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Praise ye the Lord.

Praise God in His sanctuary:

Praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts:

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet:

Praise Him with the psaltery and harp,

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance:

Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.





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	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Fredricktown .....	152	162	158	165	158	163				
Mt. Pisgah .....	39	38	41		39	50	47			
Coppermines .....	92	99	96	107	97	93	89	92	98	100
First, Flat River .....		141	167	175	174					
Fellowship .....	185	185	207	196	208	191	191	187	213	
Leadington .....	94	94	95	110	98	93	94	96		
Desloge .....	96	96	93	108	96	106	109	113	113	
Farmington .....	46	52					54	53	56	51
Fourth .....	63	70	67	59	62	68	47	54	53	
Southside .....			230	234	212	198		196	236	
Monett .....	102	130	118		131	102	198	103		
Old Bethel .....	24	24	33	31	29	35	32	29		
Third Church .....	118									
Berkeley .....	156	186	196	185	175	175		152	168	
Richwoods .....	75	66	77	96	90	92	89	93	85	78
Neosho .....						51	45	43		
Mountain Grove .....						209				
Joplin .....							46	56		
Mill Creek .....							46	47	48	
Kirksville .....	99	95	100	98	114	100	108	104	116	

Please send us your average, too.

## Be Ye Thankful

(Col. 3:15)

Rev. Wm. Buster

Rt. 2, Kirksville, Mo.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will only be a few days away. Most of us have been eagerly looking forward to it for one or more reasons. For children and students there will be a brief vacation from school. We may plan to visit some friends or loved ones, or may be expecting a visit from them. These are fine legitimate reasons. We may rightly think of the day as a time of rejoicing and feasting. It has always been so. On the day of Pentecost, the Jewish feast day, they were admonished to rejoice before Jehovah with their families, the Levites within their gates, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in the place chosen by God for His Name, as they brought a free-will offering of their hand to Jehovah their God. (Deut. 16:10-11). It was a day of offering and sacrifices as expressions of gratitude to God for the harvest.

The Pilgrims surely had this Scripture in mind when they observed their first Thanksgiving. We could learn much from their example. More than half of their number had died from exposure and malnutrition during the long hard winter. The work of preparing the land and the labor in cultivating their crops was strenuous. Yet in the midst of all their difficulties, they paused to thank Him and to worship the giver of all good things.

God has blessed us with another year of good crops and America continues to be the best fed and best clothed nation on the earth. I recently heard a lady from Central Europe say over the air that most Americans eat more in a single meal than most of her people did in an entire day. Due to these abundant crops and natural resources we have also become the healthiest, as well as the wealthiest, nation in the world. For all these things God would surely say to us as He did to the Colossians long ago, "Be ye thankful".

We should thank God every day that we live that we are Americans; that we live in a land where we may vote, speak, write and worship as we see fit without fear of molestation, and that we live in a land where church and state are separate. Where this is not so that true church suffers persecution and the common people are kept in ignorance and superstition.

We should be thankful that we are alive. Some one has suggested that if

we begin there and grade man at zero, every step above that is a reason for Thanksgiving. One writer says that he was sorry for himself because he was temporarily handicapped with an injured hand till he met a man who had no hands.

Man is God's most glorious creation. He is blessed with the upward look—permitted to move on a higher plane than all other of God's creatures. He is gifted with consciousness, the power to think, solve many of his own problems, to worship and to exercise the right of choice. For all this God says, "—be ye thankful."

We thank God for all the common blessings. We are not blind. We can look on the stars, be thrilled by the sunset. We can talk and hear. The air we breath and the water we drink are not contaminated and we are not at war.

We could well thank God for our denomination. Not because it is the only one that endeavors to teach the truth and hold to high ideals: but because it is still old fashioned, fundamental, not tainted with modernism, still true to the Bible, and because it still has the message that is needed in these closing days.

I do thank Him for its progress, especially, in the last few years. The denomination, that only a generation ago, had very few full time churches, no mission programs, no college, very little vision, now has an ever growing number of prosperous, growing full-time congregations, an expanding missionary work, and an efficient growing college.

We should thank God for every missionary we have on the field, both at home and abroad, and prove our gratitude by our prayers and support.

We owe Him our heartfelt thanks for the Bible College and its leaders, certainly, for every fine minister, missionary and personal worker that it has trained for more effective service in these fourteen years since it opened. Its rapid growth testifies that it is of God. **Be Ye Thankful.**

Every true Christian thanks God for the Bible; that it has been preserved in spite of the devil's every effort to destroy it, that it is God's personal message to every man of Adam's race, and that what ever our condition is we can find our need and a solution for our problems in its pages. It is still the power of God unto Salvation.

We thank God for His love in sending His Son, and the Son for coming to this sin cursed earth in obedience to His Father's will to accomplish our redemption. "Thanks be unto God

for His unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

We bow our heads in thankfulness to the Holy Spirit for coming to earth on Pentecost for all flesh. He follows us until he gets our attention long enough to convict us of sin. Then He saves us and takes up His abode in us, to teach, guide, comfort, love us, and to pray for us (Romans 8:26).

The Father gave us a desire to pray when we were saved. It became part of our nature to talk to Him whom we love. All of us, who have prayed to any extent, have seen the result of answered prayer time and time again. If He never saw fit to answer another prayer for the most of us we could not doubt the power of God to answer our petitions. (We might well have misgivings as to the state of our fellowship). He has answered too many of our prayers already for us to doubt Him. Because God is still on the throne and still loves to answer the prayers of His children, **We Thank Him.**

When we were saved we became the brother of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 20:17), and fellow heirs with all the saints of the present and of the ages past. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19). **Be Ye Thankful.**

### MAKING THE BIBLE FIT OUR OWN DESIRES

Many people like to take a bit of the Bible from here and a bit there and twist the portions around in order to make it seem to teach what they want to teach. A railway president, tormented by people who wanted free passes, decided to do this and made the following calendar for his ticket agents:

Monday—"Thou shalt not pass." Numbers 20:18.

Tuesday—"Suffer not a man to pass." Judges 11:28.

Wednesday—"The wicked shall no more pass." Nahum 1:15.

Thursday—"This generation shall not pass." Mark 13:30.

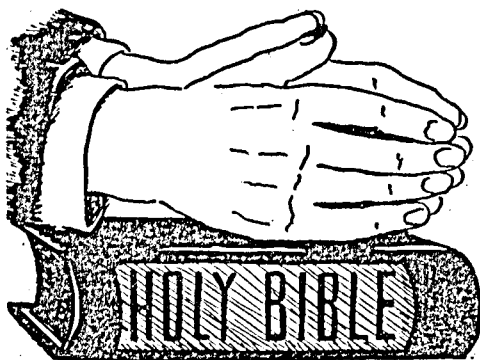
Friday—"By a perpetual decree it cannot pass." Jer. 5:22.

Saturday—"None shall pass." Isaiah 34:10.

Sunday—"So he paid the fare therefore and went." Jonah 1:3.

Perhaps this railway president should have read Paul's advice to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15).

## The Family Altar



It was during the widespread revival in 1857, which spread over the country. A young married man had been awakened and very happily converted, who lived in a fashionable quarter of New York City. He determined he would never be ashamed of his Lord, and said to himself, "Now, I must obey God and honor Him in my family worship." Composing the household was his fashionable young wife and a worldly-minded sister. The tempter immediately suggested, "Wait; don't be in a hurry; not tonight; you never prayed in your life. Wait and learn first." No, he must pray now. That night was the time.

He did not know what his wife would say, nor his sister, but his purpose was fixed. Going into the library he asked his wife if she would object to his reading the Bible and praying, having been informed he had been converted. With great politeness she said: "Certainly not, if it is your pleasure." He read, then knelt down to pray, while both his wife and sister sat upright looking on. He cried out in the earnestness of his soul, and soon the two hearts heretofore uninterested began to be moved. First, his young wife yielded, got down beside him, and put her arm about his neck, crying. Immediately the sister knelt on the other side, weeping. As he prayed the Lord came down, blessed both sister and wife, and there was a home made anew by the grace of God. And family prayer was ever afterward kept up in that home.

What if this young husband had never had the courage to take up family prayer or had refused? Would such results have taken place?

Five per cent of the people think; five per cent think they think; ninety per cent die before they ever think.

Earth fades, heaven shines. What do you do?

## A Christian

By Sophia Ackerson

Acts 2:26 "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

The definition of Christian means Christlike. So the disciples and converts were first called Christians at Antioch because they were Christlike and different from the world. In those days the name of Christian meant reproach, if not certain death, to the individual who claimed it.

We must admit that the true meaning of this precious name has been misconstrued because many are claiming this name who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. So christianity is more than living in a country where God and Christ are recognized. It means more than just belonging to some church.

A real Christian is a wonder to many. It is marvelous to notice while reading the scripture that only the poor are rich and that a broken heart is the greatest blessing that one can possess. How surprising it is to hear this writer say, "We are sorrowful, yet always rejoicing having nothing yet possessing all things" or "dying behold we live."

How ridiculous did all this appear to us but it is only by the mercy of God that our darkness is past and the true light now shineth. Read I Corinthians 2:14.

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ." The grace of God has much to slay in us. It has to slay our vain confidence, our self righteousness, our pride, our depraved affections. The grace of God finds us alive to the world and sin. But it soon leaves us dead to both. Read Romans 6:6-12.

The word crucify speaks of a violent and unnatural death and sin does not die of its own accord or from weakness or old age. It must be put to death by force. I have never heard of anyone that became a Christian without some difficulty, sacrifice, groans and tears. Read Matthew 16:24-28.

In Galatians 2:20 we read these words of Paul, "yet not I" Paul did not have the big "I"—but kept himself out of the picture as much as possible. Notice the trend of the following scripture. They all speak of humility. "By the grace of God I am what I am and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain. But I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I—but the grace of

God was with me. I have learned what-so-ever state I am there with to be content. I know both how to be abased and I know how to abound every where and in all things, I am instructed both full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need,—I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Galatians 2:20 implies life also "nevertheless I live." There has to be evidence of life before one can prove he has life. We like Paul were once dead in trespasses and sin; and the things of God did not interest us in the least. But now we know we are alive because we love the brethren and the things of God do interest us. They do impress us, they do excite our hopes and fears. We know we have life because we breathe prayer and praise and feel the pulse of sacred passions. Because His Spirit bears witness with our Spirit that we are the children of God. The real true Christian is not a picture. The picture may be the very likeness. It may resemble the original but it wants life. It has eyes but sees not. Lips, but speaks not. It is just a figure.

A Christian is not a figure you make. You may take material and make a figure of a man and give him various parts of the human body and even make them move, but a real born again Christian is not moved by religious machinery, but life given to them by Christ the Lord and Saviour of all men. Nothing is forced or artificial.

A young Italian boy knocked one day at the door of an artists studio in Rome and when it was opened he exclaimed, "Please, Madam, will you give me the master's brush?" The lady placed the brush in the boys hand, saying, "This is the brush, try it my boy." With a flush of eagerness on his face he tried, but found he could paint no better than with his own. The lady then said to him, "You can not paint like the great master unless you have his spirit."

So it is with us in the church of today. If Christians do not have the spirit of the master they cannot successfully carry on the Master's great work. So let each one of us be filled with the Holy Spirit and let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our father in heaven.

I sought at once my Saviours' side,  
No more my steps shall roam;  
When I shall lay my armour down,  
And dwell in peace at home.  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
And we'll be gathered home.

# Death of Modesty - - -

## Modern Undress: Christian or Anti-Christian?

By H. F. Gilbert

(A reprint from the Watchman-Examiner of New York, issue of December 22, 1955)

What should be the position of the Christian, the preacher, and the religious press in the matter of the semi-nude fashions of the day?

The reason that this is an almost untouched issue is that it is "too hot" to touch. Like a nettle, it must be grasped firmly if at all. The writer is well aware that some readers will bring out the counter criticism that he sees harm in the present fashions of dress or undress because he himself is evil-minded. Knowing that we are men and women of "like passions," influenced by the bodies of the opposite sex, let us look frankly at the matter. Is there an issue, and, if so, how can it be met?

The unrestrained freedom in dress of our day is not an isolated phenomenon, but is one aspect of the moral letdown of this generation. We will agree that there has been a tremendous moral decadence in society. This fact may be brought out by quotations from current periodicals.

The Watchman-Examiner of September 2, 1954, says: "New York newspapers report that illegitimacy is so rife that abortion has become an industry." In the Christian Herald of January, 1952, Howard Whitman quotes headlines: Borger, Texas—"Teen-age non-virgin club probed in Texas town", Decatur, Indiana—"Girls thirteen and fourteen admit to orgies, implicate twenty men." Mr. Whitman says further: "According to a study by Dr. Lewis M. Terman, of Stanford University, sixty-eight per cent of our brides are not virgins," and, "According to Dr. Luther E. Woodward, sex experience among unmarried girls is twice as prevalent as it was twenty-five years ago."

### Lowering Morals

Simultaneously with, and a part of, this general lowering in morals, there has been a radical departure from the dress customs, fashions and taboos of forty years ago. This will be granted by all who were adults when this period began. It will also be granted that the present popular near-nude attire of the bathing beaches, of our streets and homes, on band drum majorettes, and on festival queens, has been arrived at garment by garment and inch by inch. In our school days, we learn-

ed this stanza from Pope's Essay on Man:

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien

As to be hated needs but to be seen.

Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,

We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Does this not apply to our present situation? The voices of protest that were raised years ago have become well-nigh inaudible.

We are not even mildly shocked by what has taken place on many college campuses—hundreds of men rushing en masse through the girls' dormitories demanding and obtaining the only two garments which the girls have not already on occasion, dispensed with for public appearances. I refrain from using the popular name given to these raids.

It is scarcely too much to say that three fig leaves, on the body of one of either sex, will satisfy the censors and the general public of today. While men and women are equally blameworthy, it is a fact that women are in a greater degree displaying the body for the sake of display, and being exploited at every possible opportunity. No popular festival occasion is complete without a half-naked queen, chosen largely for her "curvaceous figure" from a number of equally unclothed contestants.

The most outstanding admission of the secular press which we have seen may be found on page 88 of the December 1954 Readers' Digest. That page ought to be digested by every Christian. The article is by Lois Long in the New York Times Magazine. We quote: "After the terror of the French Revolution, all hell broke loose. Women cut their hair first, then took off most of their clothes. They tossed away their corsets, and to quote, James Laver's Taste and Fashion, 'The disappearance of corsets is always accompanied by two related phenomena—promiscuity and inflated currency'."

And where is that thing called modesty today? It is almost a memory of yesterday. Modesty is no longer considered necessary to the protection of virtue. What place can it find in all the present freedom, in "sex-appeal," and in the free mingling of the sexes in nearly all situations in life? Scanty clothing is considered a mere matter of choice. "Sex-appeal" is regarded legitimate for both non-Christian and Christian. A minimum of clothing is deemed sufficient for both sinner and saint.

Near-nude "queens" are encouraged by half-nude church members.

FBI statistics for the United States state that, in the first half of 1954, forty-eight rapes were reported to police every twenty-four hours. Is not half-clothed female society an encouragement to the licentious urge of the rapist, the subtle advances of the seducer, and sexual awareness in man in general?

Basic Bible teaching is found in the Genesis account of creation: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them—And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew (were conscious of the fact) that they were naked—Unto Adam also, and to his wife, did the Lord God make coats of skins and clothed them." It is true that we were created male and female, but God expects us, having become conscious of the fact, to clothe our bodies and make our differences of body as inconspicuous as possible. If we want men to see the image of God in our faces, we shall have to keep our bodies clothed.

### Time To Speak Out

Roman Catholicism has spoken on the subject through the American Quarterly of Papal Documents, third quarter, 1954, p. 289ff. We quote: "The current mode of dress constitutes a serious offense against decency, and decency is the companion of modesty, in whose company chastity herself is safer."

Greek Orthodoxy has spoken indirectly through its organized youth. The secular press states that an attempt was made to stake a popular bathing-beauty contest in Athens. Cries of "Shame, shame" from the Orthodox youth actually caused the contest to be called off.

The feeble voice of Protestantism has scarcely been heard, but there are some exceptions. The Watchman-Examiner has spoken emphatically on the immodesty of bathing-beauty contests. One Baptist State assembly has for years enforced these rules, printed this year as formerly, under the heading of "Christian Conduct": "Shorts are not to be worn at any time. Mixed bathing is positively prohibited. Everyone must wear a cape going to and from the pool." But in most religious circles the issue is entirely untouched. Criticism of the existing order is not wanted, and the existing order is that of "the world."

Let professing Christians drop the naive assumption that the bare human body no longer rouses a response in the bodies and minds of the opposite

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# From the Editor's Desk

## THANKSGIVING

Our national holiday, Thanksgiving Day, is approaching once again. As a nation we should offer our praise to Him for His many blessings. No other nation has received so much from His hand. Let us thank God for the freedom of worship, the opportunities of education, the privileges of home life, and an abundance of food, shelter, and clothing; and let us manifest that thanksgiving by the giving of our tithes and offerings, the attendance at church, and time given to Bible Reading, prayer, and personal witnessing. As the Psalmist has expressed in Psalm 100:4 "Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

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## NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

We received several new subscriptions this month. Some were individual subscriptions and some were for the Church Family Plan. We received a letter from Rev. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo., in which he writes as follows: "I am sending twenty families to be placed on the mailing list for the Gem, on the Church Family Plan, one dollar per year. A Christian is paying for these and he gave me the privilege and job of selecting homes where there was a known need for a religious paper, and persons in the home who were unsaved. This man is not a Free Will Baptist, but sanctioned the Gem as one of the papers to meet this need. Therefore you will be receiving a good number later."

In addition to the twenty mentioned in the above quoted letter of Rev. Beatty, we did receive ten more from him, making a total of thirty in all. Also, the Marble Hill Church, First Church, Springfield, and the Blue Eye Church were placed on the Church Family Plan.

## JOIN YOUR PRAYERS WITH OURS

That we may enlarge the place of our tents, lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalm 2:18.

We are urging you to join your prayers with ours that we may accomplish much in the name of our God. Prayer must come first. You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than

pray until you have prayed. Prayer changes your own heart's attitude. Then your service will come from a burning heart of love. After we have prayed giving will not be a duty but a devotion.

It is true God wants us to exercise faith in His power to do the impossible for us. But He also wants us to put in motion our God-given capacities and possessions we already have, until we reach the impossible. Then He takes over.

If you mean business with God when you pray, He will tell you to do something. He asked Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" (Exodus 4:2-1) He wanted Moses to see that He only required him to use what he already had. God may be speaking to your heart today to remind you that you have something that He can use. It may be time, talents or possessions but whatever it is God can use it.

You, Freewill Baptists of Missouri, have sent us out in this church extension work and we feel that the cry of your heart is that we may "go forward." Then we must have your help. We must have your prayers and your support. We feel that we are doing the work that God wants us to do. We thank the Lord for all this. We feel impelled to ask God to give those in this State that He would have us reach for His possession. And while we reach people here and thereby strengthen our stakes at home, we pray that He will lengthen our cords abroad and give us the heathen for our inheritance.

How God needs those whose eyes have seen the whitened harvest fields of the world, and who will work together in the harvest before it is lost. Those who will be concerned, not by how much will I get, but how much can I give? How we need those who will pray, to put motion (by their giving) as well as emotion (by their loving) back of their prayers that the lost may be reached; and that those of our own (who do not have a church of their own faith) may be organized, utilized and put into motion for Christ.

God has given each of us a responsibility. We are stewards of our time, talents and possessions. Did you know that if Christ has caused you to see the need of winning a lost world for Him, He has caused you to see the need of Missions, that you can use your talent for Christ by helping the

rest of your church to see the need? You can be instrumental in setting your church in motion to support the co-operative plan which supports every phase of our work. Some day God will demand an account of our work. If a church wants the blessings of God they must support God's work.

May we enlist in this battle for souls. God help us to inspire you to take up this challenge! Pray tell me where you could invest your time, your thought, your talents and your possessions in a greater way. The reward comes in this life and is multiplied many times in eternity.

Join your prayers with ours that God's work may prosper and Grow.

Yours on the field,

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones  
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## WHAT TO BRING TO CHURCH

Bring a holy reverence for both God and His House—the church.

Bring an unselfish spirit and an abiding love for your fellow Christians.

Bring your tithes and offerings.

Bring a friendly smile and a hearty handshake for friends and strangers alike.

Bring a kind word for your church, its program and leadership.

Bring a willingness to join in the worship service by singing right out of your heart with the congregation.

Bring your visiting friends and relatives.

Bring a prayerful heart and open mind for the Word of God.

Bring an unsaved friend and pray for him during the service.

Bring a willingness to accept places of responsibility where you can serve when asked.

—Selected

## MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done,

Leave countless marks for good or ill ere sets the evening sun.

This is the wish I always wish, the prayer I always pray:

Lord, may my life help other lives it touches by the way.

—Selected

I have the highest calling man ever had—just to be your friend. I can do no more and I have no right to do less, and I enjoy it greatly because I have little competition.

## Revival

Albert Halbrook

"O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Habakkuk 3:2.

As we look upon the world to-day and view its condition we are constrained to pray as Habakkuk prayed in the text above. Let us briefly, in acrostic style, notice some things in which we need a revival. We need a revival in:

**R—Repentance.** "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land." (II Cron. 7:14). This verse is for those that profess to be people of God. A revival is dependent on the attitude of the Christians, not on the sinners. God's people must be right in the sight of God. Genuine repentance on the Christian's part will affect the sinner. He will be made to confess "The Lord He Is God". Let a revival begin with repentance. This was John the Baptist's first message; it was Christ's message when on earth; and was the theme of the apostles' and disciples' message. Repentance is the foundation and beginning of a revival.

**E—Enlightenment.** To have a revival we need to be enlightened in the things of God. Enlightenment comes by three means:

(1) The Word—"The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:30). "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15). (2) Prayer—"Call unto me, and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:3). If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:16). (3) Holy Spirit—"Howbeit when he the spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come." (John 16:13).

Enlightenment is a prerequisite for a revival. As noticed by these verses this enlightenment does not come thru worldly knowledge, but from God. O Lord give us enlightenment from

thee—enlightenment that will reveal thy will, and lead to a real revival!

**V—Vision.** "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35). Two men were standing by a street car track, and as the street car came by, both looked at the car load of passengers. One, as he looked, saw a carload of nickles. He thought of the amount of money that had passed into the company's hands. The other man was a Christian. He saw a carload of souls bound for eternity. What do you see as you meet people day after day? Do you see souls needing Christ, or do you confine your thoughts to only temporal things?

Yes, We need a revival of vision—a vision of Christ dying on Calvary and a vision of souls for whom He died.

**I—Interest.** A revival calls for interested people. No organization, or institution, will accomplish much without it. God's people should be interested in church, interested in lost souls, and interested in their fellow brethren. David felt no one was interested in him for he said, "no one cared for my soul." The Priest and Levite manifested no interest in the one who had fallen among thieves. When we speak to our dying loved ones as they are approaching death sometimes we ask them, "Do you know me?" What if the community in which you live should ask the church that question? Is the church interested in souls. A revival can come when there is a revival of interest.

**V—Voice.** Another V which stands for voice. When the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John who he was, he confessed he was not the Christ, or Elias or any other Prophet, but he said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." John was willing to be anonymous. He did not boast of his miraculous birth, or the honor God placed upon him, but he was willing to be a voice. We do not have the name of Naaman's Jewish captive servant who used her voice to point him to Israel's God, but she was a voice. Are you willing to submerge yourself and be forgotten except for your voice that gives testimony for God? A real revival, depends on real testimonies, voices consecrated to God.

**A—Aim.** The meaning of aim could be summed up in such words as: to endeavor after; a purpose. The world is seeking for wealth, pleasure, and fame. Its purpose is confined to this earth and not to the next world.

But the Christian and the church have a different aim. David said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord and all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." (Psalm 27:4) Paul had the highest of aim which he expressed in these words: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14). Also, he said, "For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." (I Cor. 2:2). What noble aims David and Paul have set forth in words—aims that should revive our churches if we but follow them.

**L—Love and Loyalty.** These words it seems cannot be separated. To have a revival we need a revival of love. After commending the church of Ephesus for her good points, Christ rebuked her in these words: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. (Rev. 2:4) Has the church lost her first love? Have you? Love is the badge which we wear that identifies us as children of God.

Then love produces loyalty. God wants those who are loyal to Him and to the Church. Loyalty to the church to which we are members is expressed in Neh. 10:39. "—and we will not forsake the house of God." We are told that only 8 percent of our church members attend day services and only 3 percent at night. Surely there needs to be a revival of love and loyalty to the church.

In conclusion may I say that God loves to revive His people and give revivals. He is waiting to bless the church that really desires an out-pouring from heaven. Let us pray for a revival as Habakkuk prayed: "O Lord I have heard thy speech and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work."

### FOR THE JOURNEY

A young Christian packing his bag for a journey said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing, I only have to put in a guide book, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer and a set of books I have been studying."—"But you cannot pack all that into your bag," objected the friend. "Oh, Yes," said the Christian, "Here it is." And he placed his Bible in the corner of the

—Anonymous

Look ahead, think as you go.



# News From The Mission Field

## IS PIONEERING FINISHED IN THE IVORY COAST?

G. C. Timyan

A month ago my reply would doubtless have been negative, but now I would insist, "No! pioneering has not even begun in the north-eastern Ivory Coast!" A 2100 kilometer survey trip into the Bondoukou Circle has convinced me that the days of pioneering in French West Africa are far from finished.

Leaving Bouake where the first pioneers came into the Baouli tribe 25 years ago, we crossed the river Nzi an hour later into what is known as Dioula county. The races are so mixed here that the longrobed Mohammedan colporteurs (Dioulas) who trade by day and preach by night have given their names to the area. Here no gospel work of any kind is being done and the visits of the missionary are very occasional. I had personally traveled the area to reach an isolated group of Baouli believers, and missionaries from the Djimini region 75 kilometers north pass through on their shopping trips to Bouake. However, no one is reaching the Dyamana people nor kindred tribes with the Word.

Three hours later we crossed the river Comoe, traditional boundary of the Baouli people and the eastern limit of any missionary work in this corner of the vinyard. We touched the northern edge of the Andos people just before reaching the dug-out canoe ferry. As part of our Mbahiakro district responsibility, the Andos are receiving a witness to the south. Here began the area of rare visits by gospel witnesses. We passed successively through village of the Bariba, Bini, Koulango and Abron tribes. Three hundred kilometers of dense spiritual darkness with scarcely a flicker of light. Several times we stopped to enquire if the Word had ever been preached in the many villages along the way and invariably the reply was: "No, we have never heard, but we will listen if you would stop and tell us."

We found modern buildings, well-built highways and prosperous people but no gospel in the city of Bondoukou. The town's few nominal protestants coming from liturgical churches on the coast must cross into the

Gold Coast, 10 miles away, to attend church. They welcomed us with delight and listened intently as we preached the Word in their homes and on the street. Since all of them were far from their homelands and most of them unconverted church members, there was no Christian witness among them. Here a new kind of pioneering was needed—the preaching of personal salvation to professing "Christians" who had never heard the simple gospel. We rejoiced when two of these prayed the penitent's prayer during the informal meetings.

Moving northward towards the Upper Volta border we traveled 300 kilometers through the Bouna subdivision where no missionary work has ever been attempted. Another 300 kilometers of road through absolutely untouched territory were impassable because of rainy season. Four years ago while passing through Bondoukou on a mission business trip I met the French commander from Bouna whom I had previously known, and he asked me: "Why don't you come up into my country? There are neither Catholic priests nor Mohammedan teachers who are doing anything to help the people. We want you to open a mission station." But these statements were no longer true in August 1956. Rome was building a cement church in Bouna town and evidences of Islam penetration were seen everywhere. We couldn't help wishing that the church of Christ had been able to answer the Macedonian call years before.

The Kulango tribe numbering approximately 125,000 comprise the main language group in the central part of the Bondoukou circle. Probably over half of them live in the area south and east of a large uninhabited forest reserve in the Bouna region. They were doubtless driven back, dispossessed of much of their land by the aggressive Abrons who conquered many of them. However through intermarriage the Kulango language and culture has remained predominant over a large section. The tragedy is that the gospel has never been preached in this tongue. The Lord of the Harvest still awaits linguistic pioneers who can reduce this language to writing, preach and teach this people the way of life for the first time.

To the north, the restless Lobi people are making inroads in Kulango county, coming down from the Upper Volta colony. Ambitious cultivators of the soil, these handy workmen have made themselves virtually indispensable to the Bondoukou economy. Yet they are untamed and warlike masters of the poison arrow and feared by Europeans and African tribes alike. Their life is very primitive, each family dwelling in a walled enclosure of mud grouped together agglomerations resembling villages, but without the authority of a chief. Most of the family life seems to take place in the security of their roof-tops. Their filed teeth and plugged upper and lower lips present a grotesque appearance. Yet those we photographed and contacted through a few greetings in the trade language were winsome in manner and we coveted the gift of the Lobi tongue.

Animism of the most degraded kind keeps them in abject bondage to the evil spirits. All children who are sickly are killed before they change into hyenas. Twins of one boy and one girl are sacrificed on ant-hills to appease the spirits. Their initiation rights are among the worst in Africa involving death by drowning of sacrificial victims in the Volta. To these pagan people in the extreme north-eastern corner of the Ivory Coast no one has ever taken the Word of life. In their tribal life, the man and women are naked except for leaf aprons, and this best describes them spiritually naked before God with only the withered leaves of fetishism.

About 100 kilometers further north in the adjacent colony, the WEC of England are pioneering courageously among the Lobis, but with a pitifully small force. The language has been reduced and work on the New Testament is in progress. However inadequate their work of evangelization among the "plains Lobis", they had been burdened for the "mountain Lobis" of the Ivory Coast, some 35,000 people without a witness that we had just visited. So interested were they in advance work that one of number accompanied us back south to survey the language and help choose a site for a new mission station.

The object of our trek was to introduce a new mission in this territory and select bases for pioneer operation. But where? The Baribas, the Binas, the Abrons, the Kulangos and the Lobis each presented a wide open door.

Yet in the extreme south portion of the area the need seemed to be even

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**September 1, 1956, September 30, 1956**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION**  
**Pinar del Rio, Cuba**

Cash on Hand, September 1, 1956 \$	\$ 52.12	\$	
Cash in Bank, General .....	170.48		
Cash in Bank, Building .....	314.67		
Cash in Bank, Temples .....	1,194.65	1,679.80	1,731.92
<b>Received:</b>			
Check, Mission Board, Regular .....		2,755.00	
Check, Mission Board, Temples ....		1,000.00	3,755.00
Gift for Building .....	80.00		
Gifts .....	75.00		
Books and Quotas, Students .....	111.15		
Sales .....	9.80		275.95
			<u>5,762.87</u>
<b>Disbursed:</b>			
Food (School) .....		185.46	
Salaries:			
Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Sr. ....	165.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Jr. ....	150.00		
Mr. and Mrs. Phenicie .....	150.00		
	465.00		
Cuban Workers .....	1,381.00	1,846.00	
Rent (9 churches) .....		257.50	
Hospitalization (Cuban Workers)		87.75	
Maintenance of Equipment:			
Painting Bus .....	70.00		
General Repairs .....	38.05		
Maintenance of Equipment:			
Gas and Oil .....	17.15	125.20	
			<u>214.73</u>
General Maintenance .....			
Building:			
House, Tom Willey, Jr. ....	368.23		
Girl's Dormitory .....	56.84	425.12	
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Temples:			
San Juan .....	300.23		
Vinales .....	200.00		
Travel Exp. (Estenionto States) ..	33.00	533.23	
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Animal Feed .....		116.70	
Farm Expense .....		6.40	
Passage .....		46.40	
Office Expense .....		10.34	
Printing .....		5.00	
Typewriter .....		35.00	
Miscellaneous .....		5.85	
Bank and Exchange Charges .....		5.76	3,906.44
			<u>1,856.43</u>
Cash on Hand, Sept. 30, 1956 ....		87.69	
Cash in Bank, Sept. 30, 1956,			
General .....		27.32	
Cash in Bank, Sept. 30, 1956,			
Building .....		80.00	
Cash in Bank, Sept. 30, 1956,			
Temples .....		1,661.42	1,856.43

Thomas H. Willey  
Director

Edith Phenicie  
Bookkeeper

**TENNESSEE**

The Manchester Free Will Baptist Church, in observation of "Foreign Missions Sunday", received an offering for the work, and we are happy to enclose this check.

We pray that the Lord may crown the work with great success for His glory.

Trusting the Lords' blessings are resting upon you, your work, and family, I remain,

Yours in Jesus name,  
Willie B. Rodgers

**WEST VIRGINIA**

The Price Hill Free Will Baptist Church, which I am now pastoring, has decided to set aside the first Sunday of each month as "Foreign Missions Sunday". We are thankful that our people are becoming interested in missions.

In the September Prayer and Praise Letter we noticed that the account of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenice is very low, therefore, we want this check applied to them.

As an encouragement to our little church, would you please add it on to the mailing list for the monthly letter?

In His Service,  
Galen F. Dunbar

**OHIO**

This money I am sending to you is from a youth group in our church. They have been saving their pennies, nickles, and dimes to send to a missionary. They range in age from seven to twelve. They are happy to send this amount.

At the National Convention I was much impressed by Brother and Sister Lonnie Sparks. The Lord laid them upon my heart and this group of boys and girls have approved sending this money to them in their work for the Lord.

We hope to send to others as God permits us. Not only money but our prayers.

I hope I will not be considered rude in asking this, but would you send to this group a recognition of this gift? They have planned and worked to send this and it would encourage them so much to hear from you. I am sure you understand my request.

May God richly bless you all and especially the Sparks as this gift goes to them.

This is from the Long Run Free Will Baptist Church at Lucasville, Ohio.

Rev. Forest Chamberlin, Pastor



## HOME MISSIONS

## State Quota Receipts

For the period beginning January 1, 1956 and ended Sept. 30, 1956

	Received	Quota	Over or Under Quota
Alabama *	1,098.43	900.00	198.43
Arizona	75.78	112.50	36.72
Arkansas *	1,155.38	1,012.50	142.88
California	253.54	1,125.00	871.46
Florida *	1,395.91	900.00	495.91
Georgia	996.22	1,275.00	278.78
Idaho		112.50	112.50
Illinois	758.79	1,125.00	366.21
Kansas	9.50	112.50	103.00
Kentucky	472.78	562.50	89.72
Louisiana		75.00	75.00
Maine	18.00	150.00	132.00
Michigan	1,156.78	2,250.00	1,093.22
Mississippi	411.49	750.00	338.51
Missouri	1,855.25	1,875.00	19.75
Nebraska *	211.02	150.00	61.02
New Mexico	22.30	75.00	52.70
North Carolina *	2,333.14	2,250.00	83.14
Ohio *	968.24	750.00	218.24
Oklahoma	713.43	2,062.50	1,349.07
Oregon	49.80	75.00	25.20
South Carolina	732.82	1,012.50	279.68
Tennessee *	2,263.78	1,875.00	388.78
Texas	475.74	1,125.00	649.26
Virginia	517.81	900.00	382.19
Washington *	5.00		5.00
West Virginia	264.15	900.00	635.85
Totals	18,215.08	23,512.50	5,297.42

\* Represents Over Quota.

## TRY IT YOURSELF

These seven things I have tried:  
Laughing at difficulties and found them disappearing.

Attempting heavy responsibilities and found them growing lighter.

Facing a bad situation and found it clearing up.

Telling the truth and found it the easiest way out.

Doing an honest day's work and found it most rewarding.

Believing men honest and found them measuring up to expectation.

Trusting God each day and found him surprising with his goodness.

—North Shore Baptist

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not.

—Emerson

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Enclosed is a check for \$100.51, to be applied on the Lonnie Sparks account.

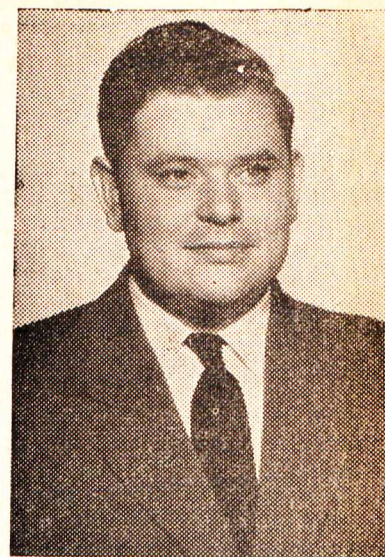
They visited our church on Oct. 4, and they were a blessing to our people. Such a contribution to missions is unheard of in this area. My people respond to that which I lead them. I'm convinced that if pastor's were for missions the people would be.

I would recommend the Sparks for any churches desiring their services.

Gratefully Yours,

James Raper

My prayer: "Lord grant that I may be little enough to walk into, and big enough to helpfully abide, in the open heart of youth."



Rev. Homer E. Willis, has been elected to the office of Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the National Home Mission Board, to succeed the Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Mr. Willis will assume his duties October 1, at the Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee.

All correspondence with this Department should be addressed to Mr. Willis, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, after this date.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Lee, Jr.,  
Box 284  
Shelton, Nebraska.

## Birthdates:

Mr. Lee—May 19  
Mrs. Lee—June 23  
Melinda—January 31  
Mary Elizabeth—September 6

Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Wilfong  
Box 11211  
Tampa 10, Florida

## Birthdates:

Mr. Wilfong—July 7  
Mrs. Wilfong—March 26  
Jo Ellen—August 19

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Timmons  
Box 642  
Pearsall, Texas

## Birthdates:

Mr. Timmons—May 1  
Mrs. Timmons—July 6  
Maudie Beth—January 28  
Oscar—November 5

Miss Bessie Yeley  
250 Colorado, St.  
Eagle Pass, Texas

## Birthdate:

Miss Yeley—November 26



# News From Our Churches

## BLAKELY, GEORGIA

First, we thank God from whom all blessing flow. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13).

We had our Youth revival the last of August. The Rev. Willie Justice, Jacksonville, N. C. was the evangelist. His soul-stirring messages moved the church to a greater sense of her duty. There were seven conversions, twelve new dedications, and nine united with the church. Rev. Justice is attending the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

As you know, our pastor came to us from Missouri last December. Since then we have received twenty-five new members and our attendance in all services has doubled. We are about ready to start our building program. We are not a large church, but we are a growing church in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We feel there is much to be done in his name because he said, "Ask, and it shall be given you;—but without faith it is impossible to please him." Perhaps one of the greatest sins of today is unbelief. The Church at Ephesus had left her first love. If we have faith in the Lord, we will have love for him, the church, and our fellow-man. You say, I love the Lord, but where are you at Sunday School time, on prayer meeting nights, for Y. P. A., for G.T.A., or Woman's Auxiliary? In duty we prove our love for Him.

We ask the prayers of all of God's people.

—Betty Middleton, Cor.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday Meeting convened with the Kirksville Free Will Baptist Church, Sept., 30, 1956 with Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

The morning worship service opened with congregational singing. There were two special numbers. One by Margie Mollock and one from the male quartet from the Kirksville church. Prayer by Mr. Gene Mikel. Rev. Woodrow Matthews delivered the morning message with scripture lesson from Rev. 3:7-13. He delivered an inspiring message and at the close an invitation hymn was sung. Benediction by Mr. Junior Evans.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. The afternoon session was opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Mrs. Prangle. The president

Mrs. Alta Mikel, read for Scripture, II Tim. 3, and delivered a short message on revival. Prayer by Reta Maggart. The congregation then sang "Revive Us Again." Minutes of last session were read and approved. Letters from Kirksville, Hazel Creek, and New Harmony Auxiliary were read.

The program was as follows: Solo, "The Lord Depends On You", by Margie Mollock; Solo, "Its a Grand Thing to be a Christian," Fern Dobbs; Reading, "I Met the Master," Edith Crooks; Solo, "In the Garden," Richard Kelsey; Duet, "Face to Face," Elsie Hoggs and Fern Dobbs; Duet, "He Died of a Broken Heart", Edith and Vernon Maggart. Maizie Sevitts conducted a Bible Quiz between the intermediate boys and girls. The score was 75 to 25 in favor of the boys. Play, "In Times Like These", by Kirksville Auxiliary. The Youth Chorus led by Shirley Houston sang three songs.

The next meeting will be at New Harmony Church with Rev. William Buster delivering the eleven o'clock message and Rev. Orville Dobbs, Alternate.

Benediction, Rev. Mildred Gilliam.  
Sec.-Treas. Leona Thompson

## MADISON CO. QUARTERLY MEETING

The 23rd session of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Oct., 12, 13, 1956. Rev. Glenn Rehkop served as moderator and Willard Darnell as assistant moderator. Rev. Cecil Sheppard delivered the introductory message on Friday night.

The moderator called Saturday morning service to order. After singing and prayer, Rev. George Hibbitts led devotions. The Constitution and By-Laws were read, and the delegates seated and all the visiting brethren and corresponding messengers recognized. The Pulpit Committee, Business Committee, and Examining Committee were appointed by the Moderator. Rev. Ben Scott delivered the message in the morning worship service. Rev. James Miller was welcomed into the service. Saturday afternoon, after singing and prayer, Rev. Floyd Staylor led in devotions. A praise service was conducted by E. L. Gilliam of Chaffee. Minutes of last session were read. Also the licensed ministers' reports were read, and the Examining Committee's report read and adopted item by item. The Business Commit-

tee's report was read and received to be adopted item by item, as follows:

No. 1—We recommend that each church comply with item No. 1 of the 230th session in April, 6-7, 1956, which reads: We recommend that all churches make a contribution to the building fund of the Chaffee Church.

No. 2—We recommend that each church of this Quarterly Meeting comply with item No. 4 of the Business report of our State Meeting concerning a minimum of 10 per-cent of its total income to the State Co-operative Fund.

No. 3—We recommend that each church increase in greater interest in Home Missions in-as-much as Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones is employed as our Home Mission team.

No. 4—We recommend this Quarterly Meeting do hereby approve the Improvement Program for a greater Bible College, since said program has been approved by the National Association. Thus we recommend that each church co-operate and support the program.

No. 5—We recommend an offering be taken from this body for the support of item No. 4.

No. 6—We recommend the following words be added to Article No. 8 of our Constitution: No minister or deacon shall be ordained who uses tobacco.

No. 7—We recommend that each pastor stress our doctrinal beliefs so that our people may be more established in our faith and doctrine.

No. 8—We recommend the next session convene with the Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

No. 9—That a standing vote of thanks be given the Mill Creek church for their hospitality during the session. All items were adopted.

An offering of twenty dollars was taken for the College Improvement Fund. Rev. James Miller gave a report on the College Improvement Fund of the Bible College. Benediction by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Clerk, Leamon L. Killian.

A piano manufacturer sent his agent to buy wood for sounding boards. He instructed, "Buy only timber that has stood on the hilltops, for the trees that have battled with the wind and the storms have more music in them."

—Selected

People will run to fires, rush to sales, but not to church.



# Woman's Auxiliary

## "A Leading Lady"

(Given at the Auxiliary Convention in N. C. by Mrs. D. W. Hancock.)

I am sure that as Christian Free Will Baptists, we all have a keen desire to know more about our missionaries that we might be inspired to a greater mission work. If we were to visit Miss Barnard in person this morning, I am sure that she would not say about herself the things that I am going to say, because she is much too humble and modest. I would like to bring you a few facts concerning a "lady who took the lead" in missions in our denomination, our veteran missionary, Miss Laura Belle Barnard. One who has truly placed her all on the altar for our Lord and Saviour, one who has put self and selfish desires completely out of the way, and the writer of the great book that has been such an inspiration to us.

### His Name Among All Nations

Miss Barnard was born in Glenville, Georgia, and received her early education there. She is a graduate of Columbia Bible College, Columbus, Georgia. She is about fifty years of age. Her father is dead, but her mother, Mrs. Cora Hagen, is living in Glenville, Georgia. Our missionary has two brothers, one half brother, and three half sisters, all living. We are told that when she was just a little girl she would go out into the fields and work with the negros, trying to win them to the Lord. So we feel that she received her call to be a missionary in the dark land to a dark people when in her earliest childhood.

As you know, at the time Miss Barnard went into Mission work, our denomination was not well organized, hence the absence of so many facts that would be of great interest to us.

The Free Will Baptist denomination, as we know it today, has been somewhat slow in getting the real vision for foreign mission work.

In 1935 when the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference of the Free Will Baptist Churches of America were contemplating merging into a National body, it seems that a meeting was being held in the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina. There were a great number of delegates from the various states where Free Will Baptist work was known.

In those days the local Church served as the host and entertained all the delegates. Many homes would care for as many as twenty and twenty-five people. Some would find sleeping quarters in the barn, while others doubled up in the homes. The fellowship that existed in those days, however, was something unexcelled. I'm sure there are still some in this audience who remember that eventful convention and how the Lord honored with His intimate presence. A bombshell was dropped in this convention, because it was then that a very attractive, well-educated, neat young lady challenged the denomination to send her to India. This young lady was well qualified to assume any position as private secretary to any executive in this country. Instead, the Lord had laid upon her heart the dark people of India and the burden of going there as a missionary. That person was Laura Belle Barnard.

At that time the denomination had no work in India. Of course, we had had work there, but in the merger of 1910, the work was swallowed up by the Northern Baptist Convention. The Spirit of the Lord was in the meeting as Miss Barnard offered herself to take the lead in spearheading our foreign mission work in this heathen land. Until that time the Free Will Baptist denomination was rather dormant here in the States. It was very difficult for local congregations to exist. We had very few, if any, full time pastors. We had no educational program, and the spiritual life of the Church as a whole was at a rather low ebb. When this dear lady helped us to catch a vision for missions, however, we began to move uphill as a denomination.

Miss Barnard did go to India, and after studying the language, having fellowship with other Christian missionaries, and getting her feet on the ground, she began a work of our own. Her heart and life have been dedicated to the Lord and the people of India for approximately twenty-two years. Since she went to India, she has had two furloughs. When she came home in 1940, she was not privileged to return to India as soon as she had planned because of the war. During that time she taught in our Bible School, held institutes, and stayed very busy for the cause of missions.

The work started in a small way in the form of a school in Kotagiri,

Southern India. We are told that Miss Barnard worked with her hands in the actual building, taking her place as a carpenter. During these years the Lord has greatly blessed the efforts of this leading lady, and God has given us a real work in India. From a one room school twenty-two years ago, the work has grown to a Christian Day School, a new Church in India with a full time National pastor, and property valued between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars. From this work in South India, we have expanded to a new field in North India where there are four missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk and Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna. We feel these are results of sacrifice, prayer, and the dedicated life of Laura Belle Barnard.

The people of the Free Will Baptist denomination are indebted to Miss Barnard for having been the first Free Will Baptist to go into this area with the Gospel. From that day until this, our denomination has been growing. We believe that much of this is due to the fact that this wonderful lady challenged us to obey the Lord and lift up our eyes and look on the fields.

Miss Barnard has asked that her duties as a missionary be relieved after this year. The request, of course, will be granted contingent upon someone to fill her place in India. This is a very definite matter of prayer as the Indian Government has rejected so many visas for new missionaries. Pray that it will be possible to get a young couple in as a replacement for Miss Barnard.

In addition to the work in Kotogiri, and as a result of this missionary's activity, many of the surrounding villages have been reached with the message of salvation.

Miss Barnard is no longer that young lady she was in 1935 when she offered herself to the Lord in the mission field. Her hair is now a halo of gray, but she is still a wonderful person; and even though Father time has caused the years to creep up, we know that there are many more useful years of Christian service in her life. Her health is not too good—let's make that an object of prayer.

As a result of this spearhead led by Miss Barnard, our denomination has been challenged time and time again to our responsibility of carrying the Gospel to those who have never

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**FIFTH SUNDAY LEAGUE RALLY**

The Fifth Sunday League Rally of Central Western Missouri Association convened at the Greenfield Free Will Baptist Church, September 30, 1956.

The president, Bro. Ted Zellmer was in charge of the service. The morning song service was led by Bro. Roger Philips with Sis. Thora Grider as pianist. The morning speaker was Rev. Otto Mackey.

After dinner and a fellowship hour, devotions was led by Sis. Jeanne Barton. Prayed by Bro. Willie Bowman. A program was enjoyed by all. We had an ordaining service for Bro. Tony Davis of the Verdella Church.

An offering of forty four dollars and ten cents was received. One half of the amount went to the morning speaker and the other half to the Greenfield Church.

The Next Fifth Sunday League Rally will meet at the Hannon Church. The speaker will be Rev. Lloyd Jefferies with Rev. Jack McAlaster as alternate.

Sec.—Beverly Sue Barton

**VILLAGE PARSON SPEAKS**

Frank S. Rearick

Years ago there was not a single thistle on the whole continent of Australia. Then a Scotchman who loved the thistle as a symbol of his beloved homeland collected a small packet of the seed and sent it over to one of his Australian friends. Now the thistle has become a serious threat to the agricultural prosperity of the whole areas of the country. It is the bane of the farmers' existence. Yet it all began with one little packet of tiny seeds.

This might be called the "parade of the thistle seed," in illustration of how little sins creep into our lives and there multiply until they become a menace to spiritual life itself. Many a social slight has become a wedge to drive old friends apart. Hatred often begins in a petty jealousy; avarice grows out of simple wants and murder results from a single, sudden burst of anger. First we stumble, then we fall! Constant vigilance is the price of victory as we are on guard against those little sins which grow and multiply so disastrously.

**YOUTH SUNDAY AT BERKELEY**

Sunday, September 30th, was recognized as "Youth Sunday" at the Berkeley Church. The young people were in complete charge of the Sunday School and morning worship services. Two members of the Crusaders for Christ, Dorothy Robertson and Virginia Eades brought fine messages

on "Love". One young lady went forward and received the Lord as her personal Saviour. At the close of the evening service a fine young couple united with the church.

Our young people feel the Lord has blessed them with many spiritual blessings this past year, as many of them have found their places in the church and are striving with the help of the Lord to fill their place. The past year our monthly paper, the C. F. C. Messenger, has proven a great blessing to us financially. Last week a business man of our city gave Mrs. DeWitt a check for one hundred and fifty dollars to be used in our young people work in our church.

We thank the Lord for sending Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Hill to help carry on the Lord's work here at Berkeley church. Since Rev. Hill has come as our pastor, we see our church filled on Sunday, fifty new members have united with the church, our Sunday School has reached the two hundred mark, new organizations have been organized, and most of all many precious souls have found the Lord.

—Crusaders for Christ.

**HOW TO HAVE A REVIVAL**

If all the Sleeping folks will wake up.  
And all the Lukewarm folk will fire up.  
And all the Dishonest folk will confess up.  
And all the Discouraged folks will cheer up.  
And all the Depressed folk will look up.  
And all the Estranged folk will make up.  
And all the Gossipers will shut up.  
And all the Dry Bones will shake up.  
And all the True Soldiers will stand up.  
And all the Church members will pray up.  
Then you can have a revival!  
The Christian Irishman.

The sure road to perfect peace and success is in this principle: "He (Christ) must increase, but I (self) must decrease." (John 3:30) None can do more, and to do less is to flop.

In life, go forward or don't go.

**FREEWILL BAPTIST MISSION, WESTFIELD KOTAGIRI, NILGIRIS, S. INDIA****Financial Statement**

August 1956

Balance Brt. Forward Aug. 1, 1956—\$6000	Rs. 30, 539 12 7
Rec'd. from Foreign Mission Board—\$1735	8, 273 5 6
Provident Funds	8 0 0
Ooty Church Paid on Pastor's Salary	38 7 9
Sale of Firewood: School-Account (School Compound)	210 12 0
	Rs. 29, 070 4 10

**Expenditures:**

Kotagiri Salaries: Missionary—350.00.	
Professional—National—318.00.	
Other Service—100.00	768 0 0
Remittance to Purnea	3003 12 0
Property Upkeep and Improve	134 3 6
Postage, Communications, Exchange	30 0 3
Medical Service	4 1 9
Transportation	176 7 0
Petrol	55 0 9
Office and School Sup. and Equipment	160 2 6
Literature	25 8 0
Students	14 4 0

Total Expenditures Rs. 4, 371 7 9

Balance Aug. 31, 1956 (Aprox. \$6200) Rs. 34, 698 13 1  
Laura Belle Barnard

Note: We receive a monthly financial statement from each of our Foreign Fields. This one, of course, is from India. The Lord continues His Blessings there and we are so thankful for His Provisions. Please pray with us that visas may be granted for additional workers.

—Raymond Riggs

## HAVE YOU A STAR IN YOUR CROWN?

By Rev. Don Hill

"As My Father has sent Me, even so send I you." John 20:21.

"He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

A young woman was standing in front of a mirror adjusting a diamond ornament in her hair that it might sparkle with great brilliancy. She was getting ready to attend a ball. She noticed in the mirror the reflection of the face of her little sister Anna. She turned and said, "Anna, what are you thinking about?" "I'm just thinking," replied the child.

"Thinking about what?"

"Thinking about what my pastor said Sunday. He said, 'if I could win a soul for Jesus, I could have a star in my crown, and I'm just wondering if my star will shine brighter than your diamond.'"

### Star In Sister's Crown

The young woman went to the ball and came back tired, worn out, and dissatisfied. She went to her bedroom and found her sister sleeping. The curls were about her face. She knelt by the bedside, put her arms about the child, and said, "O God, I am so tired of this world; there is no pleasure in it; let me be the star in sister's crown!" And then she awoke her and said, "Wake up, darling! Wake up! I am to be the star in your crown. What you said has won me." The pastor had won the child, and the child won her sister, and the sister went out to win others.

We are living in days of perpetual tumult and excitement, and each day the newspapers scream at us about crime waves and atom bombs and social revolution.

Nevertheless it is true that even in these times of turmoil and tension multitudes of men and women, all kinds of people, are suffering from the mental disease of boredom. Old women, successful businessmen, middle-aged housewives, even children of high school age—all are finding life tiresome and meaningless.

It is a pathetic sight to see people engaged in a feverish attempt to make life interesting. They crowd our taverns and dance halls; they insist on an endless round of senseless social diversions; they desperately take up hobbies; they read escape literature—anything to make life exciting!

### Mission in Life

The early Christians did not have such troubles. They found life interesting where they lived. The reason? They had a great and glorious mission

in life, a mission that was important and righteous and challenging! They had something to do. They had a world to save.

So have we! Jesus says to us also: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." We shall never find life tiresome if we accept that challenge. We are to do the work of Christ. We are to bring the Gospel of redemption to lost sinners!

In such a life each day will be exciting, inspiring, and rewarding! Have you a star in your crown?

Thy gentle blessing, Lord, outpour  
On all our labor evermore;  
Our hearts with Thy good Spirit fill

That we may gladly do Thy will.

—From The F.W.B.L. Monthly.

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"Go Home and Tell Thy Friends" by Damon C. Dodd—Special price 6 for \$1.00.

We have other items, and invite your inquiries.

### National Home Mission Board

Attention: Rev. H. E. Willis

3801 Richland Ave.

Nashville 5, Tennessee

## KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Grace Lawson for their October Meeting. The meeting opened by singing, "Send the Light." Prayer by Rev. Stella Bachman and Burness Thomas. Devotions were conducted by the president, Rev. Alta Mikel, with scripture reading from Acts 1:1-19. After business two special numbers were sung. Mildred Cooper sang "I'll Be One," and Marjorie Mollick sang, "The Bible Tells Me so." Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. The program theme was "Our Need in Cuba for Such A Time as This." Introduction was given by Velma Willman and topics were given by Blanche Matthews, Betty Swisher.

The next meeting will convene at the home of Mrs. Nellie Peterson with Mrs. Laura Gilispie as co-hostess.

—Mrs. Russell Willman, Cor.

## NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Neosho Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Sarah Davidson, September 26, 1956. A hymn was sung and Scripture read from Proverbs 31 by Mrs. Sarah Davidson. The lesson topic was "God's Ideal Woman." A business session was conducted. The meeting was closed with hymn "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again". Benediction by Miss Mary Pogue.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Those present were as follows: Mrs. Wilma Pogue, Mrs. Ruth Turner, Mrs. Virginia Pogue, Mrs. Dorothy Childers, Mrs. Eva Lucas, Mrs. Louise McCully and a visitor, Miss Mary Pogue.

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The Neosho Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Childress, Oct. 10, 1956. Hymn "At the Cross" was sung and Scripture reading from Acts 1:19 was read by Mrs. Ella Pogue. Our lesson subject was "Our Need in Cuba for such a Time as This." Our President, Mrs. Louise McCully, was in charge of the business. Closing hymn "Send the Light" was sung, with benediction by Mrs. Ella Pogue.

Refreshments were served to nine members and two guest.

—Sec.-Treas. Mrs. W. F. Childress

## A NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

Our State Woman's Auxiliary president, Mrs. Lester Jones, organized in the Grand Avenue Church of Springfield, Missouri on October 22 with charter membership of ten.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Wanda Donaldson.

Vice President—Braxine Evans.

Youth Chairman—Juanita Highfill.

Study Course Chm.—Mrs. Dennis.

Program, Prayer Chm.—Mildred Kinsinger.

Personal Service Chairman—Edith Cox.

Sec.,-Treas.—Adria Harmon

Cor. Sec'y—Vinita Broyles.

The first meeting will be at the home of Edith Cox on November first at 1:30 P. M.

We desire your prayers that we may go forward in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Walk boldly and wisely in the light thou hast; there is a hand above to help thee on.

—Quaker Proverb

Listen before you speak. See before you say.



### LEBANON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

We have recently completed some work on the Church. We have the ceiling completed, most of the painting done, and have installed new double doors in the front of the building. The double doors are more convenient for funerals.

We just closed a two weeks revival. Rev. Curtis Wilson was our evangelist. We had good attendance each night and there were five souls saved.

There has been several additions to the church in the last few months, and our Sunday School is continually growing. We truly thank the Lord for all his many blessings. He has been so good to us.

We are thankful for our neighboring sister churches for their help and attendance. We covet the prayers of all our brothers and sisters in Christ that we will grow stronger in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lonnie McNellis, Cor.

### THIRD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Lord is richly blessing us in the erecting of our new church building. The basement has been excavated and the sides of the foundation poured.

We, also, have paid off the parsonage debt of nine hundred dollars. We put in a new furnace and windows and have painted the parsonage. We ask that all the churches remember us in prayer as we build for God, and that we will see many souls saved.

We had a baptizing forty miles from St. Louis in the river. Eighty five of our church members were present and there were four young people baptized. The Lord was present that day.

We want all to pray for the following loved ones that returned from the hospital: Grandma Williams, Opal Hughes and Arleen Smith. They are improving. Also, pray for our pastor, Rev. John Rogers, since he will be in a revival at Festus from Oct. 15-20, and that souls will be saved.

—Mary Reigh, Cor.

### CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Central Texas District Association met October 5-6 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan for its annual meeting. Guest speaker was Rev. Don Ellis, pastor of the Jameson Memorial Free Will Baptist church in Henderson, Texas. Other speakers during the association were Rev.

Everett Hellard and Rev. J. L. Bounds.

Officers elected for the new year are:

Moderator—Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Clerk—Mrs. Huey Gower.

Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Alexander.

An item of interest was the election of a promotional secretary for home missions who will begin work immediately on plans to conduct evangelistic services in various towns in this area with the prospects of establishing Free Will Baptist Churches. Rev. Charles Sapp was elected to fill this position in connection with his pastoral work.

### IS PIONEERING FINISHED IN THE IVORY COASTS?

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more urgent. Here among the Bounda Agni people we found the remnants of the work opened by an alliance pioneer of two decades ago. It was to this section that the Rev. George Powell came in 1935 in response to the pleas of a man who had walked 250 miles to his station to ask for a missionary to come. A strong church at Koun became established, outstations were opened and the prospects looked bright. Then came the transfer of the region to the English Methodists in exchange for a portion of the Dimbroko district. During the lean war years that followed the coastal missionaries, 400 kilometers away, found themselves too occupied to man the territory. Unfortunately the Roman church seized the opportunity and took over some of the untaught, illiterate believers and even the property in one village.

The challenge of these scattered sheep touched our hearts. They stood in front of their little chapel obviously overjoyed at the prospects of a missionary stopping in their village. As we entered the church chief's yard they asked us to sing a song for him. When we replied with a familiar hymn, they clapped their hands and feet for joy. Now they knew we were one with them and they opened the best house in the village to us. During our three day stay we were able to feed the hungry and pray with the wandering. The transfer was made according to mission comity by an official of the British mission and we now faced the problem of where to locate the center of operations in the Bounda Agni tribe. The four missionaries in the party, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Timyan and I felt unani-

mously led to accept the offer of the Koun Christians for any site we would select in the vicinity of their little village. A 150 metersquare plot on a beautiful hill-top overlooking the town was chosen and granted by the chief to the delight of the believers. As in acts 16 we "confidently concluded that God had called" this new mission to this particular area at this particular time.

It will be at least a year before the first Free Will Baptist missionaries will finish their language study in France and proceed to the African language study in the Ivory Coast. Tehini or Varale in the north among the Lobis, and a north central site somewhere in the Nassian area among the Kulangos are under consideration as possible stations. A rural concession at Goumere, 30 kilometers south of the city of Bondoukou has been applied for with the consent of the Abron local and paramoun chiefs in addition to the Koun site. During the next twelve months a volume of pioneering prayer should be offered by members of the Alliance as the sponsoring mission that men of pioneer mold might occupy the land for Christ.

Two Lobi young men came to Bondoukou to work for white man's money in the coffee and cocoa harvest. They had become dissatisfied with their own country and the tribal medium of exchange, cowrie shells. One of them had been educated in the Catholic school at Kampti and understood French. They heard the gospel for the first time in the market place as Mr. Stevens and I preached through interpreters. After the meeting they were in the crowd that pressed us for French tracts and seemed very interested. Learning that they were Lobis, I asked if they had understood and the school-boy said he had translated everything I had said for his companion. It was my privilege to tell these money-seeking Lobi lads of the spiritual riches of eternal life in Christ. As we knelt and prayed together, our party rejoiced in the first-fruits from among the Mountain Lobis, and claimed them as the earnest of many souls in the neglected tribes of northeastern Ivory Coast who await the coming of the pioneers.

Note: Mr. G. C. Timyan directed the tour of this area recently made by Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens on behalf of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board. We are most grateful for this service and especially for this article.

—R. Riggs

**DEATH OF MODESTY**

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sex, or the equally naive assumption that if the body does rouse such response, it is a legitimate and harmless thing to do so.

Having admitted that here is an issue, each Christian can have a part in striving to rectify the wrong. Knowing that, if Christians, our bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost, we can keep from wantonly exposing our bodies to public view. Let us who have seen this insidious change take place help our youth in their organizations to formulate standards consistent with their Christian profession.

Is it not time our pulpits broke the unholy silence which has allowed modern undress to be adopted by a large part of the constituency of our churches? Let us hear some sermons from that text in Revelation: "Blessed is he that keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

Let the religious press give space to an effort to stem the tide now flowing against the restraints of proper dress standards.

Certainly, our preachers and religious journals can speak as emphatically as the Pope, and certainly our Protestant youth can have as emphatic an opinion as Greek Orthodox youth. The prophetic voice, whether from the pulpit, the press, or the pew, should have no uncertain sound.

The history of moral movements shows that public opinion, in its tolerance of evil, has swung like a pendulum, and that an awakened conscience in the church can start the swing toward the right in any issue. Let us no longer leave this issue untouched. Pomona, Calif., Jan. 12, 1956.

(Rev. H. F. Gilbert is a retired missionary, having served under the ABFMS at Vanga, Belgian Congo, 1913-1916, and under the ABHMS at Walters, Oklahoma, with the Comanche Indians, 1925-1951. He resides now at 1651 Elwood Avenue, Pomona, California.)

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**RULES FOR KEEPING HAPPY**

Don't keep looking into the past, lest you become despondent.

Don't keep looking at the present, lest life becomes monotonous.

Don't keep looking toward the future, lest you become fearful.

Just keep looking up!

—Mary Sanders

**"A LEADING LADY"**

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heard. No doubt much credit is due her for the missionary revival that has been sweeping our denomination within the last several years. Today we have four missionaries in Japan and seven American missionaries in Cuba along with fifty or more Nationals, who are representing the Lord Jesus Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination. There are over 2,000 members of the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba, and of course the work in Northern India. Truly, as a denomination, we are indebted to this beloved missionary.

When my eyes rest upon a portrait of this dear lady, I do not see gray hair, a spent life, wrinkled face and hands, but rather, I see a mind through which Christ thinks; I see lips through which Christ speaks; I see a heart through which Christ loves and I see hands through which Christ helps.

May we at this time stand and bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer, in humility and thanksgiving for this wonderful Christian lady who had a vision and challenged our denomination; and because of that vision and challenge many souls shall not perish.

Prayer—Rev. Cecil Campbell.

**THE LITTLE GIRL'S PENNY**

Nearly seventy years ago, a little girl, who knew and loved the Lord Jesus, and who longed to spread His name among those who knew Him not, gave a Christian missionary a penny to help to spread the Gospel among Burmese, to whom the Lord's servant was going forth with the Word of life. That penny was all that the dear child could give; it was all that she possessed, and it was given with the heart. The missionary remembered the child's penny while in that far-off land, and he invested it in the name of the Lord, by purchasing with it a gospel tract. That tract was given a young Burmese chief, and followed by prayer. He could not read it, but so strong did the desire become to know the meaning of the words of the little tract that he traveled two hundred and fifty miles to get someone to read it to him. God spoke to the heart of the young chief through the words as he heard them read. He believed the gospel, and was converted to Christ. Then he returned to his people and began to tell them what the Lord had done for his soul. He invited missionaries to come and preach to his people, and many heard the Word, received the Saviour, and became true and devoted followers of

the Lord Jesus. All this sprang from the little girl's penny, given for Jesus' sake, with the desire to spread His Gospel among the lost. How great a fire this little spark kindled! How vast the growth from this tiny seed! A little done, even by a child—if done for Christ—will have results. If you are saved, go thou and do likewise.

—The Baptist Examiner

**MILL CREEK CHURCH**

We are getting along nicely in our Church and Sunday School. We thank the Lord for the privilege of working for Him. He has done so much for us and blessed us in so many ways.

The Madison County Quarterly Meeting convened with us in October. It was a wonderful meeting for the Lord blessed us in the entire session.

There are several sick folks in our community. Please pray for them. Also, pray for our Church that we may see souls saved. May God bless you all.

—Mrs. Belle Coffey, Cor.

**OUR PASTOR**

Who is it calls when we are ill  
With cheerful words and right  
good will,

And lingers gently then to pray,  
And soothe our care and fear  
away?

Our Pastor.

Who is it comes when sorrow falls,  
When death of friends our heart  
apalls,

And tells us of the mansions fair  
And that sweet home, "just over  
there?"

Our Pastor.

Who is it shares our happiest hours  
When life is crowned with wed-  
ding flowers,

And to the scene lends added grace  
By reverent voice and kindly  
face?

Our Pastor.

Who is it that on the Lord's Day  
Points us to Heaven, and leads  
the way,

And brings a message from the  
word,  
Until our hearts within are stirred?

Our Pastor.

For whom then shall we daily pray  
And ask for him God's grace al-  
ways,

And wish for him a blessed year,  
With new-born souls his heart to  
cheer?

Our Pastor.

—Contributed by Mrs. Irvin Parkin