from going along with You in Your all-wise way.

Maybe that's the trouble with most of us. Each man, each nation, is too concerned with his own selfish interests, not caring enough about all of us together. So we have quarrels, scraps, strikes, wars—and the human family gets torn to pieces. O God, help us to sense our sin, and stop it. Help us to live together like a decent, self-respecting family should. Help us to quit making our own hell. Teach us to make heaven on earth—here and now.

Finally, God, I want You to know I love You, and though I don't know how to say it without getting maudlin or sentimental, I love everybody—really. The whole world is our family, isn't it, God?—and we ought to stick together, for Your sake, as well as our own.

Thank You, God, for letting me talk to You a while. It helps a lot. Amen.

—Author Unknown

Our Bent to Selfishness

Two little boys were playing on the rocking horse. It was pretty small, and one of the fellows said to the other, "If one of us would get off, I could ride better."

We are, by our very nature, self-centered. The primary interest of the child is in himself. As we advance toward manhood, we are to learn the art of love, helpfulness and unselfishness. But many of us never seem to learn that very fine art. We are, all our lives, childishly self-centered. We must have our way.

It looks cute when the little guy sulks in the corner, but it is far from cute when the big guy does it. Have you not seen these big babies sulking in church? Have you not seen them sulking in the work of the kingdom? Things did not go exactly as they wanted them to go. The majority of the church decided upon a program of which they did not approve. They did not get the pastor they wanted. Something stirred up their childishness and selfishness.

It is a tragedy when a big slob who should have grown up years before says to the rest of the church, "If one of us would get off, I could ride better."

Stones and sticks are thrown only at fruit-bearing trees.



City Auditorium
Huntington, W. Va.

PROGRAM
Of The
Twentieth Annual Session
Of The
National Association of Free Will
Baptists

THEME: Christ Shall Be Magnified
Scripture

"With all boldness—Christ shall be magnified—whether it be by life or death" (Philippians 1:20)

Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Tuesday Evening, July 10

Keynote: To Him All Majesty Ascribe
Scripture: "And he is the head of the body, the church—that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18)

7:30—"O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"—Mr. I. L. Stanley, music director; Mrs. I. L. Stanley, pianist; Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Organist

7:45—"Let Us Call upon the Name of the Lord"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. H. L. Knighton

8:00—The Association called into official session and introduction of officers by Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, clerk
—The appointment of Committees

8:15—We Welcome You—Rev. Carl Vallance
—Welcome to Huntington—

The Honorable George Theurer

8:25—"Heavenly Sunshine"—Time to get acquainted

—Offertory

—Special music

8:40—The Keynote Mesage—"The Preeminent Christ"

—The Messenger, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen



Charles Thigpen

9:20—Adjourn session

(An all night prayer vigil will be held at the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church, 522 Buffington Street, beginning at 10:30 P. M. You

are urged to attend some part of this service during the night as we seek God's face for His blessings upon our lives, our churches, and our denomination. It will close with a sunrise prayer service at 6:30 A. M. led by Rev. Thomas H. Willey. See the folder, "Hands Heavenward," for additional information and a list of those who will be conducting various parts of the service.)

Wednesday Morning, July 11

9:15—"Early in the Morning Our Songs rise to Thee"

—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

9:25—"We Seek Thy Face"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. James F. Miller

9:35—Report of General Board acting as Credentials Committee
—Seating of the delegates

—Recognition of visiting messengers from other religious bodies

9:55—Report of Committee on Committees

10:00—Report of General Board—Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton, secretary

10:50—Intermission

11:05—The Hour of Worship

Keynote: All One Body We

Scripture: "Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27)

—"Sing Praise unto Him"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

—Special Music

11:15—Service honoring all former moderators of the National Association

—Introduction of former moderators (John L. Welch, 1935-37; James F. Miller, 1938-43; J. R. Davidson, 1944-45; L. C. Johnson, 1946-48; Floyd B. Cherry, 1949; N. Bruce Barrow, 1950-51; Edward E. Morris, 1952-54)

—Presentation of certificates
—Prayer

11:30—The Message—"One in Hope and Doctrine"

—The Messenger—Rev. John L. Welch

12:10—Adjourn session

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—"Come Before His Presence with Singing"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs

—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. Rufus Coffey

1:45—Miscellaneous business

2:05—Report of Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College—Rev. James F. Miller



J. L. Welch

- 2:25—"Christ Magnified in Bible Distribution"—Report of the American Bible Society by Albert C. Johnson
- 2:35—Moments of Christian Challenge
- Special Music
- The Message—"Our Obligation to the Young People Who Serve in the Armed Forces"
- The Messenger—Dr. Ivan L. Bennett



Ivan L. Bennett

- 3:25—Reports of special committees
- 3:35—Report of Executive Secretary—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
- 3:55—Report of Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Raymond Riggs
- 4:15—Partial report of Nominating Committee and election of all board members
- 4:30—Adjourn session

Wednesday Evening**Missionary Service**

Keynote: To Every Kindred, Every tribe

Scripture: "I will send those—unto the nations—to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory" (Isaiah 66:19)

- 6:00—Special missionary prayer meeting at the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist church, 522 Buffington Street, led by Rev. Damon C. Dodd
- 7:30—Hymns of missionary challenge
- Services led by Rev. Raymond Riggs
- Offertory
- Foreign and Home missionaries appearing at this service include Rev. Thomas H. Wiley, Miss Lucy Wischart, Benito Rodriguez, Melitino Martinez, Estenio Garcia, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, and Rev. and Mrs. Geo. C. Lee, Jr.
- Service of consecration

Thursday Morning, July 12

- 9:00—"Sing Praises unto Our King"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- "Call unto Me and I Will Answer thee"—Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. Rupert Pixley
- 9:15—Report of Polity Committee
- 9:35—Report of Stewardship Commission
- 9:45—Report of Planning Commission
- 10:15—Report of Board of Home Missions—Rev. Damon C. Dodd
- 10:35—Report of Sunday School Board—Rev. William J. Mishler
- 10:50—"Magnifying Christ Together"—Report of the National Association of Evangelicals by Rev. George L. Ford

11:05—The Hour of Worship

Keynote: Onward Then, Ye People

Scripture: "When thou hearest the sound of a going—thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the Lord go out before thee" (2 Samuel 5:24)

- "Make His Praise Glorious"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- Special Music
- 11:20—The Message—"Retaining Our Attainments"
- The Messenger—Rev. Willard C. Day
- 12:00—Adjourn session



Willard C. Day

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30—"Praise Ye the Lord"—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Riggs
- 1:35—Report of Radio-Television Board—Rev. Ralph Staten
- 1:45—Report of Women's National Auxiliary Convention—Mrs. LaVerne Miley
- 1:50—Report of Board of Publications and Literature—Rev. J. C. Griffin
- 2:00—Report of Budget Committee
- 2:15—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board—Rev. Henry Melvin
- 2:25—Report of Superannuation Board—Rev. K. V. Shutes
- 2:40—Report of Placement Committee for 1957 session
- 2:50—Miscellaneous business
- Reports of committees
- Final report of Nominating Committee and election of officers
- 3:45—Final adjournment

TOO BUSY TO LISTEN

A troubled comrade wrote his superior: "It is becoming increasingly difficult to reach the downtrodden masses in America. In the spring they are forever polishing their cars. In the summer they take vacations. In the fall they go to football games. And in the winter you can't get them away from their television sets. Please give me suggestions on how to let them know how oppressed they really are."

—Future

JUST A THOUGHT—

There is plenty of action in a rocking chair, but no progress.