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Just Use Me

Mrs. W. A. Mitchell

I am the Bible—

I am God's wonderful library.

I am always-and above all-the Truth.

To the weary pilgrim. I am a good, strong staff.

To the one who sits in black gloom, I am glorious light.

To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who have been hurt by sin, I am healing balm.

To the discouraged, I whisper a glad message of hope.

To those who are distressed by the storms of life,

I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.

To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am a cool, soft hand,
resting on a fevered brow.

O child of man, to best defend me, just use me.

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Attend Church Sunday

THE ABSENTEE

"Someone is absent," the Shepherd said,
As over my classbook He bent His Head;
"For several Sundays absent, too,
So tell me Teacher what did you do?"
"I didn't call, as perhaps I should;
I wrote some cards but they did no good.
I've never heard, and she never came,
So I decided to drop her name."
He answered gravely, "A flock was mine,
A hundred. . .no, there were ninety and nine;
For one was lost in the dark and cold,
So I sought that sheep which had left the fold.
The path was stony and edged with thorns;
My feet were wounded and bruised and torn;
But I kept on seeking, not counting the cost,
And oh, the joy when I found the lost."
Thus spake the Shepherd in tender tone.
I looked. . .and lo, I was all alone.
But God a vision has sent to me
To show his will toward the absentee.

—Copied

Don't fall by looking at others, but look at Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
Fredricktown	151	174	166	186	165			
Mt. Pisgah	41	42	48	56	52	50	52	51
Coppermines	93	101	104	105	107			
Fellowship, Flat River	200	199	192	204	198	184	192	178
Leadington	116	117	118		158	135	128	133
Desloge		101	102		97	95		
Farmington	55	58	62	60	57	60	63	70
Fourth St. Louis	61	57	65		73	63	56	
Old Bethel	23	23	22		16	19	22	24
Berkeley City	190	180	178	204	139	154	146	
Richwoods	65	65	65	67	70	67	61	71
Neosho	45	45	45	45	45	39	39	36
Mtn. Grove	196	215	215	311	232	231		
Joplin				84	75			
Kirksville	90	114	93	116	116	115	102	
Grant Ave., Springfield					52	49	57	57
Hazel Creek	57		51		45	51	52	50
Cuba	32	30			55	45	49	52
Bethel, West Plains	33	37						
*Twin Oak	49	59	57	70	68	44	54	55
South Side Church								135

* 61 for month of September

Please send us your average, too.

The Subject Is Still Warm

Evangelism should always be a warm, if not piping hot, subject for the prayers and thinking of the Christian. While, admittedly, a group of Christians cannot be at a continual peak of white-hot activity, their efforts should continually be kept warm on the back of the stove; something should always be "cooking," ready to be bailed up at short notice.

The crusade of Evangelist Billy Graham in New York has probably reached more people, including the national television audiences, than any—or all—previous efforts in Church history. We can only pray and hope that the lasting results, with efficient follow-up work, can be as brilliant as the crusade itself.

But many areas are outside the territory that a famous evangelist can reach in person, even if he spent every day of every year in the work. And like all human beings, the evangelist requires sufficient rest periods between campaigns, to keep him at working efficiency.

Meanwhile, the work of the Church goes on.

It may seem humdrum and almost dull after the color and emotional pitch of an organized evangelistic effort. But the most effective and lasting results may well be achieved by the follow-up interim work of consecrated pastors and laymen during the periods of let-down, and ordinary times.

It may be compared, however, to the periods of training of an athletic team. They cannot always be out on the field, winning victories, or playing in their sport. They must have periods of rest, then periods of training for future events, during which time the rules of diet, proper sleep and exercise must be rigidly observed.

A group of evangelistically-minded Christians require a similar period of training. Unlike the athletic team, however, their periods of training and rest are a time of what we may call "relaxed activity." In other words, no Christian can ever miss an opportunity to witness for Christ to others, and the opportunities may rise at a most unexpected moment.

Much valuable work is done indirectly, i.e., not in a formal campaign, or even a direct approach to another individual with the overt intention of speaking to him about Christ. To paraphrase an old saying, a "Christian's work is never done." His very life may be an important influence in winning others to Christ.

The Church then, has a never-ending task of evangelism, direct and indirect. In a recent panel discussion, held at the East Pennsylvania Convention-Institute four main divisions of the subject were discussed: "Seeking;" "Winning;" "Holding;" and "Sending." The editor discussed the last topic.

The order of those topics is logical; the lost units must be sought before they can be won, in order to be held, and must be held in order that they may themselves in turn be sent out to win others. While Jesus did not deal in statistics with the fervor of a modern advertising specialist, His implied statistics in the parable of the sower are doubtless the best available on the matter of winning, holding and sending converts.

Only twenty-five percent of the seed, in that parable, fell on good ground and sprang up to become a rich harvest. Of a group who make decisions for Christ, for the first time, it is likely that one-fourth will disappear without really being won at all; another fourth will stay a little longer, but will not be held for any length of time before they will grow cold; another fourth who do hold to their decision, and become nominal, or even rather regular members of a local church, never go so far as being "sent" to win others by personal work, or any other way. It is only the final fourth who act upon the implications of the whole Gospel, and in their own turn, according to their own talents, are "sent" as evangelists.

The statistics of the parable of the sower are not ironbound; it is only that they are common. It is within the power of every individual Christian to place himself in the fourth part, those who, like the seed in good ground, bring forth much fruit. It is also within the power of the church to encourage the growth of the seed that springs up within its own ranks, so that more fruit—a higher percentage—may be harvested.

The means usually suggested for conserving the results of an evangelistic effort are to hold converts' classes, whereby new converts may be thoroughly instructed in the faith, and to get them interested and active in the various organizations of the church. Other, less direct means may also serve to hold the converts, and as soon as they are ready, to send them in turn as personal evangelists.

The term "personal evangelism" may frighten some who would actually make good workers. They have a fixed notion of the old-time worker who would bluntly and without preliminaries, ask of a casual acquaint-

ance, or even a perfect stranger, "Are you saved?" Then proceed to bore or amuse the prospect with his own particular brand of salvation—which may, or may not, be Scriptural. No particular method, or phraseology is required of the personal evangelist. His work may be completely unobtrusive and almost silent, yet his person and his life may be a powerful witness for Christ. His work may be more in prayer than anything else, if he does not feel his talents sufficient to doing much direct work. Yet it is certain that no matter how meager one may consider his own talents, they can become enormously effective when placed completely at the disposal of God.

Perhaps one's personal influence does not extend far beyond the front door of the home. Christian parents should feel themselves definitely "sent" as personal evangelists in their own home, to seek and to win the members of their own household. Members of any group—social or otherwise, should consider themselves as evangelists, in a quiet way, to win the unchurched of their group or at their place of employment. The neighborhood where Christians live is usually made up of a heterogeneous group; there are no doubt many with no church affiliation living in a neighborhood.

There are countless ways of meeting the unsaved; indeed, it would be difficult to avoid meeting them in the usual course of a day. The Christian who would be a personal witness for Christ must use his own best judgment, powered by prayer and study of the Scriptures, but he can be an effective worker in any circumstances.

—The Church Advocate

MOTHER

Once my youthful world was bounded

By a circle at your feet:

Then the lines were stretched and widened

To the schoolyard and the street.
But the center of my circle

Was your tender, watchful care;
And when storms and darkness gathered,

My quick footsteps led me there.
Far horizons called and claimed me,

But they kept us not apart,
For an ever open highroad

Was the pathway to your heart.
And although the circle widens

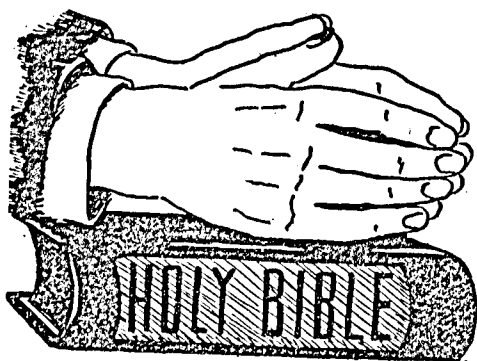
To some distant, shining star,
I know your love will find me

And your hand will not be far.

—Josephine Wetzler

Attend Church Regularly!

The Family Altar



DAILY FAMILY WORSHIP

Feeds the soul
Answers an inner need
Molds standards and ideals
Instructs in Bible knowledge
Lifts burdens
Yokes the family in harmony and unity.
Wins souls to Christ
Opens eyes to needs about us
Revives our spiritual zeal
Strengthens against temptation
Helps conquer doubt
Invites a sharing of joys and sorrows
Puts Christ in the center!
Is it doing this in your home?
Let's have more worship with our families!

—Sibyl Townsend

TESTIMONY OF A FRIEND OF JOHN HYDE

John Hyde stayed with us nearly a fortnight, and during the whole time he had fever. Yet he took the meetings regularly, and how God spoke to us through him, though he was bodily unfit to do any work!

At that time I was unwell for several days. The pain in my chest kept me awake for several nights. It was then that I noticed what Mr. Hyde was doing in his room opposite. The room where I was being in darkness I could see the flash of the electric light when he got out of bed and turned it on. I watched him do it at twelve and at two and at four, and then at five. From that time the light stayed on until sunrise. By this I knew that in spite of his night watches and illness, his day began at five.

I shall never forget the lessons I learned at that time. I had always claimed exemption from night watches, as I felt too tired at bed-time. Had I ever prayed for the privilege of night? No! This led me to claim that privilege then and there. The pain which had kept me awake night after night was turned into joy and praise

because of this new ministry which I had suddenly discovered, of keeping watch in the night with the Lord's Remembrancers. At length the pain quite left my chest, sleep returned, but with it the fear came upon me lest I should miss my hours of communion with God.

I prayed, "Lord, wake me when the hour comes" (see Isa. 50:4). At first it was at two, and afterwards at four, with striking regularity. At five every morning I hear a Mohammedan priest at the Mosque near by call out for prayers in a ringing, melodious voice. The thought that I had been up an hour before him filled me with joy.

But Mr. Hyde grew worse, and the annual meeting of his mission was calling him. Being anxious, I induced him to come with me to a doctor. The next morning the doctor said: "The heart is in an awful condition. I have never come across such a bad case as this. It has been shifted out of its natural position on the left side to a place over on the right side. Through stress and strain it is in such a bad condition that it will require months and months of strictly quiet life to bring it back to anything like its normal state. What have you been doing with yourself?" Dear Hyde said nothing, he only smiled. But we who knew him knew the cause: his life of incessant prayer day and night, praying exceedingly with many tears for his converts, for his fellow-laborers, for his friends, and for the church in India!

How God taught me to live a life of prayer through him. I, too, like Mr. Hyde was led into the fellowship of Christ's suffering down, down, down, farther and farther into the recesses of Gethsemane, till I, too, seemed to tread the winepress of God against sin alone.

Behold how much was wrought in the life and work of one woman missionary. She had worked hard for many years in her district and none of the work there was bearing fruit. She read the account of Mr. Hyde's prayer-life and resolved to devote the best hours of her time to prayer and waiting on God in the study of His Word and will. She would make prayer primary, and not secondary as she had been doing. She would begin to live a prayer-life in God's strength. God had said to her: "Call upon Me and I will show thee great and mighty things. You have not called upon Me and therefore you do not see these things in your work." She felt that at any cost she must know Him and a prayer-life, and so at last the battle of her heart was

ended and she had the victory. One thing she prayed for was that God would keep her hidden. She had to face being misunderstood and being dumb and not opening her mouth in self-defense if she was to be a follower of the Lamb.

In less than a year she wrote a letter, and oh, what a change! New life everywhere, the wilderness being transformed into a garden. Fifteen were baptized at first, and then one hundred and twenty-five adults during the first half of the following year! So she wrote and continued:

"The most of the year has been a battle to keep my resolution, and I have always lived so active a life, accustomed to steady work all day long, and my new life called for much of the best part of the day to be spent in prayer and Bible study. Can you not imagine what it was, and what it is sometimes now? To hear others going around hard at work while I stay quietly in my room, as it were inactive.

Many a time I have longed to be out again in active work among the people in the rush of life, but God would not let me go. Only the other day I felt this again and God seemed to say to me, "What fruit had ye in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?"

"Yes, I knew I was ashamed of the years of almost prayerless missionary life. Every department of the work now is in a more prosperous condition than I have ever known it to be. The stress and the strain have gone out of my life. The joy of feeling that my life is evenly balanced, the life of communion on the one hand and the life of work on the other, brings constant rest and peace. I could not go back to the old life, and God grant that it may always be so."

After another year she writes, "The spirit of earnest inquiry is increasing in the villages and there is promise of a greater movement in the future than we ever had. Our Christians now number six hundred in contrast with one-sixth of that number two years ago. I believe we may expect soon to see great things in India. Praise for His hourly presence and fellowship!"

—Messenger

"If a hundred members of a church each gave a postage stamp a day they could support a missionary." How much interested are you in the never-dying souls of men and women you contact daily? —First F. B. W. Church, Savannah, Ga.

Does God Call a Woman to Preach?

Mrs. Roena Thomas

(Continued from Last Month)

Twelve years ago, affliction of body came to me and for about six years I was unable to do any thing in the service of the Lord. But in this He proved to me that "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

And now my services are very limited because of my affliction, but I am the happiest in the spirit when I can be in the pulpit for it is there God called me early in life and there he blesses my soul the most of any service that I may try to render for Him even yet.

God has always used women and if you will follow me in looking at the women of the Bible you can readily see this is true. Back in the Old Testament time under the law there was Miriam and Deborah the Prophetess. (Judges 4:4). Also Huldah the Prophetess in II Kings 22:14. Read these scriptures over. Then I would like to have you to tell me what a prophetess is and what does it mean to prophesy? Webster's Dictionary says prophesy means to utter with divine inspiration, to expound the scriptures, to preach. It is true there were only a few women in comparison to the men God used in those times. We find so many more God called women today because we are living in the fulfillment of the prophesy of Joel 2:28-29. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." Then read Acts 2:16, 17, 18 when Peter preached the great sermon on the Day of Pentecost and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. He said, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel"; in Joel 8:28. We are still in this Dispensation of the Holy Spirit and Church of Christ age.

There was the Anna, the Prophetess, in Luke 2:36, 37, 38 where Jesus was brought into the temple that day. She spoke of Him to all those who looked for the Redemption in Jerusalem and preached Christ to them. "And she was a widow of about four-score and forty years, which departed not from the temple,

but served God with fasting and prayers night and day." In John 4:29 read about the woman at the well in Samaria when she found the Christ returned to her home and took the message of salvation to the others at home and they came and believed on him also. In Mark 15:47 women were the last at the cross. Mark 16:7 we find women carried the first words of Christ's resurrection. Women tarried with the disciples and other followers (120 of them in all) in the upper room where Jesus told them to wait until they would be endued with power after his resurrection and ascension into heaven. Read Acts 1:13, 14, 15. In Acts 21:9 we read where Philip had four daughters who prophesied. (were preachers). Could they prophesy and keep silence in the church? As we follow the early church we have to admit that women did have a part in the activities of the early church and the ministry too. They were the co-labourers of St. Paul (Romans 16:3). "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church, which is at Cenchrea." Romans 16:1-2. I firmly believe that she was pastor of this church. And Paul was commending her to them and gave his approval and sanction of her work. Read it prayerfully and remember she was a woman too.

I do admit that our men should be the leaders of the churches. We as women are glad to see them fill their places. It is true, there are many places women can not fill and many things men can do that we as women can not do for God has willed it to be so. But when it comes to spiritual things there is no difference for were we not created equal "male and female, created he them", "in the image of God". Gen. 1:26, 27. This as I understood the creation of man was the eternal being of man (woman too) which like God is eternal lives on for ever somewhere, that which leaves the body when we die. For the spirit returns to God who gave it. That is the eternal creation, the image of God. God formed man out of the dust of the earth of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life and man became a living soul. The natural body of man or earthly which does die and returns to dust again. Gen. 2:21-22. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead there of; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto man." Taken from the side of

Adam not to be below him, neither above him, but at his side to walk with him and be a helpmate both physically and spiritually. I know it is true that woman was deceived and led Adam into sinning but they both sinned and God punished them. They paid for their sin—a great price. And we are yet paying for their sins in many ways. God said to Eve, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desires shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." We as women are paying for Eve's sin in the suffering of child bearing. We are not saving our souls through child bearing but we are saved by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and accept in Him. It is not of works which we should boast but through faith and that not of ourselves. It is a gift of God.

To Adam God said, "The ground shall be cursed for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life." "And by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Man is still paying for Adam's sin but no man is saving his soul because of the things he does physically. Only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ has any man ever saved his eternal soul. The atonement of Christ was for all. "For as in Adam all die even so in Christ, shall all be made alive. For whosoever will may come. So to all who feel the call of God for special service I would say, be sure it is God's call. Pray until you know definitely and you can know. Don't go until you have too. He does not make us go against our will but he makes us willing to go, Be sure to follow the call of God regardless of what any one may say to you. For when we feel as Paul did when he said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." We should obey God rather than man. For we must all stand before the judgement seat of Christ to give account to Him, of the things done in the body whether they be good or bad. Remember it pays to serve God and obey Him in all things.

There are other references which I might bring but I trust these may be sufficient along with my own personal experiences, to prove why I am sure God does call women to preach the gospel, the same as men whenever he has a place for them to fill in that channel as well as in any other field of Christian service.

So may our Free Will Baptist churches ever recognize this truth and give our women whom God made our full support and blessing

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From the Editor's Desk

THE STATE MINUTES

It is possible that you will receive the State Minutes later than you did last year due to an eye operation. We have been greatly hindered in editing the September and October issues of the Gem paper due to infection following the operation. We plead for your patience and consideration should the quality of the paper not meet your expectation. Your prayers are requested in our behalf for a speedy recovery.

In the meanwhile we will be bringing information of the State Association in the issues of the Gem. In this issue we have chosen items from the Missions and Business Committees report that may be of interest to you.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT Item No. 1

We recommend that each local association or church in co-operation with the National Mission Department, sponsor a Missionary conference or a special Missionary service at least once during the year. We also urge that such meeting be immediately reported through the pages of the Gem, in order that other churches will know that they have been conducted.

Item No. 2

In view of the splendid growth in our Mission efforts and realizing the present need we recommend that the Pastors of our churches urge the laity to join the Missionary Prayer Band with special emphasis placed on the new teams: Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Merkh and family who are entering Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Meltino Martinez in Miami, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whaley who are going to Alaska. We recommend further that the churches not yet supporting the State Co-Operative Program begin to do so, and that all Churches give sacrificially to Missions.

Item No. 3

Since the National Home Missions department, hope to this year establish churches in the remaining eight states where there are no Free Will Baptist churches, we urge that this be made a special object of prayer and financial support.

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Business Committee Report

Item No 1

Since it has come to the attention of the Missouri State Association, that some of the vital and important agen-

cies of the National Association, namely the Executive and Sunday School Departments, have been the objects of unnecessary and unjustified criticism from the Free Will Baptist, we therefore recommend that this Missouri State Association reaffirm its confidence in these departments and the work which they are performing for our denomination and that copies of this resolution be sent to the departments concerned and to all denominational papers.

Item No. 6

We recommend that each church give a minimum of 10% of its total income to the State Co-Operative Fund to be allocated this year as follows:

National Co-Op Fund	60%
State Home Missions	22%
Gem	5%
Youth Camp	5%
State General	5%
State Superannuation	3%

Item No. 7

We recommend that Rev. Lester Jones be re-employed as a State Home Missions man to work under the direction of the State Home Missions Board under the following term:

1. Salary to be \$65.00 per week when working for the board.
2. Allowance for rent and moving to be \$20.00 per week when working for the board.
3. He will be available to promote the whole denominational program on the field.
4. Allowance for travel to be 5c per mile when surveying a new field or doing promotional work.
5. When doing promotional work salary will be paid out of the State General Fund.
6. He will have a two weeks vacation with pay.
7. A 60 day notice is to be given should either party desire to terminate the contract.

LETTER FROM BOB L. JONES

Dear Bro. Halbrook:

Being a preacher from Missouri and son of your Promotional Secretary of the State, and a former subscriber to the Gem, I am subscribing again for the Gem. Enclosed is the subscription fee of \$1.50.

I don't know whether you publish news from other states, but here is some that might be of interest to some. I always love to hear of progress from anywhere in our great de-

nomination. It encourages me in my work.

By God's help and his alone through the working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of people here in Dothan, Alabama, we have been successful in erecting an educational building with 21 rooms. This gives us a total of 18 Sunday School rooms. The other rooms are used for rest rooms and church offices. We realize that work of the Sunday School produces a live or dead church, but most of all we know that we must have efficient Sunday School evangelism to win the many little children who have no training at home. This has motivated our building for Christ.

May God bless you in your work.

Yours for Christ,
Bob L. Jones

BACK TO GOD IN OUR HEARTS, HOMES, CHURCHES

By Vance Havner

We are talking evangelism and adding numbers to our churches before the churches are fit to receive new members. We are listening to Bible teaching, with sin complacently covered up in our lives. Pastors are wringing their hands over conditions in their churches, when, perhaps, they should turn prophet for the time being, or call in some brother who is a prophet, if such can be found.

The time is come that judgment—self-judgment—should begin at the house of God before the fires of corrective judgment, which must begin at the house of God, break in all their fury.

Away with all this armchair speculative study of prophecy that does not bring us to our knees! Away with this defeatist doctrine that there can never be another revival! It is an alibi to cover our sins and "he that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

Let us hear the prophet of old, "If ye will enquire, enquire ye, return, come." Get back to God in your hearts and in your homes and in your churches.

Do not be satisfied to sing every Sunday morning, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." If the showers do not come, it is a hollow mockery. God is not to blame. There can be showers of blessing, there must be; there will be when we get right with God and with each other and seek Him with all our hearts.

All manuscript must be in the hands of the editor by the 20th of each month.



BERKELEY CRUSADERS

As the Crusaders for Christ have enjoyed many blessings from all the church activities they have had the opportunity of participating in through the summer vacation and we are back in school, it will mean a sacrifice on each of our part to continue our work in our church for our Lord and Master.

In our meeting Monday evening we discussed ways and means by which we as Christian Youth could be a greater service to our Lord through the supporting of our Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Youth Camp and Bible College this coming year. Our prayers are that our Free Will Baptist Youth through out our land will be concerned about this great work and show our Free Will Denomination that we as Youth want to help in the great cause of Christ.

In our business meeting we voted to tithe our income each month to pay our pledge of \$25.00 to our Youth Camp. To give a gift of ten dollars toward our organ. To send an offering to our Home Mission Board and send an offering toward the cost of purchasing bicycles for the Mission fields.

Mrs. BeWitt and Rev. Hill are selecting a religious play that we will present in our church services in the very near future.

Pray for us that we may do God's will at all times.

Dorothy Robertson—President
Mrs. Lee DeWitt—Sponsor

TEEN BEER

Rev Frank Brosend

Brewers admitted at their big convention this year that beer was not doing so good. They had sold a few hundred thousand barrels less in 1955 than in 1954. That reminds me: a big brewery in a near-by city went out of business last winter.

However, the brewers affirmed that there was still hope. "There are the teen-agers," they said. "We'll educate them for beer."

Some breweries are now producing a "teen brew." It looks like beer, it

foams like beer, it smells like beer, it tastes like beer, "Teen Age Special," they call it.

Containing two and one half per cent alcohol or less it is not subject to state or federal liquor regulations or taxes. The stuff is available at soda fountains, groceries, drug stores and lunch rooms in the districts where it is now made.

Parents will at once realize that here is another trap set by the liquor industry for their children. Fathers and mothers will need to re-emphasize the scriptural advice, "Avoid the very appearance of evil." Do not joke about it or consider it a harmless drink for it a dangerous trap to ensnare children with the taste of beer and create a liking for its flavor.

"BE ON TIME"

Charles was always late. No matter where he went he couldn't get there on time. He would get up in the morning and start getting ready for school, but he would dress, wash and eat breakfast so slowly that Mother had to remind him every few minutes to hurry. She would manage to get him out of the door, and what do you think he would do. He played all the way to school. He would chase a butterfly or look for rocks till it was past time for the second bell to ring. All at once he would think about the time and run all the way to school. He would be late and slip into his seat and hope no one saw him.

On Sunday morning he would play until he was late for Sunday School. One day Mother told him a story about the Bible. Here it is:

Once there were ten young women who went to a wedding feast. In those days they took lamps for light. Five of these girls were wise and took a lot of oil in their lamps. The other five were foolish. They took just a little bit and before they got to the feast their lamps went out. They rushed away to buy oil, but when they came back they were too late. The five wise girls were already inside, but when the five foolish girls tried to get in, the door was locked. They were too late.

Charles began to think. Some day I'm going to be too late and miss something I want to do. So starting that very day, Charles tried very hard to get places on time.

HOW YOU CAN KILL YOUR CHURCH

You can kill your church by practicing these things:

1. Stay at home from services when you could attend.
2. By being too tired to attend Sunday School when you attended the movies Saturday night.
3. By taking your children to shows and then say you can't attend services because of the children.
4. By spending more money for confections and amusements than you give to the Lord.
5. By hunting and fishing, or things like that when church members should be seeking the lost.
6. By staying away from church because you say it is full of hypocrites. Could it be that you are one of them?
7. By attending dances, roadhouses, gambling, or otherwise associating with the world in the fruits of evil.
8. Saying your pastor is too hard because he does not like evil or evil-doers in the church or holds too close to the Bible.
9. By using your tongue to gossip and slander your brethren, and cause strife in the church.
10. By keeping a chip on your shoulder and raising a howl if the church does not do things to suit you.
11. By refusing to co-operate because the church did not elect you or your choice.
12. By neglecting to serve or come to church when elected.
13. By having your name on the church roll and using some flimsy excuse to attend services elsewhere.

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It is a serious thing to live; eyes too big, heart too small.

Riotous living, useless !
God's sight, which is the wor.

News From The Mission Field

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Note: Taken from "Latin American Evangelist". I hope every Free Will Baptist woman reads this article. Our two greatest needs on the mission field are prayer and money!

Raymond Riggs

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After Dr. Tom Lambie poured out his soul in a missionary address, telling of the indescribable physical and spiritual poverty of his beloved Ethiopia, a well-dressed dowager came up to him, wiped the tears from her eyes, took off a rose which was pinned to her shoulder, and handing it to him, walked out. It was a beautiful rose and it was a lovely gesture, but her gift accomplished nothing for needy Ethiopia.

Whenever God speaks to us, we want to have positive, constructive responses. And when God speaks to us regarding His love for the whole world, we must not only respond with tears and a rose, but with prayers and deeds that will lift even a small part of the sin and suffering abounding in that world.

One of the most frequent questions asked by folks in the homeland is right along this line, "What can we do to help? Our place is here, but we believe in foreign missions. How can we serve?" There are scores of women's auxiliaries and other groups anxious to help in one way or another. "Can we send you bandages, or scrapbooks?" they write to the field. Yes, here and there bandages and scrapbooks can be of help.

However, the author recalls vividly the complaint of one friend in the homeland who had come back to her home from one of those afternoons of cutting up old sheets. "It's ridiculous", she stormed, "for a big group of women to be spending a whole afternoon playing at missions, wasting our time on things that mean so little."

"I sometimes wonder," she continued, "if the main idea behind it is to give us something to do to keep us happy. I wish we could do something really worthwhile!"

The word found an echo in the author's heart. None of us wants to waste his time in mere busy-work. Last week in trying to answer a letter from a group of earnest women who

want "to do something to help the Lord's work in Latin America," this idea came to me.

It is a suggestion that may not apply to everyone, but aren't there literally hundreds of women who could give hours to earning money for foreign missions? Frankly, next to prayer and consecrated personnel, the greatest need on most mission fields is actual money. Those same women could earn 75 cents an hour baby sitting, \$13.00 a day substitute teaching, \$4.00 an hour giving piano lessons, \$8.00 a day doing domestic work, \$10.00 a day clerking. And even though they may not seem like huge sums, think what they could accomplish on the field! It only costs 50 cents to buy a Christian book to give out, in any language; \$5.00 for a fifteen minute gospel radio program; \$4.00 for a child in an orphanage for a week; \$10.00 for a monthly scholarship in a Christian school; \$1.00 a day for a student in a Bible seminary, etc., Just think what a women's missionary society of 50 women could do, each member working one afternoon a week instead of making bandages! If several hundred women would take this suggestion seriously, many acute problems of logistics on the foreign field would be solved, and tremendous advance strides could be taken.

I know of one college graduate who took an extra summer job as a waitress and sent all of her tips to help buy a needed car for missionary work in Colombia, South America. I know of women in different parts of the States who have rented their guest rooms and used the money to support missionary work in various parts of the world. I believe if we made it a matter of prayer, God would put into our minds many ways by which we could earn heavenly treasure.

There might be those who felt that such work and earning were beneath them, but our Lord forever sanctified manual labor by his own example. Even a queen should welcome the humblest task, if by doing it she could have a part in spreading the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Women in the United States have more leisure hours than any women in the history of the world. But un-

consecrated leisure breeds all manner of ills. The United States is full of neurotics, full of lonely and frustrated persons. But God gives special joy and gladness and contentment to His givers and workers. Wouldn't it be for our mental and spiritual health to fill up our hours in loving service for Him, work that we knew would mean eternal blessing for others?

One of the gravest causes of spiritual declension everywhere is materialism—the love of and concern for material things. Might not one practical antidote for this tendency of greed in us all be to "sublimate" it into a holy desire to see how much gold we can acquire for God's Kingdom?

A foreign missionary often has his best opportunity to witness when a national asks him, "Why did you come? You didn't have to come down here. Why did you do it?" If Christian folks at home were to begin taking jobs that their unsaved friends knew they didn't have to take, they would have wonderful, natural openings to witness. Their answer would be much the same as that of the missionary, "I am doing this for love of Him—in order to give His message to the world He died to save."

—Elizabeth W. Strachan

WILLEYS TO SURVEY BRAZIL

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey Sr. have plans to leave about the second week in September on a survey trip of the country of Brazil. The purpose of their going is to acquire a field on behalf of the Foreign Mission Board, and to determine just where we should send missionaries in Brazil. Please pray for them as they make this survey. This is an important assignment, so please pray that God will give them wisdom in making decisions.

WILSON RETURNS TO INDIA

By the time this letter reaches you Miss Volena Wilson will be on the "high seas" enroute back to her station in South India for another five year term. She has made many many new friends while on furlough which we trust will strengthen her prayer support and increase the financial giving to foreign missions.

For men to try to reform men without giving God first place in their efforts, is like putting rotten hoops on rotten barrels, not only useless, but utterly **Vain**. The sow turns to the mire only because she is a sow, but she returns.

MERKHS HAVE SAFE LANDING

The Merkh family have landed safely in Switzerland and have already begun their language study. The following paragraph is taken from Dan's letter written in transit:

"As we pulled out of the dock I noticed a woman waving a Bible. I asked Margaret to introduce herself to the woman. She is Anna Boyer from S. I. M., and of course we "hit it right off". In our cabin that night we talked of having some Fellowship Meetings, and maybe more Christians were aboard. The next morning while passing thru the parlor I saw five young people reading Bibles and praying. I introduced myself to them and found them C. M. A. on way to Netherlands, New Guinea. They had met a young couple under the A. I. M. The crowd was growing. I saw the purser and got permission to use a room for Fellowship and Bible Study each night. We had 29 the first night, 36 the second. A Rev. Herter from Philadelphia was aboard and spoke for the Sunday A. M. Service. I spoke in the evening. We also have a flannelgraph lesson in our cabin each morning for children. Anna Boyer and a Mrs. Donner conducted this, Mrs. Donner and her husband are lovely Christians. He is head surgeon in the Protestant Hospital in Rotterdam. All in all we have about 20 missionaries or full time workers aboard. We may differ in some doctrines, but I believe they are fundamental Bible Believing Christians."

I am sure you rejoice with us in the fellowship and please pray for God to direct them in their language study. Mrs. Merkh will especially need prayer as she shares her time with the children and her studies.

Visits Missionaries in Language Study

By Olena Filkins

Note: Miss Olena Filkins is Secretary to Dr. L. C. Johnson, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. We appreciate this report and the observation made of our missionaries in language school. May this information help us to pray more for them.

—R. R.

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I had the privilege of traveling in Europe this summer with my G. I. brother and his family. We spent the week end of July 13-14 in Lausanne, Switzerland, with Lonnie and Anita Sparks.

We arrived at Emmaus Bible Insti-

tute on Saturday during the evening meal. Anita was the first one back to the dormitory because Lonnie was helping with the dishes. The students at the Institute share the work.

Because many of the students were away for the summer we were able to stay in the dormitory. That night as we ate sandwiches and cookies and drank instant coffee we tried to catch up on all the news of the past six months. One thing that was prevalent in our minds was the National Association the following week, and we all wished we could attend.

Sunday morning we went to the Cathedral for worship service. Lonnie said they could see signs of the Reformation in that county because at one time the Cathedral had been Catholic and now it is protestant. He said the ministers at the Cathedral are very fundamental preachers, but it couldn't be proved by me because the whole service was in French.

After church we returned to the school and ate lunch in the dining hall. The food was excellent and plentiful. It happened to be the Sunday they had meat. Every other Sunday meat is left off the menu and the money ordinarily spent for meat is given to missions.

Both Lonnie and Anita seemed well and happy. They are having to work hard. They go to school six days a week and the time out of classes is spent in study. Language study is not easy. In the conversation around the school everyone speaks French, and in talking to us Lonnie and Anita would forget and slip French words into their conversation. I believe the language is becoming more natural for them.

Lonnie mentioned that just a few days before we came he met a student from California who was attending medical school in Lausanne. The fellow was very anxious for some American fellowship and asked Lonnie to come visit him. Lonnie felt that it was an opportunity to witness for the Lord. The opportunities for witnessing in Switzerland are not as great as in a country where you can speak the language fluently.

On Monday morning before we left, they received their mail and had several letters. I commented about the nice amount of mail and they said, "It is not always like this; sometimes we don't receive any all week." The thought came to me, "I'm one that should write more often." So many of us forget about our missionaries soon after they leave. Letters and news means so much to them.

Then as I thought further I thought of how we forget to pray for them.

The country where they live is nice, but so many things are different from home—the people are different, the language is different, the food is different, the customs are different, and sometimes you feel all alone. They need our prayers.

When we left them in downtown Lausanne on Monday morning, they had a typical European satchel with their books and were on their way to another day of class. They are trusting the Lord to help them learn the language as quickly as possible and to work out each move that they may be able to reach Africa at the earliest possible date.

—Miss Olena Filkins

From The Field

OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Since my mother is an invalid now and I have to take care of her, I do not get a chance to go to church and Sunday School very much now. Of course I am thankful that I can care for my mother. She is 74 years old and a very sweet humble and patient Christian. I thank God for mother. She has a broken back and too much blood. But God has performed a miracle so far. So please help us pray that God's ill be done.

I am interested in helping to win lost souls for Jesus. I can not be a missionary but I am sending a little offering to help carry the Gospel to lost souls. I pray God will accept it and use it for His glory.

I pray God will continue to bless you and enable you to carry on the good work for Jesus sake.

Mrs. G. A. Urharton

TRUCK FUND

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Inclosed you will find a check for \$20.00 to be applied on the truck fund for Africa. It is an offering from our Bible School.

—Mrs. Edwin Hughes

FUNDS FROM LEAGUE

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Enclosed is \$3.50 from the league at Edward's Chapel. We realize the need is great, and we pray the Lord will greatly bless in this work. We want to ask the prayers of everyone on the mission board that our league will grow in the work we are trying to do.

—Mrs. William E. Pittman

You may laugh and make fun at the right, but it will stand in spite of all your laughter and funmaking.

News From National Home Mission Department

NEW CHURCH IN TIFTON, GEORGIA

The Georgia State Mission Board with the National Mission Board sponsored the organization of a new church in Tifton, Georgia. Rev. H. E. Willis, conducted the organizational revival. At the close of the revival 18 charter members came into the new church. The nearest church to Tifton is eight miles. The new congregation have paid for a building lot in a choice section of the city, and are now in the process of building the first unit of the church. A pastor has not yet been named.

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TENT NOW IN USE

The gospel tent paid for the National Womans Auxiliary is now in use. Any mission board or group wishing to use the tent for revivals in needy fields should contact the National office. The tent will be placed on a first come-first served order.

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MORE WORKERS THAN EVER

The National Home Mission Board has now the most missionaries on the field in the history of the work. There are fourteen full-time missionaries, and the office staff.

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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The annual Home Mission Board meeting will be in the conference rooms of the Headquarters Building, Nashville, Tennessee, December 17-18.

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BOARD MEMBER HAS OPERATION

Rev. Willard C. Day, Home mission board Member, underwent a serious operation on his eyes at Tulsa, Oklahoma recently. Prayer is requested for him.

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REMEMBER NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MONTH

Every church is urged to have a special service in interest of National Home Missions in the month of November. Special Thanksgiving offerings should be given for the cause. We are suggesting that all who will send a special Thanksgiving offering for the Alaska mission.

I give not because I am rich but I am rich because I Give.

OFFICIAL LIST OF NATIONAL HOME MISSIONARIES

Birthdays, Fields of Service, and Addresses

ALASKA—

Anchorage

Rev. Lee D. Whaley—Nov. 7.
Mrs. Ethel Whaley—Jan. 8.
Vernon—Oct. 6.
Rodney—Feb. 26.
3801 Richland Ave. Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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NORTHWEST—

Washington—Oregon

Rev. J. J. Postlewaite—April 5.
Mrs. Leah (Scott) Postlewaite—Oct. 25.
Joseph Laverne—Dec. 22.
Samuel—Jan. 14.
Mary Susan—Sept. 14.
645 Highline Drive, Wenatchee, Washington.

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SPANISH—

Mexico—Texas

Rev. James E. Timmons—May 1.
Mrs. James E. Timmons—July 6.
Beth—Jan. 28.
Billy—Nov. 5.
Ruth Ann—Oct. 1.
103 Lanedo St., Laredo, Texas.

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SPANISH—

Nogales, Arizona—Mexico

Miss Bessie Yeley—Nov. 26.

202 West Ft. Lowell Rd.
Tucson, Arizona.

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SPANISH—

Mexico

Rev. Juan Lopez
Mrs. Juan Lopez
Logo del Pascuano
1216 Oriente
Col. Independencia
Monterrey, N. L. Mexico

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SPANISH—

Floria (Cuban Missions)

Rev. N. Melitino Mantinez—Sept. 15.
Mrs. Sinadelia H. Mantinez, Sept. 27.
Joel—May 25.
451 S. W. 6th Street
Miami, Florida.

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TENNESSEE—

Clarksville

Rev. Paul Inbody—April 6.
Mrs. Nina Helen Inbody—June 10.
Marcia Lynn—Oct. 3.
Paula Ann—April 7.
Rt. 1, Pleasant View, Tennessee.

Sacrifice: "And Jesus saith unto him, the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." (Matt. 8:20) Why? Because He gave all as a sacrifice that you and I could go free.

HERE IS HOW WE STAND

Only Four Months To Go in 1957!

State	Quota	Am't Given	Balance
Alabama	\$1,200.00	\$ 475.08	\$ 724.92
Arizona	150.00	33.25	116.75
Arkansas	1,350.00	587.55	762.45
California	1,500.00	308.15	1,191.85
Florida	1,200.00	766.68	433.32
Georgia	1,700.00	526.27	1,173.73
Illinois	1,500.00	655.65	844.35
Kansas	150.00	23.50	126.50
Kentucky	1,000.00	611.19	388.81
Michigan	3,000.00	1,245.83	1,754.17
Mississippi	1,000.00	350.64	649.36
Missouri	2,500.00	1,610.44	889.56
Nebraska	200.00	251.09	
New Mexico	100.00	111.49	
North Carolina	3,000.00	2,139.25	860.75
Ohio	1,000.00	375.91	624.09
Oklahoma	2,750.00	870.70	1,879.30
Oregon	100.00	52.00	48.00
South Carolina	1,350.00	314.20	1,035.80
Tennessee	2,500.00	2,149.63	350.37
Texas	1,500.00	854.63	645.37
Virginia	1,200.00	551.40	648.60
West Virginia	1,200.00	314.63	885.37

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Bible College Board of Trustees agreed at a recent session for each board member to be a special representative of the Bible College for promoting the Improvement Program in his area.

M. E. Howard, Richmond, Virginia contractor, is the newest member of the Bible College Board of Trustees. He was elected to the Board in July at the Birmingham session of the National Association, replacing Rev. J. L. Welch of Nashville, long-time member of the Board.

Brother Howard is a native North Carolinian and has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for a number of years. He was one of the leaders in establishing a Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond and is a member of the board of deacons there at the present time.

The Board of Trustees is composed of the following:

Rev. James F. Miller, Chairman, Farmington, Missouri.

Rev. F. B. Cherry, Vice-Chairman, Greenville, North Carolina.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Thomaston, Georgia.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Hazelhurst, Georgia.

Rev. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Mississippi.

Rev. Paul Ketteman, Columbus, Mississippi.

Mr. M. E. Howard, Richmond, Virginia.

VOTER DIES WITH BALLOT IN HAND

In Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, a retired merchant, 56 years of age, finished marking his ballot, when he dropped dead, apparently of a heart attack.

His wife asked that the ballot, still clutched in the voter's hand, be dropped in the box. Precinct Registrar, A. E. Akers complied.

The retired merchant had the satisfaction of casting his vote for the candidate he preferred, as his last act in this life!

The incident caused us to think of the penitent thief hanged on the cross beside the Lord Jesus, as He was dying for our sins. That thief, as his last act on earth, cast his vote—not by ballot—but by voice—for the Man of his choice: "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." (Luke 23:42). And he was

assured of being in Paradise that very day, with the Lord!

There is only one such case recorded in the Bible, that no one should presume that an "eleventh hour" shall be afforded him in which to consciously make his choice of Jesus, as Lord and Savior.

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." The present moment must be seized in which to voice your choice; for one may not have another.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." (Proverbs 27:1).

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

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10).

—Now

FINED \$50 FOR BLASPHEMING

A twenty year old truck driver at Mount Clemens, was fined \$50 and put on a year's probation for violating Michigan's seldom-used blasphemy law which makes it a misdemeanor to "damn or swear by the name of God, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Spirit."

The truck driver pleaded guilty but insisted he had the right to use profanity in his own home. But Deputy Sheriff Robert Peters said the man swore at him when he went to investigate a complaint by the man's wife that he had threatened to beat her.

The truck driver can be thankful that the law which prevailed in Israel in the past dispensation was not in vogue in Michigan. Had it been in effect, his blasphemy would have cost him his life. (Leviticus 24:10-16). "For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." (Exodus 20:7)

Here is a prophecy uttered by the Apostle Paul about 1900 years ago, "In the last days perilous times shall come; for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous boasters, proud, blasphemers. . . ." (II Tim. 3:1-2).

If there were no other proof of the accuracy of the Holy Bible, that prophecy should suffice. Blasphemy has become a very common, popular, and universal sin. So much so, that if there

were a federal law prohibiting it, and every blasphemer were heavily fined, and the money applied toward paying off the national debt, it would be amazing how speedily the debt would diminish—if not completely disappear!

We rejoice in the knowledge that the death of Christ for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification are of such infinite value that "all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme," upon repenting and believing.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18).

—Tom M. Olson

OFFERING FOR SLIDES

Dear Bro. Riggs:

We have completed the slide series in our league study of our Foreign Missions. Enclosed you will find a check for \$16.00. This is the total sum of the special offerings for the five showings. I am indeed sorry that it is not more. However, I feel the time and effort invested will repay the board and your office many times over in the months and years to come.

Our church is young (three years old) and small (twenty-five members) so this makes a great effort on their part. I am sure the church has been awakened to the great need of our missionary efforts and regular offerings, will be forthcoming, growing irregularity and size as the Lord blesses our efforts here. Our sincere prayers support you and our missionaries as you go about your work.

—Huey B. Long

FUNNY CHRISTIANS

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows—no good unless they are pushed.

Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.

Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them they fly away.

Some are like kittens—they are more contented when petted.

Some are like footballs—full of wind and ready to pop.

Some are like trailers—they have to be pulled along.

Some are like neon lights—they keep going on and off.

And then, for which we thank the Lord, some are like a good watch—open faced, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

Woman's Auxiliary

PROGRAM

Of the State Women's Auxiliary Workshop held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo.

November 14, 1957

THEME: Know Your Auxiliary
Study Course Chairman—Agnes Smith.

- 10:15 Opening Devotions
Congregational singing —Margaret Dixon
Scripture and prayer—Oletha Parsons.
- 10:30 Introducing State Officers
—Chairman.
- 10:45 Special Song—Host Church.
- 10:50 Presentation of the speaker
—Chairman.
- Message—Rev. Lester Jones.
- 11:30 Dismissed for lunch.
- 12:30 Afternoon Devotions.
Congregational singing —Margaret Dixon.
- Prayer—Mildred Kensinger.
- 12:45 Presenting the Workshop
Theme—Chairman.
- 1:00 Simultaneous Conferences
—State Officers in Charge.
- 2:00 Re-assemble for open discussion and presentation of the Standard.
- 2:30 Benediction.
- Executive Committee Meeting

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY WORKSHOP

The Auxiliaries of the Northeast Missouri Association held their Workshop September 19, 1957 with the Kirksville Church.

The morning service was opened by the Study Course chairman, Mrs. Blanche Matthews. The theme of the service was "Consecrate the Task". After congregational singing, devotions was conducted by Sis. Velma Wellman, reading for a scripture lesson John 12:23-27 and Matt. 9:35. Time was spent in sentence prayers. Mrs. Gladys Riley sang, "My Task".

Five minute talks on "How I Can Better My Organization" was given by Mrs. Ethel Thompson from Hazel Creek Auxiliary, Mrs. Fern Kelsy from New Harmony and Mrs. Alta Mikel from Kirksville Auxiliary. The congregation sang "Take Time to Be Holy". Rev. Rolla Smith gave the benediction and the blessing on the noon meal.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour.

The afternoon session was called together by singing. Prayer by Grace

Lawson. After another song the following topics were given:

1. How I Can Consecrate the Task as Youth Auxiliary Chairman by Maizie Sevits from Hazel Creek Auxiliary.

2. How I Can Consecrate The Task as Study Course Chairman by Stella Gates of Kirksville Auxiliary.

3. How I Can Consecrate the Task as Stewardship Chairman, by Ruth Western, of the New Harmony Auxiliary.

4. How I Can Consecrate the Task as Personal Service Chairman by Rev. Mildred Gilliam of Low Grounds Auxiliary.

Congregation sang "Our Best". A discussion on Benefits of the Women's Auxiliary to the Church.

1. Why have an Auxiliary?
2. What is the relationship of the Auxiliary to the church?
3. What are its Developments?
4. What are its Potentialities?

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me". The next Workshop will be with the New Harmony Church, December 19, 1957. Benediction by Alta Mikel.

—Sec. Treas. Leona Thompson

REPORT FROM KANSAS CITY AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Beacon Free Will Baptist church of Kansas City met Tuesday evening September 24 for the first meeting.

The business session was presided over by the President: Mrs. Delbert Carter.

Discussion was given on the practical work project for the month. Plans were made and adopted for the African project fund. Each woman will keep a separate bank of her gifts and at the end of the quarter they will be sent together to the African Mission fund.

A very interesting lesson on Cuba was given with topics by Mrs. Walter Horn, Mrs. John Knapp and Mrs. Lester Jones.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. Melvin Smith.

HAZEL CREEK AUXILIARY

The Hazel Creek Auxiliary met September 4th with Mrs. Ethel Thompson with seven members, four visitors, and three children present. The work for the day was making a quilt.

The Youth Chairman took charge

in absence of the President and Vice-president. The meeting opened with singing. Prayer Mrs. Effie Dare. Scripture Acts 1:8, Isaiah 6:8, I Peter 2:9-10 by Mrs. Dora Sponsler.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Roll call answered with scripture verses. There were four hundred Bible chapters, five cards sent and twenty seven sick calls made. An offering of \$3.96 was received. We voted to send ten percent of all our income into the District Treasurer and to pay ten per cent of our regular offering to the Co-Labor fund.

The lesson subject was "Send Forth Thy Light to Cuba". Mrs. Lizzie Filkins introduced the lesson and those having topics were Mrs. Maizie Sevits, Mrs. Doris Sponsler, Mrs. Leona Thompson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Emma Van-Lannington. Benediction by Mrs. Lola Filkins.

—Miss Leona Thompson, Cor.

KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

The Kirksville Auxiliary met September 5th with Mrs. Julia Mollick with sixteen members, one visitor and four children present. The meeting was opened by singing. Prayer by Edith Phenicie. Scripture by Alta Mikel. Roll call answered by giving scripture verses. Fifty six calls reported, fifty one cards sent and three hundred thirty-four chapters were reported read. The project for the month of September was visitation. The calls made are to be reported at next meeting. These visitations are to be in behalf of the revival at the Kirksville church as well as calls to see the sick. Prayer by Blanche Matthews. Song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You". Special number by Miss Marjorie Mollick and Velma Wellman. The theme of the lesson was "Send Out Thy Light to Cuba". Speakers were Alta Mikel, Stella Gates, and Julia Mollick. We were grateful for the opportunity of having Mrs. Edith Phenicie from the Cuban Mission field with us. She told us about Cuba and also answered a number of questions asked by the group. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Stella Gates. Benediction Lola Matthews.

—Cor.

Thought for today: "Make sure that when you come to die all you have to do is die."

COPPERMINES AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary met at the church Thursday August 22, 1957 for their Study Course with nine members present. The meeting was opened with singing. Lillian Hovis and Elma Henson led in prayer at the altar. Scripture reading from Matthew 28:19-20 and Luke 24:42 by Evelyn Rehkop. Special song "Try Jesus". The subject of our study was "Missions" and was taught by Sis. Esther Hovis. Benediction Ophelia Hovis.

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The ladies met again at the church Tuesday September 10, 1957 for their program. The meeting was called to order with singing. Prayer by Sis. Esther Hovis. Scripture reading by Mrs. Evelyn Rehkop. Mrs. Edith Underwood was in charge of the praise service. Roll call was answered by scripture verse. Mrs. Glenda Rehkop was received as a new member. The program theme was "Send Forth Thy Light to Cuba". Special number "Lord Send Me" by Edith Underwood and Lillian Hovis. A poem "Go and Tell" read by Laura Underwood. Benediction Mrs. Glenda Rehkop.

—Phyllis Hovis, Cor.

A NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

The women from the Beacon Free Will Baptist church of Kansas City met September 14 and organized a Woman's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lester Jones presided as chairman and Mrs. Delbert Carter as Secretary.

The work of the local Auxiliary was explained by Mrs. Jones after which the Constitution and By-Laws were read and adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Delbert Carter
Vice-President—Mrs. Mae Baker.
Recording Secretary Treas.—Mrs. Paul Postlewait.

Corresponding Sec'y.—Mrs. Donald Jones.

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Walter Horn.

Program-Prayer Ch'm.—Mrs. Melvin Smith.

Study Course Ch'm.—Mrs. Lester Jones.

Personal Service Ch'm.—Mrs. John Knapp.

WORKSHOP AT SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH

Our State Convention voted this year that the State officers conduct a workshop in the districts from which they receive invitations, of course, discretion in each decision.

After carefully and prayerfully considering the invitations received so

far, the Executive Committee decided to accept the invitation from the First Church in Springfield for the first workshop this year. The workshop will be conducted on Thursday, November 14.

It is hoped that members from all the auxiliaries in the districts surrounding Springfield will make a special effort to be present at this meeting. It is the aim of the Executive Committee to help auxiliary members become more familiar with the organization and plan of work of the Auxiliary.

Any district desiring a workshop in your locality should make it known by sending your invitation together with the date preferred to the corresponding secretary, Oletha Parsons or any member of the executive committee.

Please note the program for the Springfield workshop.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Blessed is the auxiliary whose Vice-President is a faithful, active worker. To a great extent, the growth and consistent attendance of the local auxiliary depends upon her interest, her enthusiasm and her willingness to work. If she is really dedicated to this task, she will be interested in enlisting other women for so important a task.

The Vice-President, in order to enlist others, must be thoroughly enlisted herself. She should know the W. A. work, believe in it wholeheartedly, and have a firm conviction that every F. W. B. woman needs the two-fold blessing that will come to her through this work. First, the deepening of her own spiritual life through the meetings and the fellowship, and second, the opportunity to express her love to the Master through service. With such a conviction, she will then go out to enlist the unenlisted in service for the Lord.

Mrs. Coffey,
Vice-President, W.N.A.C.

STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN:

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might: for there is no work—nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave—" (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

One of the Resolutions of the W. N. A. C. reads: "that each auxiliary set as it's goal at least one standard study course this year." I think we all agree that if something is worth doing it is worth doing well. The Study Course Standard (found on page 115 in the Year Book) was set up in order that the auxiliaries might receive the best possible results from

the study classes. Now is a good time to start planning a standard study course for the fall and once you've experienced the results of such an effort, I'm sure you will want to make every study course standard.

All of the Study course subjects are equally important, but may I suggest that if you have not had a standard study on the Manual, that you make this one of your goals for the year. This gives a good foundation for auxiliary work and I am convinced that a lot of the lack of interest and co-operation in our auxiliaries is due to a lack of understanding.

Then as you plan and prepare for each study "do it with thy might."

"Do thy duty: that is best

Leave unto thy Lord, the rest."

—James Russell Lowell

Mrs. Billy Melvin,
Study Course Chairman, W.N.A.C.

NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of Neosho Free Will Baptist Church met August 28, 1957, at 1:30 P. M.

Opening hymn "Did You Think to Pray". Prayer by Mrs. Martha Nutting. Subject for the afternoon was "Send Out Thy Light To Thy Prayer Warriors". Mrs. Ella Pogue read for a scripture lesson Luke 10:2, Luke 11:9. Mrs. Wilma Pogue was in charge of the business session. The topics for the afternoon were as follows: "The Need To Pray For One Another". Martha Nutting, "Hindrances To Prevailing Prayer". Mary Pogue, "Prayer Warriors Are Needed" Dorothy Childress. Closing hymn "I Need The Prayers". Mrs. Martha Nutting was received as a new member. Benediction Miss Mary Pogue.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Neosho Free Will Baptist Church met September 11th, 1957. The meeting was opened by singing "I Want To Be A Worker". Prayer by Mrs. Ella Pogue. Lesson subject, "Send Forth Thy Light to Cuba". Scripture read from Acts 1:8, Isaiah 6:8, and I Peter 2:9-10 by Ella Pogue. Our second vice-President, Mrs. Virginia Pogue was in charge of our business meeting. Letters from our missionaries, Lonnie and Anita Sparks, and Volena Wilson were read. Those taking part in the lesson were Mrs. Virginia Pogue, Mrs. Martha Nutting, and Dorothy Childress. Closing hymn "What A Friend". Benediction Mrs. Dorothy Childress.

Just because doing a thing for self gratifies you is by no means assurance that it Satisfies God.

News From Our Churches

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION DATE

Because the convention facilities at St. Louis were not available at our regular meeting time, it was necessary for the placement committee to schedule the convention in 1958 one week earlier. This action was taken as a part of the placement committee's report to the convention at Huntington, West Virginia.

The dates of the 1958 session are July 7-10, which is one week earlier than the convention usually meets. Will you please use your publication between now and then to give wide publicity to this date. We are expecting a great convention and a wonderful time in the Lord.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

St. Louis Mo.—

The Missouri State Association appointed Rev. Harvey E. Hill as the General Chairman and Overseer of all affairs pertaining to the National Association of Free Will Baptists which meets in St. Louis, Mo. July 8-10, 1958. It was also suggested that the St. Louis ministers act as a steering committee in making preparations for the Convention. The ministers of the St. Louis area met on Saturday night, August 24 at the First Free Will Baptist church of Berkeley. Reverends Harvey Hill, John Rogers, and Roger Reeds were selected as a committee on committees. This committee on committees met on August 28 and selected the following people to serve on the various committees:

Committees

General Officers:

General Chairman, Harvey E. Hill.
Publicity Director, Roger C. Reeds.
Treasurer, John Rogers.

Steering Committee:

Harvey Hill, Chairman, John Rogers, Roger Reeds, Harry Asher, Elmer Turnbough, Johnny Land, Elizabeth Hesselmeier, Wayne Parsons.

Information Committee:

Wayne Parsons, Chairman, Bob Wright, Floyd Hesselmeier.

Registration Committee:

Elmer Turnbough, Chairman, Bud Arnold, Frank Guinta.

Ushering Committee:

Harry Asher, Chairman, Loy Smith, Fred Harris.

Transportation Committee:

Johnny Land, Chairman, Lehman Riggs, Arthur Francis.

Entertainment Committee:

Elizabeth Hesselmeier, Chairman, Oleatha Parsons, Helen Rogers, Dorothy Asher, Gladys Turnbough.

Publicity Committee:

Roger Reeds, Chairman, Howard Kennedy, Harvey Hill.

Budget Committee:

John Rogers, Chairman, Bill Hughes, Floyd Cantrell.

As you will note, Rev. John Rogers has been selected as Treasurer for Convention expenses. The total cost of hosting the convention will be approximately \$2000.00 to \$2500.00 and the only way this amount can be raised is by the various churches making contributions. May I suggest that Quarterly and Yearly meetings make contributions as well. The South East Missouri Yearly Meeting has already started things rolling with a \$150.00 contribution. This is a must. We want those who attend the National Association next year to go away saying that this has been the best provided for convention in its history.

It has been thirteen years since the National Association has met in Missouri. Flat River hosted the convention in 1944. There were other States that made bids for the convention next year but Missouri won by a unanimous vote, so let's show the delegates just how proud we are to have them in Missouri next year. Will you rally to make this the greatest convention ever? I hope so. Send your contributions to:

Rev. John Rogers,
2612 Minnesota
St. Louis, Mo.

Thank you,

Roger C. Reeds, Publicity Director

NEW HOPE CHURCH ORGANIZED

September 5, 1957, 7:30 P. M. the Mission Board met at the Armourdale Neighbor Center, 743 Osage Ave., Kansas City, Kansas. Singing directed by Rev. James McAllister. Prayer by Rev. Russel Spurgeon. Devotional by Rev. Alice Dickey, using Psalm 1. Rev. Rolla Smith called for Charter membership. The following seventeen responded: Clarence Howard, Gladys Howard, Mary Lou Howard, Billy Joe Howard, Ernest Bailey, Lillian Bailey, Harley Vest, Mrs. Harley Vest, Mrs. Lilbern Bell, Imogene Watkins, D. P. Evans, John McAllister, Ruby McAllister, Paul Evans, Mrs. D. P. Evans, Helen McAllister, James McAllister.

Rev. O. T. Dixon brought the organization message. Text, I Peter

2:5. Subject "The Church At Jerusalem." The five points of the message were power, unity, purity, organization and persecution. Bible presented by Bro. Dixon. Articles of Faith by Bro. Paul Williams, Church Covenant by Bro. Harry Beatty, Consecration prayer by Bro. Joe Cockrel. The Constitution and By-Laws read by Bro. Lester Jones adopted by Church thus naming the church New Hope.

The election of Officers were as follows: Clerk, Mrs. Lillian Bailey, Treasurer, Mrs. Imogene Watkins, Advisory Committee, Clarence Howard, D. P. Evans, J. W. McAllister and Earnest Bailey. Trustees: D. P. Evans, three years, Harley Vest, two years, Clarence Howard, one year.

Pastor, Rev. James McAllister.

SOUTH SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

We have been experiencing the summer slump here at South Side, but now with school opening and vacations over, we anticipate an increase in attendance in all departments of our work. We have made several changes at South Side recently. Of course you have read of the pastoral change we made and the Rev. Roger C. Reeds is our present pastor, replacing Rev. W. A. Hales, who is now pastoring the First church of Beaufort, N. C. Norman Tallent is our new Sunday School superintendent and doing a wonderful job. He has plans for an extensive visitation program that we feel will help to build our church. We recently elected Bert Carver as our League Director. We feel confident that Bro. Carver will do a good job in the auxiliary of our church. Oleatha Parsons has been selected as the new president of the Woman's Auxiliary. We give many thanks to all of our retiring officers and thank the Lord for the wonderful jobs they did.

The St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting will meet with our church on October 4th and 5th and of course we are so happy that the National Association of Free Will Baptists will be meeting in St. Louis next year.

—Freda Britton, Cor.

The Bible says, "Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." We look to Him to be the author, but often We want to be the finisher.

HONOR ROLL

OF CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

Church	Pastor
Fellowship	Rev. Rolla Smith
Amity	Rev. Don Rogers
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Labanon	Rev. Laverne Jones
Leadington	Rev. James Davis
Coppermines	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Myrtle	Rev. Bud Hill
Kirksville ..	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Wellston	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
First Church, Joplin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Third Ch., St. Louis	Rev. John Rogers
Hazel Creek	
Union	Rev. W. M. Buster
Verdella	Rev. Archie Buress
Richwoods	Rev. Floyd Arnold
Old Bethel	Rev. Dale Statler
Mt. Zion	Rev. O. T. Allred
Southside	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thayer	Rev. Harry Beatty
Carterville	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Fredricktown	Rev. Ben Scott
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Chas. Black
Old Liberty	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Martinstown Church, Mrs. Alta Mikel	
Mountain View	Rev. Leslie Peterman
Hannon Church	Rev. Harry Sterling
Marble Hill	Rev. Florence Long
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Good Neighbor Family	Oreg. Co.
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
Blue Eye	Rev. O. T. Allred
Union Light	Rev. Cecil Sheppard
Bethel Church ..	Rev. Keith Johnson
Twin Oak	Rev. Truman Huffman
Fourth Church, St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Cedar Ridge	Rev. Cleo Covington
Neosho	Rev. James McCully
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Ezra Butts
Victory Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. B. Spurgeon
Rock Chapel	
Mill Creek	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Beacon Church	
(K. C.)	Rev. Lester Jones
First Church (K. C.)	Rev. Alice Dickey
Meryls Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred

"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 forgive their sin, and will heal their land." —II Chronicles 14:7.

I'm A Nice Stranger

I never complain. I never create a scene.

When I go to church I never offer an objection if the usher leads me down the long middle aisle to the front seat, while all the members of that church crowd the back seats and fix their curious gaze on my embarrassed march. No—I just take my seat. I'm a nice visitor.

I never growl aloud when I have to push by and walk over the feet of selfish church members who hog the aisle seats and wouldn't move out of their favorite places if it meant the salvation of a soul. Oh, no—I just sit down meekly. I'm the church stranger.

I never reprimand young people who sit behind me chewing gum, talking and making love. Oh, no, I'm too polite for that. I'm a nice person.

At the close of the service as I walk toward the door I never make a scene if nobody speaks to me or shakes my hand. No, they gather in little cliques and don't bother me. I'm the nice visitor to the church.

And I'll tell what else I am: I'm the stranger who never comes back. That's my little revenge for not being welcomed. I know when I'm not wanted. I can sense when church members are cliquish, and unfriendly. I can tell when they lack interest in the spiritual welfare of their visitors. I, of course, am too cultured and too nice to say anything. I just go to some other more friendly, more hospitable, more spiritual church—or don't go to church at all.

Much is said in the Bible about hospitality, kindness and concern.

A few years ago I found myself in Chicago on a Sunday morning with a few hours between trains. I decided to visit a large, well known church in the loop. I went early on purpose and, following the service, lingered just to see. And I saw—and felt! Not one person greeted me on arrival, and no one shook my hand on dismissal. Sunday School was to follow worship service. I was not invited. I walked out of that cold, formal, wealthy church feeling unwelcomed and unwanted. I have never gone back.

I wouldn't make a complaint—I'm a nice visitor. I just don't go back.

There are millions who could be reached by a little bit of hospitality and warmth.

Are you just a nice, complacent church member, or are you genuinely concerned about the spiritual condition of strangers and visitors?

—Christian Digest

LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The meeting was opened by group singing. Prayer by Mrs. Hammen and Mrs. Spradlin followed by singing. Mrs. Bernice Hargiss read for a scripture lesson Psalm 24. Minutes read and approved. The roll call was answered by scripture quotations.

Mrs. Lincoln gave a book review on the book "Modern Jonah" which proved a blessing to each of us. Benediction by Bernice Hargiss.

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Our meeting of September 10th was opened by singing. Prayer by Mrs. Boran. Mrs. Eva Treaster read for a scripture lesson, Eph. 3:1-21. Mrs. Christine Pinkley was in charge of the program. The subject was "Send Forth Thy Light To Cuba". Lola Underwood, Beulah Clay, Dotty Joe Hargiss were on Panel discussion.

Cards were sent out to members inviting them to attend our meeting to which many responded. Benediction by Norma Stephens.

—Lola Underwood, Cor.

SPRINGFIELD FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary met Tuesday evening September 2nd at the First Church in Springfield. The meeting was opened with singing our theme song "Send the Light" and "Go and Tell". Scripture reading John 16:1-11. Prayer by Lola Long. The sixteen members present answered the roll call with scripture verses. Treasurer report by Catherine Draper. Six reported visiting the sick. The lesson was introduced by Lucy Ray. Solo "Here Am I Send Me", by Hattie Mace.

Topics were given by Bertha Wolf, Georgia Glenn, and Lizzie Patton. The lesson was discussed by all. A reading, "The Ailing Church" was given by Bertha Wolf. Bible Quiz by Ruth Codoy.

We are looking forward to having the Work Shop at our church in November.

We were dismissed at the altar with Blossom Ages leading in prayer.

—Bertha Wolf, Cor.

Now is the time to—

Pray for revival!

Give God thanks for the blessings of the summer which is about ended.

Try to love someone you never liked before.

Start going to Sunday School and Church regularly; not spasmodically.

Pray for the pastor and all who serve in any way trying to make this church a better church.

—Fredricktown Church Bulletin

LORD TEACH ME

Mrs. Howard Mainard

Rt. 1, Charleston, Arkansas

Lord teach me ever a good neighbor to be;
 One that all the world can recognize and see,
 Yes, may I ever hold out a neighborly hand
 A hand that will reach out over the land;
 May I ever kneel humbly at the foot of the cross.
 If my cup sometimes be filled with a bitter dross.
 Give me courage to ever take a firm stand,
 Yes, ever help me to prove myself to all man:
 In your word a pattern you have given to us,
 'Be ye' kind one to another, is always a must.
 Yes you have created all equal on this earth,
 You are no respecter of person even at our birth.
 For we all must travel down the same road,
 What is the road that leadeth to the Heavenly abode.
 God has the same forgiving mercy for each soul,
 For Him, pray ever a good life I here mold,
 'As my Father hath sent me, even so I send you,
 This commission we find written in your word so true,
 Pray that I follow so closely this pattern you have given
 While in this earth our dear Jesus did dwell.
 He had so many neighbors he had to make well,
 Toward all those unfortunate souls He did a great favor.
 No matter who they were or what their behaviour:
 Lord grant that I can have such a forgiving spirit:
 Please grant that I more patience and grace inherit,
 Help me to be a better neighbor in all my tomorrow,
 Yes grant that I can be a help to those in sorrow:
 Pray I ever do unto others as I wish them to do me:
 Lord grant that I ever put all my trust in thee:
 And Jesus as I here this life pass thru!
 Pray I can help others by telling them about you!

You'd better die for something than to live for nothing as many people are doing.

The Christian Saint

His life is saturated with an intense love of the Christian religion as a way of adjusting himself to himself, to his fellow men, and to God. He is a religion-intoxicated person!

He lives with a joyous, radiant, light hearted freedom, because his life is totally dependent upon God. "A saint is a person who has quit worrying about himself," because his life is centered in God.

He emulates Christ in everything he does. Each day at dawn he offers a prayer; "May the image of Christ radiate through me this day in every life situation."

He freely opens his life to God's agape—redemptive, freegiving love—and as the recipient of God's agape he desires to help the needy, the lost, the unfortunate and the unhappy. He volunteers to bear the burdens of his fellow men and thus fulfills the spiritual laws of God.

He looks upon Christianity as not merely a theoretical ideal; for him it is a practical way of living with individuals in an unchristian society. It is more than an "interim ethic." Like St. Francis, the saint loves, "not—humanity, but men."

He believes that the Kingdom of God can come into history. But it must continue in him as it began in Christ. With Jaques Maritain he concurs that he must "purify the springs of history within his own heart."

He has a continuous humility. Like Katherine Mansfield, looking at her writings shortly before her death and saying with beautiful humility, "Not one of these dare I show to God." He feels that his best is always minute as compared with God's majestic and holy perfection.

He looks wistfully into the eyes of every person, regardless of race, color, creed, or nation, as a brother in whom lie the potentialities of a Christian saint.

He is not one desirous of escaping the world through the art of devotion. Rather he is one who becomes stimulated to use the results of worship to better the world; he knows how to practice the "process of alternation" between worship and social activity. He is a person who can live heroically "In the world" because he has contact with the Source of Life which is about him, yet which is not always clearly evident in the lives of ordinary men and women. Through his intimacy with God's Spirit he has found an energy and a wisdom which teach him to transcend the world. No saint

has better expressed this type of experience than Cyprian in a letter to Donatus, writing seventeen centuries ago from Carthage, North-Africa, he has characterized the saint in every age—including the present; "This seems a cheerful world, Donatus, when I view it from this fair garden under the shadow of these vines, but if I climbed some great mountain and looked out over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see. Brigands on the high roads, pirates on the seas, in the amphitheatres men murdered to please applauding crowds, under all roofs misery and selfishness. It is really a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. Yet in the midst of it I have found quite an holy people. They have discovered a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of this sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, But they care not. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are the Christians, and I am one of them."....

He is in the words of a child who loved cathedral windows, "a man the light shines through." They are the Men and Women who transmit the light of one who was the Light of the World!

The Fellowship of the Saints
 Thomas S. Kepler
 Abington-Cokesbury Press

LOVE VS. HATE

With her arms around her father's neck, Mary was speaking words of endearment to him. But her mother noticed that over her father's shoulder she was sticking out her tongue at her brother, Tom. The mother said, "Take your arms down from your father's neck, Mary; your father loves Tom as much as he loves you, and you can't stick out your tongue at your brother and love your father." When you hurl your curses, by word or deed, at those of another race or class, you must take your arms from around the neck of God.

—Louis H. Evans in *Make Your Faith Work* (The Fleming H. Revell Co.)

DOES GOD CALL A WOMAN TO PREACH?

(Continued from Page 5)

will continue to bless our beloved denomination and it will continue to grow and we can do our part in these last days to bring the gospel of Christ to this needy world. But if we do not I fear.

May Jesus Christ be the head of our church and the Holy Spirit our guide. May God bless our ministry and in every phase of our work for God.