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HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, From its First Session in 1914 to 1934. As taken from Proceedings of Annual Sessions.

Bro. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Missouri has been kind enough to furnish an Introduction and the First Session Proceedings.

(Continued from last month)

Northwest Missouri Letter

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist while in session with the Philadelphia church near Pattonsburg, Missouri, November 25, 1914. Our Association convened this year with the Philadelphia church and voted in favor of a State meeting, and desires membership in the same. Number of churches, 5; number of ministers, 6; most of our churches are without pastors at the present time; names of delegates: Rev. S. B. Lewis, Rev. W. H. McKown; deacons: William and George Jeffries.

(Signed) Jerry Ahart, Clerk of N. W. Mo. Ass'n.

Southeast Missouri Letter

Farmington, Mo., Nov. 21, 1914.

The St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist in conference assembled, November 6, 7, 1914, unanimously voted to be represented in the Free Will Baptist Convention to be held at Pattonsburg, Missouri, Wednesday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1914.

Dear brethren in conference assembled, while we are not prepared to send delegates, we send this letter of greeting, desiring to be received as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, which we learn is to be organized upon date stated above. We have six small church organizations, three fair church edifices, and a few true and tried Free Will Baptist.

As to statistical report, we have been unable to collect data to any certainty, but our number is not large. However our desires are large that the dear heavenly Father may get too himself glory out of this effort to strengthen His cause, and our beloved Zion. Our desires are also larger that the Free Will Baptist may be enabled to institute a work that shall live as a monument to the blessed Gospel cause.

Dear brethren in Christ, and in conference assembled: We submit this brief letter, simply praying that much good may be accomplished because of this effort in behalf of the Free Will Baptist, and we ask your prayers, that our little quarterly meet-

ing, which has received many a hard blow may yet live and prosper.

May we trust all to God, who will in His infinite mercy and goodness guide us all to His glory and praise.

Yours in Christ,

J. J. Wood, Q. M. Clerk.

P. S. Can we be of any further service? If so, let us hear from you.

Committees Appointed

Committees appointed by moderator, W. H. McKown, were as follows:

General Arrangement and By-Laws—Elders T. C. Ferguson, W. H. McKown and C. E. Mann.

Business—Rev. B. S. Latimer, James Hardin and C. E. Mann.

Location—Sister Lou Hardin, Sister Dilley and Deacon George Jeffries.

Resolutions—Rev. G. S. Latimer, Deacon William Jeffries and Rev. C. E. Mann.

Pulpit Committee—William Jeffries, Robert Dilley and Sister Ahart.

Pulpit committee reported Rev. G. S. Latimer to preach Friday night.

Committee on Location reported as follows:

Next session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist to be held with the First Free Will Baptist church of Hannon, Missouri, in Barton county, beginning Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock before the fifth Sunday in October, 1915.

Report of Business Committee:

We recommend that a corresponding messenger be elected to meet with the Nebraska Yearly Meeting next year. Motion carried and C. E. Mann was elected.

Art. 1. The clerk, or in his absence, the oldest minister present, calls the conference to order, and takes charge of the devotional services, and if requested to do so, reads the Constitution and By-Laws.

Art. 2. Officers are elected as required by the Constitution, including the Executive Board.

Art. 3. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

Art. 4. Letters from the Associations, Yearly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings are received and considered, in connection with the report of the Executive Board.

Art. 5. Reports of delegates, corresponding messengers to other bodies, and corresponding messengers from other organizations called for.

Art. 6. Report of committees previously appointed, and unfinished business called for and considered.

Art. 7. Business suggested by the letters, or by members of the conference considered.

Art. 8. The moderator inquires whether there is any association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting not represented, and if not, why not? Or any association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting needing ministerial labor, and if so how it can be best supplied. If any association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting does not report action with reference to benevolent causes, and if not, why not.

Art. 9. When an association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting in good standing requests a letter to join another yearly meeting a letter of recommendation is given. But it is contrary to the usages of the denomination for an association, yearly meeting or quarterly meeting to dissolve its connection with the State Conference without consent of said State Conference.

Art. 10. This Conference is regarded as in session during the meetings of business and worship throughout the entire session, and under the direction of the moderator and the clerk should keep a record of all the meetings of business and worship.

The report was received as a whole, then taken up, article by article, and adopted, after which the committee was discharged.

Motion and second that we suspend business until 7:30 p. m. Carried.

Prayer by Rev. G. S. Latimer.

FRIDAY EVENING

House called to order by moderator, and scripture lesson, Rev. 22nd chapter, read by moderator. Prayer by Sister Lou Hardin.

Minutes of previous meeting called for and read and approved. Report from committee on resolutions then called for. Report follows:

Art. 1. In view of the fact that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist has closed this their first session of The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist; Therefore, be it resolved, that we, on bended knees, return unto the Lord our thanks for His care and sustaining grace which He has shown unto his children, and also for the souls brought into His vineyard during the past year.

Art. 2. Resolved, That we extend unto the Nebraska Yearly Meeting our thanks for the interest they have manifested in us in sending Rev. G. S. Latimer to be with us, and to act as corresponding messenger from that body.

Art. 3. Resolved, That we recommend Rev. T. C. Ferguson and wife as evangelists for the Missouri State Conference of Free Will Baptist for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. Resolved, That we grant unto Bro. C. E. Mann the power to select an assistant corresponding messenger.

Art. 5. Resolved, That we extend unto this people our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality and interest shown unto the delegates and visiting brethren during the entire session of this Association.

The resolutions were taken up in their order and adopted. Motion made and seconded that the clerk write a copy of article two and send to William Fuller of Elk Creek, Nebraska, clerk of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Upon motion and second Rev. S. B. Lewis was elected assistant moderator.

Motion and second that we suspend business to call of moderator. Motion carried.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by moderator, clerk being present. After reading of scripture lesson and prayer, the entire morning session was given to prayer and praise service until eleven o'clock, when the Gospel message was brought by Elders W. B. Fadley and W. H. McKown.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

House called to order by assistant moderator, who read the first chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Rev. G. S. Latimer.

Final report of pulpit committee called for. Report as follows: Rev. G. S. Latimer to preach Saturday night and Sunday night; Rev. C. E. Mann Sunday at 11 o'clock. Report received and committee discharged.

Motion and second that we adjourn sine die. Motion carried.

C. E. Mann, Clerk.

THE NEW KINGDOM

Part 3. World War and Fall of Jerusalem in 1917.

By Elder Everett Wilson

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matt. 24:6).

Almost every great war has caused some one to say, "The end is here." Wars will continue to the end of this present age, and will close with the battle of Armageddon. Some writers think this last great and most bloody battle ever fought, will be between nations, but it will be the coming of the King of kings to set up the New Kingdom, and overthrow the kingdoms of this world. Many nations will still be on earth and will be called to the great battle, when Jesus shall set His feet upon the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-4 and Rev. 16:13-16). It will not be a battle between the white and yellow races, as some say, nor will it be between Capital and Labor. All this may come before the final great conflict, but will have no bearing in any prophetic way upon the last great battle of this present age. All such wars may be classed with the "Beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:7, 8). The battle of Armageddon is clearly foretold in prophecy, and will be dealt with in another article.

The great World War is just as definitely foretold in the Scriptures as is the battle of Armageddon, and most surely marks the beginning of the end. We will give this Scripture careful study now:

Habakkuk, the first chapter, first four verses, sets forth conditions as we most surely have them today. How slack the laws! and sin holds a free hand and is unchecked in so many places. Our hearts truly grieve as we see these things coming, and no way to check them. God will call a halt when sin has conceived and brought forth the Man of Sin.

Verse 5 Opens up with a statement that, "God will work a work in our days that you will not believe, though it be told you." Paul used this very text in Acts 13:41, when testifying of the first coming of Jesus, and truly would use it again in connection with the second coming if he were here, but the world will not hear as they would not then.

Verse 6, "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. Our history tells us that Germany is Chaldean, or very closely related, and we will find truths brought out in such a vivid light that we cannot doubt their being Chaldean, at least in the light of the Word of God. The writer has given this discourse before educators, and all agree that Germany is Chaldean. The description given in verses 6 and 7 most surely belong to Germany, to say the least, at the time of the World War.

Now listen to the last clause of verse 8, "They shall fly as the eagle that hastens to eat." Never before in history was air craft used in warfare. This gives us such a definite statement and puts us right up to the end time, with no room to doubt the foresight of the prophet. How I recall the days of the World War, when the lights were all out at night, in the cities nearest the front, and in all front line trenches, to prevent the Germans from locating any of the allied forces, as the twentieth century eagles, as the war planes are called, from dealing out death as they flew as birds of prey hastening to eat.

At this point I love to tell a story told me by a Salvation Army Captain and his wife, who were stationed at the front, and had a dugout in the front line trenches where they met and prayed with the boys, or ministered to their needs as best they could. One night when all was in larkness, a knock came at the dugout door, and as the Captain opened the door, a young man told him he wanted prayer. He said he had been a Christian, but was backslidden, and that he was to go over the top in a day or two, and felt that he would never come back alive. They prayed for him until he said, "It is all right now Captain, I am ready to go." The order came to charge, and he went over the top, but never came back. After the war was over the captain and his wife were stationed in Denver, Colo. In a street meeting he mentioned the front line trenches where they were located during the war.

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THE NEW KINGDOM

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A little mother began weeping and said, "My boy fell there, if only I knew he was saved and ready to go." Captain asked her if she had a picture of her boy, and she said, "Yes," and took a photo from the bosom of her dress and held it up before the Captain's eyes. He said, "Weep no more little mother, your boy was saved when he fell, for it was he who knocked at the dugout door that night and asked for prayer." I have sure had a big warm spot in my heart for the Salvation Army since hearing that story.

I remember about ten years before the world war of reading an article by one scientist who said, "They will never be able to fly, as there are air holes that could never be overcome." The prophet some 600 years before Christ said, "They will fly," and fly they do. The air craft today is common, and as a bird of prey will no doubt play a great part in all wars of the future. No doubt will be in great numbers, from all the different nations of earth gathered at the battle of Armageddon, but will leave their broken wreckage as kindling wood upon the ground. How could they resist Him, whose word has as much power to destroy as it has to create.

The next remarkable statement of the prophet is in verse 10. "And they shall scoff at the Kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them; they shall deride every stronghold; for they shall heap dust, and take it."

The attitude of the Germans toward the kings of other nations is too well known to need comment. We will look at the taking of all strongholds. It was said by our war correspondents at the front, that the German army could never pass the fort of Leige in Belgium. The fort was said to be so constructed, that it could easily hold back the great war machine, and no army could pass the awful fire of the big guns, protected by two feet of case hardened armour plate. These guns were able to swing around and be fired in any direction, but the prophet said the Chaldeans would take it, and take it they did. Reader, God's Word never fails. My views of it may fail, your interpretation may not come true, but what God said will surely come to pass; and you and I may see the glory of the Lord, and reign with Him if we be willing and obedient.

The report of this battle as I read it was, "The great field guns of the Germans tore their way into the powder magazine in just three shots, after they got the range. This caused the explosion of the magazine and left a hole thirty feet deep, filled with broken concrete and twisted steel. The commander of the fort handed over his sword, saying, "There is no use to fight when such as this can be done." The day of the fort is passed with the coming of the air craft that flies as the eagle that hastens to eat, and field guns firing great loaded shells weighing hundreds of pounds, filled with explosives that tear holes in the earth big enough to bury a house in, and hurling them to a distance of seventy-five miles. This seems only child's play in comparison with preparations going on now for the next conflict. All efforts to disarm have seemingly failed and war is surely just ahead.

Now we will look at the next chapter which tells us this vision is for the "End time." "And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an APPOINTED TIME, but at THE END it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry" (Hab. 2:2, 3). That is, go beyond its GOD APPOINTED TIME. That time seems to be the END TIME. This time we may not know so much by dates, as by signs of His coming (Matt. 24:3). This end time does not mean the end of the world, but of the present age, or Gentile age, the 2520 years allotted them when the reins of government were taken from the Jews. Bible students say this was done in four epochal years, namely, 607, 604, 597 and 586 B. C. and will close in four corresponding dates 2520 years later, that is 1914, 1917, 1924 and 1935 or 1936 A. D. These dates are interesting to study, to say the least, as three of them are past, and some wonderful events have happened. I like to be open minded enough to get all the good I can out of any brother's line of thought, for I know that no one man knows it all. "In unity there is power," and in

charity for each other we may learn some valuable truths. I must say again however, that I do like to stay by the literal Bible, and it says, "Watch and pray."

Let us look at the three dates past and see what has happened; In 1914 the world war began just 2520 years from 607 B.C. and on the anniversary of the destruction of Solomon's Temple in 607, and the overthrow of the Temple at Jerusalem by Titus, a Roman General in 70 A.D. This surely marks the beginning of the end, and must be the GOD APPOINTED TIME when He raised up the German or Chaldean army.

Now in 1917, Jerusalem was taken by General Allenby, just 2520 years from 604 B. C. when Nebuchadnezzar became King of Babylon. Some say there is so much lost time during the past 2,000 years, and during the dark ages, that we can not reckon time correctly. This may be true as far as man is concerned, but remember, there is no lost time with God. We now look back with wonder, and see there is not a moment lost between 604 B. C. and 1917 A. D. Allenby, God's man, or deliverer, as his name means in the Turkish language, was ready to trah his guns on the sacred old city of Peace, but not wanting to destroy that sacred spot, wired Great Britian, and was told to use his own judgment. Still not wanting to take such responsibility wired King George personally, and received this answer, "Pray about it". Such an order from a King! but how could it be otherwise? He was God's man. So coming from prayer the city was surrendered to him, without a shot being fired, not a stone moved, or an ounce of dirt disturbed, so again fulfilled God's Word in Isa. 31:5, "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem: defending also he will deliver it; and passing over He will preserve it." Such a scripture, and to think we have seen it come to pass to the word!

It was my happy lot a few years ago to stop at a place of business in California as I was on one of my trips. A very pleasant man of middle age waited upon us, and we fell into conversation, and strange, to say the least, we spoke of this scripture and the events I am writing here. This man became very much interested and asked for my source of knowledge of the fall of Jerusalem. I told him I got it from the Bible. He said, I did not know such sayings were in the Book. He said, I was there, and an officer in General Allenby's army, and was one of the first men into the city."

He said, "I am not a Christian, but this sure makes me think." I then told him of the report I had heard of the capture of the city, and he said, "It is true, and when they rode up to the gates of the city, Allenby dismounted and gave the reins of his horse to a soldier, and taking off his cap he said, 'I cannot ride over the streets upon which my Lord has walked,' and so passed through the gate into the city on foot." With the fall of Jerusalem into the hands of General Allenby seems to mark the beginning of the return of the country back to the Jews. In 1918 for the first time in about 1900 years the Jewish flag with the six pointed star of David flew over the tower of David in the City of Jerusalem, which Jesus wept over just before He was crucified (Matt. 23:37-39). How He longed to gather them together, but they would not, and so He said, "You will never see me again until you shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." The Jews as a nation have never seen Jesus since, and never will until He comes back to take up the Kingship of the Jews. Some say Jesus will never reign on the earth, but over it. I am willing for that to be left to the Lord and I do not care, just so Jesus is King.

I believe Zech. 14 will be literally fulfilled, and when the armies of Antichrist have taken part of the city and the houses are rifled and the women ravished, the Jews will see there is no deliverance in any other than the One they have rejected, and will call upon the name of the Lord and Jesus will come, and they will shout, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

1917 was the year 1335 according to the Mohammedan calendar, and it ended there, they never wrote 1336. Daniel 12:12 says, "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." Some think them year days as used in so many places in prophetic time. There may be a more detailed fulfillment of this scripture during the tribulation period, but it sure seems to point now to the coming of Allenby, God's

man, and so 1917 marked the end of another 2520 year period.

1924 marked another close of 2520 years, when the Mohammedan Caliphate was completely terminated.

The last dates given await fulfillment, and time will tell if they come as the last three have, if they do 1935 or 1936 may bring just as great a change as the former dates have, if God does not count the seven years reign of Antichrist in the 2520 years yet to come, and if He does it will close in 1942 or 1943, but here we are again to the place where we say, "Watch and pray." Whether these dates are correct or not, we know it will not be long until the King of kings comes to take up the kingship of the New Kingdom.

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PLATTSBURG, MISSOURI, June 7, 1934.

Dear Gem Family:

I will give my report this month. I was busy last month and thought I would give it all at this time.

I visited in Bro. O. L. Allen's church known as Faith and Hope church. We reorganized a league while there. As I have lost some of my reports, I cannot give names of officers at this time. Fine people live around Faith and Hope community. We stayed in the home of Sister Hazel Means who is one of our young woman preachers.

We enjoyed being in the home of Bro. and Sister Allen; may the Lord bless them.

We attended the Wright county Quarterly Meeting at Wolf Creek church. The leagues had a program on Sunday, which was very good.

We next went to the Pleasant Hill church where Bro. Geo. Scott, Jr. is pastor. Had a wonderful communion and feet washing service and the Lord's presence was manifested. We enjoyed being in Bro. and Sister John Hickman's home. They are good servants of the Lord and made us welcome in their home.

From Pleasant Hill we went to the Mountain Valley church where Bro. Eli Burney is the pastor. We organized a league with the following officers: President, Mrs. Eva Johnson; vice president, Mrs. Ben Bales; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. Mamie Love; group captain, Dale Robison; quiz leader, Ben Bales. We stayed in Bro. and Sister Burney's home and enjoyed being in their home very much.

We made our next stop at Eldridge where Bro. Lem Waterman lives. Had two services here, but found the church run down and not many Free Will Baptist there any more. May the Lord bless those who are still true. We enjoyed being in Bro. and Sister Waterman's home so much. May the Lord bless them. We also stayed with Bro. and Sister Will Knight who are fine workers for the Lord.

From Eldridge we went to Long Lane where our Cedar Ridge church is located. Bro. Eli Burney is their pastor. Had two good services, but didn't get any work organized at this time. We met many good people while there. Bro. and Sister John Koch now live in this community and we got to be in their home. We made our headquarters with Bro. and Sister John Cansler who were kind and good to us.

From Long Lane we went to Buffalo to attend an all day service on Sunday. Bro. Ol Claxton is their pastor. Enjoyed being in his church. Had a wonderful service on the Sunday we were there with communion and feet washing services. We stayed in the home of Bro. and Sister Frank Smith; may the Lord bless them.

We next visited our Pleasant Ridge church, near Urbana where our State Association was held a few years ago. We had a good service. They haven't a pastor, or didn't have when I was there. Enjoyed meeting with our friends and making new ones. Stayed with Bro. and Sister Albert Bridges. May the Lord bless them.

We made our next stopping place at Hannon with Bro. and Sister Thomas. Sister Roena Thomas is one of our good women preachers and a real servant of the Lord. Had two services in our Hannon church and the Lord Blessed. The women have organized into a Mission band (changed the name of their society they already had). They were doing the same kind of work our mission workers are doing under a different name. May the Lord bless them and lead them out into greater fields of labor. Brother Winford Davis is the pastor of the Hannon church and has a wonderful work built

up although he wasn't there in our services we know his prayers were for the work. We also visited the Verdella church where Brother Willie York pastors and had a good service. We went with Sister Thomas to her appointment at the Mt. Olive church near Neola, Missouri. We have a fine people here and had a good service. We enjoyed being in Bro. and Sister Thomas' home; may the Lord still bless them and use them in His work.

We are now at our own home for a while, but expect to be out in the work again soon if the Lord is willing.

May the Lord bless you one and all is my prayer, and don't forget to pray for me.

—Melba White.

DESLOGE CHURCH NOTES

A revival lasting 26 days closed at our church June 17th. Three services were held each day, a prayer meeting at 10:00 o'clock a. m., a junior prayer meeting and preaching at 6:00 o'clock p. m.

Elder Charles Miller of St. Louis gave out soul-stirring messages, which resulted in twenty conversions and six additions to the church. The singing was led by Mrs. Lillie Brown, with special numbers each evening.

The junior choir came from Flat River church (about 48 in number) and sang in one evening service, it was inspiring and enjoyed by all; also Rev. Wm. Adams came from Doe Run with several car loads of his young people at an evening service and sang several special numbers, which was very much appreciated and an inspiration.

All we had hoped for was not accomplished in our meeting, yet God's presence was real. He heard and answered prayer and saved all who would meet conditions; the seed has been sown, and we trust and pray it may yet bear fruit for his glory. Brother and Sister Harry Hill of St. Louis, also Sister Dorothy Miller, the evangelist's wife visited us near the close of the meeting. Many of our young people, and older ones too, need the Christ; we again ask your prayers.

We also wish to report our annual Sunday school picnic and outing which our committee planned for June 15th. About 9 o'clock Friday morning near 160 met at the church and soon left by automobile and truck for Pleasant Valley, an ideal place with beautiful shade and a living spring. After all had arrived on the grounds Brother Miller read from God's Word, Sister Franklin led in prayer, then all marched to the river near by where a baptismal service was held.

Near the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread, with lemonade for all. During the afternoon games of ball, horse shoe, sack races, etc. were indulged in, a good social time was enjoyed by old and young alike.

Our Sunday school folk look forward with happy anticipations to this event each year; so we praise God for the children who come from the east, west, north, and south on Sunday morning to study the Word of God.

May the Lord bless and prosper the work of the Sunday school, for from it we expect the membership of our church to be recruited

Miss Anna Reed, Reporter.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA. June 19, 1934.

Dear Gem Readers: How is everyone? I am sure I have come in too late to chat, but I'll have my say in the next paper, better late than never, you know. I have been real busy in meetings and haven't had time to send in a report of our last meeting.

Since writing last, I have been about 40 miles from Tulsa holding a meeting for Bro. Stinnett at Oglesby. Was there almost two weeks and several souls were saved. We had a real good meeting. Since coming home I held two weeks' meeting out at Pleasant Hill school house, about five miles from Drumright. We sure had a fine meeting there. So I have been so busy I haven't had time to send in a report, but I felt that I must not pass it by, for this was the best circle meeting we have ever had, and we have had some good ones before, but this was the best of all. We met at Drumright church this time.

Cushing was present and their good pastor was right by their side. They quilted three quilts last month, gave two grocery showers, and made 137 sick calls.

Drumright gave in their report. They too have been making sick calls, but didn't know just how many they

had made. They had five cottage prayer meetings and had four conversions, gave two grocery showers, also one stork shower. They had sold one quilt for \$5.00 and turned it into the treasury for our old ministers' home.

The pastor at Vance Chapel gave in just a brief report for their church. They are still doing mission work, also the pastor at Arbordale says they are still doing mission work.

Sister Dickinson, our new woman preacher brought the message that day and we all enjoyed it very much. She made an altar call and one soul was gloriously saved. We had some old time shouting, about ten at one time on the floor shouting. We all had a wonderful time and a wonderful dinner.

We ask all you good people to pray much for us.

Hattie Newman.

ABOUT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT JAKIN, GEORGIA

By Elder Winford Davis

I don't know if any of the other brethren will write anything on the above subject or not. I am hoping they will. Whether they do or not, I feel that I should tell you something of our trip and the good conference meeting.

We left the Gem office Saturday June 9th; when I say we, I mean Eld. Cecil Campbell, pastor of our church at Cartersville, Mo. and myself. We drove 15 miles up to Aurora Mo. and got Eld. Noel Turner, pastor of our church in Aurora; then after stopping for my appointment at Blue Eye, Mo., we were on our way Sunday afternoon across North Arkansas. We picked up Elder Ralph Staten at Hoxie, Ark. Sunday night and that made our load to the conference and back. We went by way of Pensacola Fla. in order to see the country and to visit the Gulf coast again, arriving there Tuesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. After spending the night there, we drove on to Jakin, Georgia the next day, Wednesday the 13th, arriving there a while afternoon. Conference convened that morning. Upon our arrival we found a car load from Mo. already there, consisting of Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr., Eld. J. E. Burney, Brothers Tom Edwards and John N. Pryor, Jr. and later in the afternoon another carload from Missouri arrived bringing Elders Selph Jones, O. L. Allen, Jas. F. Miller, D. R. Royster and Bro. Emmett Jones, also Eld. Melvin Bingham, Eld. Bert Rogers and Eld. John Waltman were there from Okla. Then we found the following ministers there from Paintsville, Ky.: Elders H. B. Conley, Millard Van Hoose, John E. Conley and F. S. Van Hoose. These brethren were representing the Tri-State Association of Free Will Baptist composed of Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. The Tri-State Association was originally a member of the Co-operative Gen. Association, though they have not been representing for some time. We were so glad to have these brethren with us and to take them into our council. Now the foregoing, if I mistake not, were the representatives there from the Co-operative General Association, to represent our body with the dear folks of the General Conference. As best we could figure there were 15 states represented in all, including both bodies.

We the representatives had a meeting of our own on the conference grounds Wednesday evening and also Thursday morning to make our decision and to draw up our report to present to the General Conference relative to the merger of the two bodies; as most of you know that has been our main purpose in meeting with the General Conference for the past 3 years.

We thoroughly discussed the matter from every angle, and prayed much about it; (in saying we, I mean all who were there from the Co-operative Association, as they all were gladly invited into council). Wednesday night was a time of much prayer on the part of the carload I was with, and I feel sure it was so with the other brethren. You who have never had the experience have no idea of the sense of responsibility one feels when matters of such vital importance begin to bear upon a person, but the Lord's presence was felt with us and we by faith could see His guiding hand. After due consideration of the sentiment back here among some of our home people, and desiring to establish only something that will be absolutely solid and dependable we decided to propose to the conference of the General Conference that we defer the matter of the merger for

one year; I think the main idea in mind was to put it off till after the regular Tri-ennial Session of the Co-operative General Association which meets with our Denison church, at Denison, Texas this coming November. This we realized was somewhat of a disappointment to the folks of the General Conference, yet when we explained to them our position they also seemed to feel that we were doing the right thing after all. You will see a complete copy elsewhere in the Gem of the decision we turned in to them in writing. We are glad to give you the good news that some of them are planning to represent with us in Denison in November. We were glad to hear them say they would be there. We hope a number of them can come, so we can all get better acquainted. And the Tri-State brethren plan to be there too; so let us look forward to great things there in November.

Bro. Bert Rogers was there as a proxy on the Executive Board in the place of Bro. O'Donnell, and Bro Van Hoose was chosen as fifth member of the board in place of Bro. McAdams.

We were treated very nicely and welcomed into their council. I feel that I can speak for all of our brethren, that we certainly appreciated the sweet hospitality shown us while there in the community and in the conference. We enjoyed the Conference very much, especially the program rendered Thursday night by the children from the Free Will Baptist orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. under the leadership of their Supt. and wife, Bro. and Sister Bennett and their singing director, Sister Oglesby, it surely touched our hearts.

We bade the dear folks good bye Thursday night and started home early Friday morning, June 15th.

We returned via Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville, arriving home about 9:00 p. m. Sunday night, June 17th. Bro. Campbell's car registered 2400 miles there and back. Of course we both went and returned some out of the way. I personally feel good over our decision while there, and I am sure the other brethren feel the same. I feel that we will have a national body, but I can see that God is having His way; He is doing it and not us. The statement Bro. Waltman made to me on the Conference ground is true; "Great things move slowly." May God mold us together by His one great Spirit and His guiding hand.

Let's as many of us as possible attend the meeting at Denison in Nov.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

MONTHLY REPORT

By Elder O. T. Alwed, State Sec'y

Well Leaguers, here we are June 25th making our report to the Gem. We have waited 5 days over time for more reports, but perhaps your work has been in the regular order and not much new to report. I hope none of you Leaguers have been guilty of being absent from your league just because the weather is warm

or you may have wanted to go to places of amusement and spend your Sunday evenings in worldly amusements, for if we hear the Master say, "Thou hast been faithful;" we must stay on the job.

MONETT LEAGUE REPORT

Mae Phillips, Reporter

Our league held our regular election of officers Sunday night, June 24th. Our present staff of officers were reelected for the next six months.

We are enjoying a real interest in our league.

We have a goodly number of older people who are taking great interest in the work and this makes it more interesting for all. We have two ministers of other denominations who are members of our league, and we appreciate their help very much.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to our next league rally which is to be held with our church the fifth Sunday in July.

REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE

Ruth Davis, Reporter

We are glad to report victory in our league work. We have a membership of about fifty (50) with an average attendance of about forty.

Our new officers are as follows:

President Oleta Davis
 Vice President
 Sec. Treas. Rena Davis
 Choir Leader Ralph Davis
 Pianist Oleta Davis
 Quiz Leaders, Katherine Brittenham and Philip Brittenham.
 Group Captains, Mary Henderson and Fern Davis.

Reporter Ruth Davis
 we are looking forward to the next league rally at Monnett. We hope to see all the leagues present.

When you pray remember the Macedonia league workers.

CARTERVILLE LEAGUE REPORT

Opal Boyd, Secretary

I will now try and send a report of our Carterville league.

Our new officers are as follows:

President Marion Johnson
 Vice President Lloyd Johnson
 Sec. Treas. Opal Boyd
 Choir Leader Lloyd Johnson
 Pianist Bertha Johnson
 Quiz Leader Hollis Johnson
 Group Captains, Helen Strech and Leonard Siler.
 Junior Sponsor Leta Johnson

Each old and new officer gave a short talk at the business meeting, and all take very much interest in their new office. We are very thankful for the old people of our league, for they are a great help to us. The total membership of our senior class at present is thirty-nine, and all are on the firing line for God.

Pray for us, that our league may continue in the good work.

We will expect to meet a number of you at our next league rally the fifth Sunday in July at Monett, Mo.

Our good pastor, Elder Cecil Campbell, will preach the morning sermon.

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elder Winford Davis, State President

Dear Leaguers: I am writing you again this month because I am interested in all young people; but more so I think in our Free Will Baptist young people than any other. It hurts me to see any boy or girl go wrong; but it would hurt me worse to see our Free Will Baptist boys and girls go wrong than lots of others, because I feel that we are all of the same family in a sense. I don't mean to be a crank about the Free Will Baptist at all, but I am a Free Will Baptist and I believe we should be loyal to our church, don't you? I wish every league in the state of Missouri were thoroughly consecrated to the Lord Jesus and His service; couldn't we do things. If I had my way there wouldn't be a leaguer that would use tobacco in any form, or dress unbecomingly in any way, nor go to questionable, sinful places of the world. We should all have our standard of living high, our morals clean and above reproach. I wish every leaguer was a tither, owned a Bible of their own, and was a subscriber to your church paper the Gem. You see what kind of a leaguer I could have you to be if I could have my wishes.

Well I will close for this time. Let's all be looking forward to our State Association this fall. I feel sure we will have a wonderful time.

Winford Davis.

NEW HARMONY LEAGUE REPORT

Esther Peterson, Reporter

I will again try and write to our paper, the Gem. I am still trying to live for Jesus, and I just want to live closer to Him each day. I enjoy the league work so much.

Our new Harmony league went to the Lowground church Sunday evening, June the 3rd. We had our league lesson, then gave a short program. Brother Perkins gave a very interesting talk on league work.

As Lowground had no league, Brother Sam Marcum, myself, and my brother Glen went over Thursday evening June 7th, and organized a league with twelve members.

Officers elected were,
 Miss Bessie Fowler, President.
 Mrs. Myrtle Hatfield, Vice President.
 Miss Glatha Kelley, Sec'y-Treas.
 Miss Mabel Hatfield, Group Captain
 Miss Pansy Mills, Quiz Leader
 I'm praying that we can organize other leagues, and I ask an interest in all your prayers, that I may do more for Jesus.

CHARLESTON, ARKANSAS

Pleasant Grove Church

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers; I wish to write a few lines in regard to our church, as we wish the world to know that we are still on the firing line for our Jesus, doing service for our King.

Our good pastor, Eld. J. S. Lovett, who has been with us for 17 years, is still with us and fills his regular appointments every first Saturday night

and Sunday of each month. May the Lord bless him in his faithful service. On Sunday night at our last services was a grand and glorious communion and feet washing service, and we are happy to say that 45 took part in this service. No wonder Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." It was a wonderful service. And we would not forget to mention our Sunday school and our Free Will Baptist league of which the entire community is proud.

We wish to say that we were glad to have Elders I. J. Wilson, John Swaffar of Purdy, Mo. and B. F. Brown our editor to visit our church; and we feel grateful for the wonderful message Bro. Brown brought us. We also enjoyed their short stay in our home.

I will close by telling the Gem family how much I think of the Gem. To me it is the best paper printed. And I am glad to say that a goodly number in our church are reading it.

Mrs. E. E. Sharpe.

OBITUARY

IN MEMORY

In memory of our dear husband and father who left us a year ago the fifth of July.

How sadly he has been missed by us since his going, and there are days when it seems that we cannot go on alone; yet when we stop to think, there are numbers traveling the same lonely way.

Pray for us, that we may ever look beyond this vale of tears and disappointments to that fair land where all is peace and rest.

We cannot say, we will not say,
He is dead, he is just away:

With a loving smile,

And a wave of his hand,
He has wandered from us,

To the unknown land.

And left us wondering how very fair,

It must be since he entered there.

Mrs. Florence Newcomer, Kenneth and Hazel.

Walker—Harriet Anderson was born in Carroll county, Missouri, January 8, 1848, and departed this life May 30, 1934, in Hermitage, Missouri, being 86 years, four months and 22 days old.

She was married to W. C. Walker, February 20, 1866, he having preceded her to the Great Beyond 18 years. Mr. and Mrs. Walker came to Hickory county about 60 years ago. They professed faith in Christ in their younger days and helped to establish Free Will Chapel church, of which they were faithful members, ever contrib-

uting to the support of the church and to the upbuilding of God's kingdom in their community.

Mrs. Walker was the mother of thirteen children, one having died in infancy, and a son Oliver who passed away at the age of 19 years. The children left to grieve her departure are: Mrs. Searlie Carroll and Mrs. Icy Rush of Louisburg, Missouri; Mrs. Emma Lowe of Urbana, Mo.; Mrs. Mollie Yearger of Flemington, Mo.; Mrs. Vivia Pitts of Fairfax, Okla.; Mrs. Lula Walker of Buffalo, Mo.; Mrs. Rebecca Hale of Everton, Mo.; Luther Walker of Urbana, Mo.; Roscoe Walker of Dunnegan, Okla.; Cecil Walker of Hermitage, Mo. and Lural Walker of Taft, Calif. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. J. D. Cave of Greenridge, Mo. and one brother, Enos Anderson of Urbana, Mo., and 45 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Grandma Walker lived a beautiful and useful life, a life of service and sacrifice for others; her hands were ever ready to minister to those in need; and although the last two years of her life she has been failing in health, she was continually looking on the bright side. She bore her suffering patiently. All was done that kind and loving hands could do, but to no avail; God in His infinite wisdom said, "It is enough, come up higher." May we as obedient children, say, "Father, thy will be done, not ours."

Asleep in Jesus, mother dear,

So free from toil and care,
If we but follow in thy steps,
Some day we'll meet you there.

There's but one road that we should tread,

The path that you have trod,
'Tis but the strait and narrow path,
That leads us home to God.

Your cheerful ways and kindly smile,
We so pleasantly recall,
You had kind words for every one,
And died beloved by all.

A saddened heart is in our breast,
A loneliness is there,
'Tis sweet to know you've gone to rest,
Yet, O, how we will miss you here.

Safe in the arms of Jesus mother dear,
In fancy I see you there,
Rejoicing with friends and loved ones,
Safe from all earthly care.

I can see you with the angels,
In that blessed happy home,
Work on earth for you is ended,
And your crown of life is won.

Some day we hope to meet you,
Where there'll be no more goodby's,
We can think of nothing sweeter
Than our meeting in the skies.

Funeral service was conducted by Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weathery, Mo., he being brought to the funeral by her grand son, Eld. Willie Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo.

Funeral was at Free Will Chapel church No. 1, near Urbana, Mo. Bro. Ferguson gave a fine sermon from Heb. 11:4, to a large crowd of relatives and friends. Grandma Walker has lived in that community for many years and has been one of the mainstays to the church, and was one of the highest types of Christian character and citizen, loved and respected by all that knew her. She reared a large family, out of which have come office and business men of the highest type. She had one son-in-law, D. W. Low, and one grand-son, Willie Rush, ministers of the Gospel; Willie has a full time charge in North Mo. now.

—A Friend.

IN MEMORY

Written in memory of our loving father, John Anderson Sharpe, who departed this life December 8, 1933, at the age of 76 years.

Dear daddy, we miss you,
In the dear old home today;
You are still as sweet in memory,
As the day you went away.

His cheerful ways and kindly smile,
We so pleasantly recall.
He had a kind word for every one,
And died beloved by 'all.

He bade no one a last farewell,
He said good bye to none,
His loving heart had ceased to beat
Before we knew it, he was gone.

Our loving thoughts will always linger
Round the grave where you are laid,
So just rest on dear daddy,
You are safe in heaven's bower,
And the day when we will meet you,
Grows nearer every hour.
Written by a loved one.

To The Mission Workers of INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

Before we hardly realize it our Association is going to convene again, with our church at Monett. I want every mission worker that can to be there with your uniform and your badge, and when our session of the Association comes, I want us to be able to make a real showing for the Home mission work of Indian Creek Association; also be sure and don't forget to have a good

