

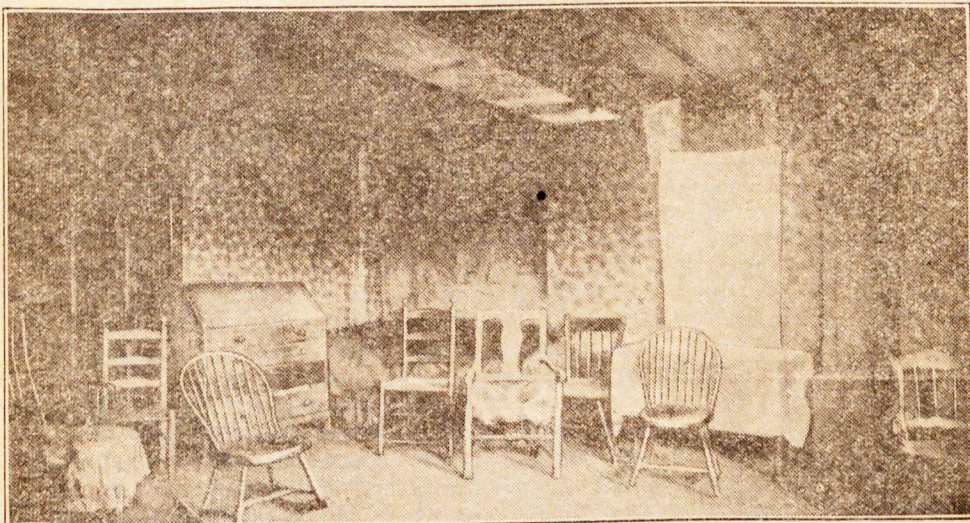
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THE above picture is of the room in the "Boody" house, at New Durham, New Hampshire, where the first Free Will Baptist church was organized under the leadership of the Rev. Benjamin Randall, June 30, 1780.

The table covered with the cloth and the chair in front of it were used at that first meeting

The above information is secured from a letter written to Rev. S. L. Morris, by Edwin B. Stiles, State agent of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist, and dated February 1, 1911.

Beginning with this month's issue of the Gem, I am planning a series of pictures which I am sure will be of interest to all Gem readers.

—Winford Davis.

THE NEW KINGDOM

Part 10. The Ambition of a Great Dictator.

By Elder Everett Wilson

We are now ready for the 17th chapter of Rev. Many wonderful things are coming to light in this very remarkable vision. Like many other Scriptures it covers a lot of time and territory, so we will be careful to notice closely what the writer of the vision has to say. The interpretation is given by the angel, so we will not have to depend upon what any man may think about it. No difference what any one may try to do to change what God says is coming, it will come the way the Spirit has revealed that it will come.

It is the ambition of Mussolini to restore the Roman Empire, and make it again the ruling kingdom of the earth, and no one may know as yet how much he has accomplished along that line. Many are teaching a revival of the Roman Empire, and there may be, but here are some facts that are not speculative. There are to be ten kings, that have received no kingdom as yet, but will receive power as kings one hour with the Beast, or Antichrist. This is sure, so we must take a fact and forget all theory, if we want to get at the truth. These ten kings do not reign until the time of the Antichrist, and will be used of God to fulfill His will concerning the great iron kingdom in its days of iron and clay mixed as recorded in Daniel 2

Verse 1. One of the seven angels which has the seven vials of the wrath of God to be poured out upon the kingdom of the Beast, calls John to him to show him the judgment of God upon the great harlot.

Verse 2. With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, no doubt false doctrines are meant here, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. We will see as we go on through this chapter what this teaching is, that is so far reaching, and which God is so displeased with.

Verse 3. "So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness." This seems to refer to Jerusalem in the days of Antichrist, for he calls it Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified (Rev. 11:8). No doubt in my mind this is the time when the woman of Revelation 12 is protected and allowed religious freedom to quite an extent, at the same time the Jews in their blindness are offering their daily sacrifices which will be taken away in the midst of the week, or at the close of the first three and one-half years. It seems that this is about the time the Beast turns red, and the Scarlet woman is carried away with him. You will also notice that the Dictator of Italy is author of the Black movement, which in 1918 and 1922 was taken by him into Rome, the city that sits on seven mountains. But in spite of her surrendering her black principles and adopting the red, she is hated by the ten kings reigning with Antichrist, and they will give their strength to the Beast and help in the destruction of the Scarlet Woman. This beast has seven heads and ten horns

Verse 4. The woman dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. To any student of history it is plain just who this scarlet woman is, and who has in her hand

a golden cup full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication, or her teachings.

Verse 5. The terrible title given to be free from is enough to make any one want to be free from every form of her teachings and influence, Mystery, Babylon the Great, a title given the city that sits on seven mountains. Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

Verse 6. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of saints, and the blood of martyrs of Jesus. In the city on seven mountains, the Scarlet Woman, will be found with the blood of near 75,000,000 martyrs on her hands when Jesus comes (Rev. 18:24). John wondered when he saw all these things uncovered before the very eyes of God; I am sure we can see why he should be so moved at such a sight.

Verse 7. But the angel said, "Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman and the beast that carrieth her. No room for a mistake here for the angel will tell the meaning of the vision, so we will stay by what he says. I feel sure he knows and will tell us the truth the Spirit would have us understand.

Verse 8. "The beast that thou sawest, was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit (abyss), and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." He surely has been here, and is now alive in hell, and will come up out of the place of departed wicked spirits, a reincarnation of the very Devil in flesh, and will be taken alive and cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).

This is no doubt the same beast we see coming up in Revelation 13, only now he is entering the last half of his seven years reign on the earth, usurping the throne of David, that is promised to Christ, and to which He is the rightful heir. The Beast king in his presumption claims to be as God sitting in the Temple of God (2 Thess. 2:4). At this time he causes all, small and great, rich and poor, to take his mark, number, or name, and at this time the three and one-half years in which the woman who brought forth the man child, is at an end, and the death of a vast number of martyrs takes place, the great band John saw coming up in Revelation 7:9-17, and will be joined with those John saw under the altar in Revelation 6:9-11. Seems too bad the prophets did not write all the events to come in rotation as they were and are to come. But I guess God wants us to see it all over again, so causes us to read and pray for a revelation upon those things He has shown in times past to the holy men of old. "Without a vision the people perish," says the wise king in Prov 29:18. We do not need a lot of dreams and visions people are running after today, but we sure do need to see the visions of the Bible all over again, and God grant that we may.

Verse 9. Here is wisdom. "The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." History points directly to Rome, the city built on seven mountains. A mountain in Scripture so many times stands for a kingdom, but do not forget that in this vision, John saw heads, and not mountains,

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EARTH'S PROPHETIC WEEK

By Elder B. F. Brown

Introduction

As we send forth this rather lengthy article or outline study on the subject, "Earth's Prophetic Week," we are aware of the fact that it will fall into the hands of some who are Post-Millennialists, and do not believe in the second coming and reign of Christ on earth. We also know that it will fall into the hands of those who are Pre-Millennialists, who do believe in the thousand year reign of Christ on the earth.

We all agree that the Old and New Testaments should harmonize, that the New Testament should support the promises of God found in the Old Testament; and perhaps we all believe that the Old and New Testaments do harmonize. God says in the Old Testament, by the mouth of His holy prophets, that He will set up a kingdom on earth, and that His Son, our Lord and Savior, is to be the King, that He is to reign over all the earth, and that His kingdom shall have no end. Then we turn to the New Testament, to Luke, first chapter, verses thirty to thirty-three, and read, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Now, I believe that God meant just what He said by the mouth of His prophets; also what He said to Mary by the mouth of Gabriel His holy angel. And I want you to join with me in looking further into the Scriptures concerning these most wonderful prophecies or promises of the coming of our Lord and Savior to reign on earth.

In discussing this subject, we want to see that the history of the earth, past, present and future, covers all that long period we call time. Historical portions of the Bible tell us of the past, the present we should know, and the prophets give us the history of the future before it comes to pass. Every Christian should know his Bible, and through it, know something of earth's history. The span of time is 7,000 years, beginning when God said, "Let us make man" (Gen. 1:26), it continues to the Final Judgment of the wicked (Rev. 20:12); it is A WEEK OF SEVEN DAYS OF ONE THOUSAND YEARS EACH, of which the seven days of the Genesis account of creation are a type. We want to consider some important things that have come to pass, and some of the present conditions, also some of the future things the prophets have spoken of, some of which have already been fulfilled, and some we believe will soon be fulfilled.

To be continued

This is just the introduction to a long article on this subject, which we are printing in book form.

The book will contain about 24 pages of this width of column. It will soon be ready for delivery.

Prices, postage paid:—1 book, 10 cents; 3 books, 20 cents; 5 or more books for resale at 5 cents each.

HANNON, MISSOURI

Dear Readers of the Gem:

On this Christmas Day I feel impressed to write a letter to our paper, as there has been no report from the Hannon church for some time.

My mind has gone out today among our friends and loved ones far away. There is so much to be thankful for at this wonderful Christmas time. We have the love and companionship of our own dear families, the fellowship of our friends, brothers and sisters in the church, and for the real Christmas spirit prevailing, but most of all we thank God for the gift of the precious Savior who came to earth, suffered and died, that we might have eternal life. Such a wonderful plan of redemption!

Now, as Christmas has passed, we are made to realize that the New Year will soon be here. We are made to review our life the past year and wonder if we have made a good fight, if we have met troubles and disappointments as we should have.

We have experienced the severest test in a financial way the Hannon church has ever had, but we have kept all debts paid, but have not been able to do the things we would like to do, and so necessary to have done.

There has been many sorrows along with other trials and discouragements. There has been nine funerals preached in the Hannon church during 1934, ranging in ages from an infant child to an old lady 90 years of age, which reminds us that death is on every hand and that it behooves us to ever be ready, for we know not when the Lord may call us home. While there has been many severe trials and tests, we too, have enjoyed a year of the greatest spiritual blessings we have ever had. Bro. Davis of Monett, Mo. is our pastor again this year. He is loved better by the church all the time and his sermons have more power all the time. He has the love and respect of all denominations and all people. He has been our evangelist for four falls and every revival grows better. Our last revival began October 30th and continued for six weeks. The church had looked forward and had prayed for the revival for weeks and it seemed the church was prayed up, but dear ones, Satan saw the spiritual condition of the church and he got busy with all his helpers and cunning devices. It was one of the hardest fought revivals we ever had, but thanks be to God, Bro. Davis and the faithful workers, we gained the victory. There were twenty-four converts, all grown men and women, many far past middle life. It was so wonderful to hear these elderly people praising God for real salvation.

There were twelve additions to the church and the church greatly revived. Every part of the church is alive and working for the interest of the church and the salvation of souls. The Ladies' Mission circle is growing and doing a lot of home mission work for the needy.

The prayer meeting is always spiritual, the Sunday school is large and always interesting. We look forward to our regular preaching services with all anxiety, and if the weather and the roads permit, we always have a crowded house. A move is on foot now to enlarge our church building, as we do not have nearly enough room for our Sunday school and regular services. Times are so close just now

it may be a long time before we can build, but every one is of one accord about needing more room and we are sure the Lord will help us some time, so we can have the desire of our heart so long as it is for His glory.

We are praying that, as our spiritual blessings have been so great during the year, that we, as a church and the dear denomination, will strive harder and a more wonderful work will be accomplished in 1935 than we have ever known, and as the clerk of the Hannon church I will say that we as a church wish all the readers of the Gem a happy New Year.

—Frankie D. Wade.

NIANGUA, MISSOURI, January 6, 1935.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

After being a silent reader of the Gem for some time and enjoying the many good letters and articles, I will try to send a report of my work in this associational year thus far. The Niangua Association convened with Liberty church, near Lebanon, Mo. on August 9, 10, 11, 1934. Seven churches were represented with good delegations and 14 ministers were present, including some visitors from other associations. Next session will convene at Cedar Ridge church, 3½ miles north of Long Lane, Mo., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1935. Elder G. W. Sturdevant, Moderator, Elder Arthur Baily, Clerk, Plad, Mo.

Wife and I were then elected as corresponding messengers to the Laeledge County Association, which convened with New Hope church, near Kaiser, Mo., August 16, 17, 18, 1934. It was our first visit to that Association, and we enjoyed it very much.

From there, accompanied by my wife, I went to Green Ridge church, near Climax Springs, Mo. for a two weeks' revival. Eld. Clyde Butts is pastor. While there we visited in many homes and learned to love those fine people. They have a fine live-wire Sunday school with Bro. Willie Pate, a new convert, as the efficient superintendent. Although a country Sunday school, they have an average attendance of about 90, and have lately organized a league. Had a good meeting, with large crowds, some coming a long distance. The meeting closed with one conversion and the church greatly built up. The next session of the Laeledge County Association will convene with this church, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1935. The good people there extend an invitation to all to attend.

From there we went to New Home church in Laeledge County, to assist the pastor, Eld. C. A. McAllister, in a ten days' revival. We closed it with one conversion and several backsliders reclaimed. We found fine people there and visited in many homes. They have a good Sunday school, with Bro. Claud Hamilton as superintendent. We found Bro. McAllister a fine spiritual man to work with in a revival. He is moderator of the Laeledge County Association and is working hard for its success.

We returned home Sept. 14th, after being absent five weeks, and later attended the No. 3 Quarterly meeting at Macedonia church near our home, a report of which has already appeared in the Gem.

On October 20th, I went to the Branch church, where Eld. Elmer Palmer is pastor, and began a

revival. It continued two weeks with one conversion. Bro. Palmer is doing a good work there under the trying circumstances. The work is hindered by the church not having its own building. They are worshipping in a union building, with the Campbellites having half time services also. While there I also visited the Hopewell church for two services.

When I arrived home a revival was in progress at the Macedonia church, with Elders Widd McClanahan and Jesse Mace doing the preaching. I attended it a week and preached there for five services.

November 11th Eld. D. R. Royster and I began a meeting at the Amity church for the pastor, Elder Selph Jones. Bro. Jones was present at night and had charge of the singing, driving from his home at Mansfield. The meeting closed Nov. 21st with five conversions and the church revived.

Quarterly Meeting No. 3 has also convened at the Amity church, a report of which will appear in the Gem. In these meetings I have preached 73 sermons and traveled more than 800 miles. Have several other meetings to conduct in the near future. Am glad to read of so many good meetings and of the souls that have been saved in them.

I take this opportunity of saying hello to my many friends in the First Mission Association in Oklahoma where I was a member before coming to Missouri. Am so glad to hear of the wonderful work being done down there. I desire the prayers of all God's people, that wife and I may be able to continue on in the Lord's work, doing more for Him in the future than we have in the past.

Your brother in Christ,
Elder Cecil E. Horner.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

Quarterly Meeting No. 3 met in regular session with Amity church, December 27, 1934.

Elder Widd McClanahan was not present to preach the introductory sermon on Thursday night, and Elder John Moore was appointed. His text was Psalm 103:15.

Elder Cecil Horner was elected moderator and Eld. Faye George assistant moderator. The permanent clerk, Eld. Ezra Vestal, was present.

Friday at 11:00 a. m. the stand was filled by Elders Jesse K. Mace and Faye George. Text, Matt. 6:33. A spiritual time was enjoyed.

The Communion sermon on Friday night was preached by Eld. Cecil Horner. Followed by Communion and feet washing services. Eld. Faye George was also ordained to the Gospel ministry at the Friday night service.

Saturday at 11:00 a. m. the stand was filled by Elders J. A. Jenks and Ezra Vestal. Text, John 5:39. The following churches were represented: Amity, Cuba, Liberty and Macedonia. Those not represented were Little Vine, Happy Valley and Black Oak.

The following queries were ably discussed:

Query No. 1—"What is the First Resurrection?" (Rev. 20:5, 6). Opened by Eld. Cecil E. Horner. Passed by satisfied that the first resurrection is Jesus Christ, and that we obtain a part in the first resurrection by the new birth.

Query No. 2—What are the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven? To whom were they given? (Matt. 16:19). Opened by Eld. Ezra Vestal. Passed by satisfied that the keys are power or authority, and that they were given to the church.

Query No. 3—Please explain 1 Cor. 5:5. Is this meaning the spirit of man or the spirit of the church? Opened by Eld. Jesse Mace. Passed by satisfied that this Scripture refers to the spirit of the church.

Query No. 4—Please explain Dan. 2:44. Opened by Eld. J. A. Jenks. Passed by satisfied that Christ set up this kingdom at His first coming and that it will have reached its fullness when He comes again.

Query No. 5—Please explain Acts 2:3. Opened by Eld. Faye George. Passed by dissatisfied.

Query No. 6—(Heb. 11:31). Was this family permitted an inheritance with the children of Israel? Opened by John Mace. Passed by satisfied that they were permitted an inheritance.

Next session of this Quarterly meeting will convene with Cuba church, beginning on Thursday night before the fifth Sunday in March, 1935. Eld. Jesse K. Mace elected to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Cecil E. Horner to preach the Communion sermon.

Eld. Cecil E. Horner, Moderator,
Eld. Faye George, Ass't Mod.,
Eld. Ezra Vestal, Clerk.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Douglas County Quarterly Meeting convened with the Lone Star Free Will Baptist church, Dec. 28, 1934, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. J. Smith. Text, Col. 3:13.

The conference elected Eld. E. N. Owens as moderator, with Eld. W. E. George as assistant.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Service—Brothers John Marler, Chester Matney Cecil Kasterke and Sister Lucy Matney.

Credentials—Elders E. Carpenter, C. J. Smith and J. H. Claxton.

Business—Elders Austin Wright, L. M. Marler and Bro. John Marler.

The stand was filled Friday night by Elders E. N. Owens and J. H. Claxton. A soul-stirring message was delivered, which was greatly appreciated.

Most of the day Saturday was spent in taking care of the regular routine of business.

The enrollment was composed of the following: Twelve (12) ordained ministers, four (4) ministers' wives, five (5) ordained deacons, two (2) deacons' wives, two (2) licensed ministers, three (3) church clerks and nine (9) delegates.

Letters were received from five of the eight churches in the quarterly meeting and delegates were seated in conference.

Bro. O. H. Bass' license to preach was extended for one year.

Pleasant Valley church was voted into the Q. M. The following churches sent in money for evangelistic work: Harmony church, \$2.00, Pleasant Valley, 50c, Pleasant Ridge, \$2.50, total, \$5.00.

Eld. C. D. Findley was elected as quarterly meeting evangelist and Sunday school missionary for the coming year. Eld. L. M. Marler was elected to succeed Eld. O. L. Claxton as member of Ex. Board.

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock the stand was filled by Elders E. Carpenter and C. D. Findley. A wonderful message was delivered.

Saturday night the stand was filled by Elders Austin Wright and E. N. Owens, and was followed with the taking of the Lord's Supper and feet washing services in which a large number of people participated. After this an altar call was made and one soul was saved.

Sunday morning was spent in discussion of the remaining topics, and much good spiritual food was delivered by the ones who discussed them.

At 11:00 o'clock all committees were dismissed, and the Q. M. adjourned until Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock before the fifth Sunday in March, 1935.

The farewell address was delivered by Elder L. M. Marler. At the close of Bro. Marler's sermon the doors of the Lone Star church were opened and four (4) members were received into the church.

The Lone Star community certainly showed the visiting delegation the best of hospitality and respect and it was greatly appreciated by all the delegates.

A bountiful dinner was served at the church Saturday, and supper for those who stayed until the night services, at which time we took "time out" on our spiritual feast and did justice to the feast prepared for our physical bodies.

We wish to invite all who can, to attend our next Q. M. which will convene with Pleasant Ridge church, about five miles east of Mansfield, Missouri March 29, 1935, at 3:00 o'clock p. m.

We also ask prayers for the growth and improvement of our little quarterly meeting.

TUSKEGEE, OKLAHOMA, January 8, 1935

Dear Readers of the Gem:

As this is the first time I have given a report of the good work Tuskegee church is doing for the Lord, I will begin by saying we have young people's meeting every Sunday night and church following. We have prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

Bro. John West is our good pastor, and is doing a wonderful work with the church, of which we are proud. Pray for our church, that it may prosper.

We expect each month to let the world know that we are working for the Lord and for the salvation of lost souls.

—Josie Dowey.

GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Family: On October 22nd, we began a meeting at the Niangua Free Will Baptist church, where Eld. Kenneth Turner is pastor. He was present in the meeting and did about half the preaching.

Some of the people at Niangua, Mo. are good old time Christians, and some are yet in sin. The Christian people worked and prayed earnestly, and were rewarded with seeing three souls find Jesus, and a good season of revival in our own souls.

....After the meeting at Niangua, we went to Hannon, where Eld. Winford Davis was already in a meeting. The meeting there was fine, and souls were being saved. We only attended a few services at Hannon, because the Co-operative Association was to convene at Denison, Texas, and we went on there, and enjoyed every session of it, also enjoyed meeting the people from all the states represented there,

and the good people of Denison, with whom we became acquainted, and learned to love, about two years ago when there in revival meeting.

From Denison I went to Flat River, Mo. for a meeting at our church where Eld. Jas. F. Miller is pastor. Here we again met new friends, and saw God's saving power manifested in the salvation of thirty-three souls. There's no way to tell how much we enjoyed being with these good people, and the blessings received. I hope to go to Flat River again in October when the Mo. State Ass'n convenes.

If you ever visit either the Flat River or Niangua church, don't fail to hear the Junior Choir, also at our Hickory Grove church. When you hear them sing, if you are a Christian, you'll be glad of it; if not a Christian, you'll wish you were.

Since I'm in evangelistic work, I don't know where I'll be next, but am praying that God will lead me where He can best use me.

—Eld. Noel Turner.

TULSA F. W. B. CHURCH, TULSA, OKLA.

The Tulsa Junior Mission is doing a good work, and are helping in a great way to finance our new basement for Sunday school rooms. We will soon have a nice room all our own for our class meetings.

We gave a play in one of the junior high school auditoriums and cleared thirty-seven dollars which was applied on the basement fund. We are planning on doing some great things in the near future. We gave a real good Christmas program.

The class has chosen Sister Melvin Bingham as their leader, and Sister Pauline Peachy as reporter.

Pauline Peachy, Reporter.

WEATHERBY, MISSOURI, January 8, 1935. Center Point Church Notes

Eld. E. T. House filled his appointment at Center Point the fourth Sunday in December. Sunday morning, but owing to the condition of the roads, there was no service Sunday night; only a faithful few had gathered in for Sunday school and the preaching service Sunday morning.

Too often the reply to God's call is, "I'm busy, send some one else."

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" Jn. 3:16.

Mrs. Herman Harms, Reporter.

WARREN, ARKANSAS, R1, Box. 108

Dear Gem Readers: I have never made a report of our church work before, but will say a few words.

The fifth Sunday meeting met with Pleasant Valley church, Friday night, Dec. 28, 29 and 30th. We all were glad to meet with the delegates from different churches. The weather condition was so bad that some didn't get to come.

The churches represented were: York Town, Branon, Harmony, Spring Hill, Macedonia, Pleasant Grove. We had hoped that all the dear old preachers

could have come; it would be nice to see them all together, for we know that some will soon have to say with Paul, "I have finished my course;" but we are thankful that we have a few younger ones who are ready and willing to take their places. Pray for them, for they need your prayers. Five preachers were present: Elders W. P. White, J. R. Rice, J. M. Moring, R. M. Moore and our pastor J. E. White.

Eld. R. Moore delivered a wonderful message Saturday night on "How to Be Saved." Two dear girls came to the altar and were converted.

Eld. J. M. Moring preached Sunday at eleven o'clock on the "Second Coming of Christ," a wonderful lesson to the world. Jesus tells us in different places that He is coming again, John 14:3 is one. Our pastor, J. E. White, asked the primary class to help in the work, and two boys and two girls did their best. I don't think there is anything any better than to see young people join in the work for the Lord. We hear some say, when young people join the church, "The preacher scared them." I am glad they scared all my children, and I pray they will always be scared enough to do what Jesus would have them do.

I sure enjoy reading the letters in the Gem. I find some good in all of them. We need your prayers, that we may do all we can for the Lord, not only on fifth Sundays, but every day.

—Mrs. L. E. Jones, Reporter.

DESLOGE, MISSOURI

Dear Home Mission Workers;

The old year has gone and we are left to regret many things we might have done, and didn't do; however we are glad for all that was accomplished in the year 1934.

The new year into which we have entered, has brought us, and will bring us new obligations—with these obligations come new responsibilities. God grant that we mission workers shall be unreservedly surrendered to Him, and we shall be able to meet them without defeat (Phil. 4:13).

May we, too, realize our State Home Mission will be what we make it. Since this is true, let every local circle see that an accurate account is kept of their work; then let the secretary provide the associational secretary a report, next the associational secretary must have an annual report for the State secretary. Is this all? No, Article 3 of our By-Laws says ten per cent of all local funds shall be given for state work.

On my return from a visit to Texas I found a money order amounting to \$7.69, from Northeast Missouri Home Mission Association; thank you, N. E. Mo., hope to hear from you again soon. I trust all the associations and circles will do likewise.

It isn't necessary to wait until close of the year to send ten per cent of all funds procured, rather suggest that you send it quarterly, because often at the expiration of the year there is not ten percent left—so many obligations to meet, etc.

Yours in His service,

Tommie Franklin, Sec'y-Treasurer.

BRYAN, TEXAS, January 14, 1935.

Dear Gem Family: When we wrote last, the

meeting was still in progress at Vance Chapel. We had 34 conversions at the church, and we gave a lecture at one of the schools and 20 children came forward and accepted Christ. We sure enjoyed working with Bro. and Sister Epperson, and all the dear people of Vance Chapel. We also had some good people of other churches helping us.

We closed out in time to reach our dear mother and home folks for Christmas, which meant so much to us. Then after Christmas we visited the Quarterly meeting at Kurtin, Texas, where we preached our first sermon 25 years ago. We met a number of the old friends, but some were gone to their heavenly home. It gave us great joy to see the work of the Master going on. We met Bro. and Sister Blackwelder of Bryan, Texas, and they invited us to preach Sunday night, which we did, and a revival spirit was so wonderfully felt in the service that the pastor asked how many would like to have the meeting continue for a few nights, and most all of the congregation stood to their feet. We have been here now a little over two weeks and have had 19 conversions, and ten additions to the church. We are so glad to be with these dear people again. This is where we got some of our best experience in the ministry. We were pastor here 25 years ago. Many have passed on to meet the blessed Lord, while a few are still waiting.

Pray for us, that many will be saved before the meeting closes.

Yours for Jesus,

—Lizzie McAdams.

SHANHAN F. W. B. CHURCH, Coweta, Oklahoma.

Dear Gem Readers: We have neglected to write for the past few months, but our church has been doing plenty for our Lord and Master during that time. Bro. Carl Hembree of Bixby, our regular pastor, held a two weeks' revival the last of Oct. and the first of Nov. There were several souls saved and the spirit of the entire church was revived.

Our regular church date is the second Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night of each month. The attendance is always good. At the last Sunday night service a new member was added to the church.

Special all day services were held at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. These days were spent in devotional services, sermons, special programs, and a basket dinner at noon. The newly organized church at Rothammer, south of Coweta, came over in a body to attend the Christmas service.

The attendance on Sunday continues to be good, and the interest in lesson discussions is growing. The Bible questions asked each Sunday are still creating interest in Bible reading. Bro. J. H. Townsley was elected superintendent again recently.

Every one connected with the church in any way is proud of our Free Will Baptist League: it is one of the best leagues our church has ever had. Verlin Townsley was elected president at the recent election. He is proving very efficient, and the next few months of league work promise to be interesting.

Bro. Fred Jones of Wagoner, Okla. is a member of our church, has been busy in revival work most of the fall.

Our church was well represented at the fifth Sun-

day meeting, held at the Hogan Free Will Baptist church, near Locust Grove, in December. Those who went were W. C. Beller, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Townsley, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Gill. They reported a very good meeting.

Pray for us, that 1935 may be one of our best years for Christ's work.

Ruth Peterson, R2, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Good morning to all the Gem Family.

Dear Brother Brown: If you will give me space in your paper, I will let Arkansas be heard from this month. I was surprised yesterday when I looked the paper over, and didn't see a report from this state, but I wish to say we are still alive, and at least a few of us are working for the Master.

I have visited about 25 churches since our State Association and want to get to others in the near future. I was elected as one of the evangelists of the state, also Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer; so I have had something to do.

Just let me tell you brethren in Mo. and Okla a few things we did in our State meeting, that I believe are going to mean much to the Free Will Baptist in this state: We voted a 25 cent assessment on each Free Will Baptist in the state. Now I want you Free Will Baptist that I have got in touch with to get this: We voted a 25 cent assessment on every F. W. B. in the state. Now who is it that can't pay 25 cents during the year? Of course you can. Well, just think what that will mean; it will mean \$2,000.00 in the treasury when we meet on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1935. Now some one may ask what this money is for. I will tell you: Ten cents is to go into a fund to put our deceased preachers away, or to pay their burial expenses, don't you think we owe it to them? They have given us their time, talent, their all, and their wives and children have had to make the living, while they were gone pastoring your church, visiting your sick, and burying your dead. Now do you think their families ought to even bear this expense, when most of them would have to bury them on credit? No, I don't think so.

Then ten cents of the 25 cents is to be used in purchasing a tent to hold our State meetings under. I am glad to tell the readers of our paper everywhere that our State Association has grown to where no church building is large enough to accommodate the Association, and it is still growing; and if each of us will just get our shoulders to the wheel and keep pushing, we are going to continue to grow.

Well, the other five cents is to be used in helping to pay the expense of caring for the delegation while the Association is in session, and brethren, if you don't think this is an expense, just ask the brethren where we met the last two years, they can tell you.

Now, brother preacher, will you get busy and collect this amount from each member of your church and send it in? then we can go to our next State Association with a smile on our face; having the money to pay the funeral expenses of our deceased preachers, and a good tent to hold our meeting under, wouldn't this make you feel glad, and love your church better? Yes, I know it would. Then come on, if we fail, it will mean for us to meet next

October and admit that we, as a church have failed.

Now, as your Clerk and Treasurer, I made bond at the last State meeting to protect you on all money intrusted to my care.

May God bless all, is my prayer.—W. M. Guinn.

CLAREMORE, OKLA., January 16, 1935.

Church of Antioch, Harmony Star District

Dear Readers of the Gem: I will write you a few lines. We are having a good Sunday school, with 70 to 80 in attendance each Sunday. Last Sunday we elected our officers and teachers. We were a little late on the account of repairing our school building.

We have a good prayer meeting, and last Wednesday night there were 35 present. We are planning on having the young people of Tulsa to put on a program at our church soon.

Our pastor is building his home close to our little church, and will soon be living close to us and we are all anxious for him to get close to us, so he can attend our prayer meeting.

We want all of God's people to pray for our little church of Antioch, that it will grow stronger every day, and may God bless us all and keep each and every one, is my prayer.

Mrs. J. U. Yonce, Reporter.

HASKELL, OKLAHOMA, January 22, 1935.

Dear Editor and Readers of the Gem:

It is the desire of the church, that I write to the Gem and tell its readers of our success.

Elder Fred Jones held a two weeks' meeting, beginning August 22nd, and closed with 18 converts. The meeting was a great blessing to the Rothhammer community.

At the close of the meeting we organized a Free Will Baptist church with 17 members and called Bro. Jones for our pastor. Our regular meetings come on the first Saturday night and Sunday.

We have received 17 new members, some on each of our regular first Sunday meeting days.

We ask the prayers of all readers, thanking God for blessing us so. We know all blessings come from God, and that within ourselves we can do nothing.

—Ethel Turner, Church Clerk.

BOWDEN, OKLAHOMA, January 22, 1935.

Report of East Side Mission Circle No. 2

Dear Readers of the Gem: Just a short report to let every reader of the Gem know that the East Side Mission Circle is still alive for God, and will try not to fail to send a report each month hereafter.

Our last rally was held at Lawnwood church, where Bro. Boyd Williams is pastor. We felt the Spirit as soon as we entered the building and it was with us all day. Had a wonderful time in the Lord.

There was a goodly number present. We were real glad to have the Pleasant Valley Mission join our circle. Sister Pruitt is their good pastor.

I will not try to tell all the good things the different missions are doing.

The Tulsa Mission have their basement almost finished for class rooms, have made lots of sick calls. Their Juniors are doing fine; let none of us forget

to pray for our young people.

The Blue Bell mission have made a number of sick calls, have made comforts for the needy, and are still working for the Lord.

Lawnwood mission had a two weeks' revival, and twelve souls saved. They are giving garments to the needy.

New Home mission is doing fine; they have made a number of sick calls, helped the needy.

Allen mission is trying to get their new home finished, which has been quite a task.

Bro. Peck and Sister Pruitt brought us the afternoon message. God wonderfully blessed both of them, and they both brought us real spiritual messages. One soul came to the altar, but said she wasn't satisfied.

We would enjoy very much to meet with the West Side circle, but seems that it has never been possible for us to do so, but we pray that God will bless them.

I earnestly ask the prayers of God's people.

Mrs. J. L. Smith, Reporter.

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA, January 12, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Family, Howdy:

John said that the mission in Oklahoma is going over in a big way. Well, the other associations have come to believe in the mission work, and are taking it up too. Some of the churches that we have just organized missions in report a great work in their mission work, and say that other churches of different faith are taking notice, and why not? It is the work that Jesus left to be done.

I was down to the First Okla. fifth Sunday meeting. Had a good time, and good services all through. They elected Eld. W. L. Bean Supt. of Missions and he is ready to go any time; so if you need a mission in the First Okla. Ass'n, just give him a call. I have asked him to organize missions down there, and if you want the State President, just write Eld. J. L. Waltman, Cushing, Okla., 1109 E. Broadway.

I was with Bro. Hillard, Supt. of the First Mission Association, met at Sister Pruitt's church, at the Shellenburger school house, near Bixby, Okla. Had a large crowd and the Supt. brought us a fine message on missions. Every one there was glad to get the mission work started. Why not? Why should the church starve for the real work of God? Every church should have the mission work going in a big way. Jesus left the work here for us to do, and said, "Occupy till I come." Well, what are we waiting on? Why not wake up and put on the whole armor of God and step out on the front line for God, and say in our hearts, "I have been a back number long enough." Thank God, some of His church people and preachers are doing that, and why not you? If every Free Will Baptist will get the mission work at heart, our denomination will go over the top for Je-us, and the world will make a path to our door. Why not? they are looking for the real thing. Thank God we have the doctrine, and we know it, brother; and thank God for ever, the world knows it too.

Brethren, let us wake up and shine out for Jesus Christ. I love the cause of Christ, and will do all in my power to put the work over, but I can do just so much; how much will you do for Christ? How

many will say, "I will do all I can for Jesus, and then do it?" When my Savior came to this sinful land, homeless and friendless, and was sneered at on every hand—those beckening eyes, we know not, whether blue, but do know that they were true—saying, "My friend, can I trust you?" and your answer was—be careful—"Yes," or "no?"

Don't forget to take the Gem; every Free Will Baptist needs it to keep in touch with the work

Eld. J. L. Waltman.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, January 22, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: As we begin our report this morning, and begin to think of the goodness of our Lord, and of the many ways in which He has blessed our little church and its flock, it causes our cup to overflow with joy.

On Dec. 21st, our members tried in a small way to show our appreciation of the good work of our pastor and his family, by giving them a shower of various things to eat. The occasion falling upon Bro. Melvin's birthday, he received several cakes, one having candles on it—and the exact number too.

So now, since the Christmas celebrations are all over, every one seemingly has started the new year with a stronger vim to work 'til Jesus comes.

Our mission mothers are busy on a new quilt. Last Saturday we had a cake and pie sale, the proceeds going to our basement fund. Our vision of those much needed class rooms will soon be reality—our basement is almost complete and we give God the praise for letting the good work go forward, even though we encountered many hardships.

Our Sunday school and preaching services are well attended, and our hearts are beginning to yearn for another old time revival at Tulsa church.

Our pastor conducts the Friday night Bible study by using the different charts and blackboard to bring out the important parts of his subjects to an interested class.

The Quarterly Conference meets with us next month and we are looking forward with a keen interest to the coming together of our different brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's all pray that this will be a great meeting and much good be done.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY, January 20, 1935.

Dear Editor Brown and Readers of the Gem:

We are pleased to report our big revival meeting just closed. Fifteen precious souls were made happy, ten additions to the church, and the church renewed spiritually. We have a real church, of which we feel very grateful. Our people are reporting fine meetings all over the country. Lawrence Co. Free Will Baptist report one meeting, with 45 saved. Floyd County, Ky. reports a fine meeting, of which I personally have been attending, preached one night service, and three converted, thank the good Lord for His wonderful power to save.

Have just returned from my appointment at Rock House church. Had a real old time outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, thank Him for ever.

Elder Millard Vanhooose.

THAYER, MISSOURI, R2, January 8, 1935

Dear Brother, and All Who Love His Appearing:
Without that blessed hope of Christ's glorious appearing, what a barren time would long stretches of our lives be

Enclosed is a sketch of our fifth Sunday meeting, where the Holy Spirit seemed even more fully manifested than usual, as, of course it should be, as the time of the Lord's return draws daily nearer; then "What manner of men (folks) ought we to be?"

Memory takes me back to the time when you and Brothers Ferguson and Hill, gave me a time of wonderful Christian fellowship:

In times of depression,

Our Lord giveth rest;

In Him's salvation

And victory blest,

For He knows how to make

Each test of our lives for the best.

It seems increasingly certain that the Lord intended these depressing times to lift each true believer into a much closer walk with Him. May He grant to each and all such the most overcoming year we have ever lived during 1935.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Report

The second fifth Sunday meeting of Cave Springs Association met with Billmore church, near Myrtle, Missouri, Saturday, December 29, 1934.

Services began with Scripture reading by the clerk, Eld. J. R. W. Harbison, and prayer by Eld. N. Combs. Moderator Harry Beatty not being present, assistant moderator, H. C. Crase, presided.

Nearly all churches were represented by delegates and reported reasonable spiritual growth.

At 11:00 o'clock Elders J. E. Rolen and C. R. Bryan, having Luke 2:1-14 for the scripture lesson and the last part of verse 7, "No room for them," as a text, gave a stirring appeal to us all to make room for Jesus in our hearts and lives. The lack of that is the cause of existing evils everywhere.

Election of a moderator for ensuing year resulted in Eld. E. E. Winfree, moderator and Eld. Harry Beatty, assistant.

General routine business being finished, Saturday night Eld. Billie Rogers took 1 Kings 18 as the lesson, with the 21st verse as text, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" and gave unanswerable reasons for a definite and straightway decision for the Lord of hosts.

Sunday at 11:00 o'clock Elders Crase and Beatty, using Ex. 23 as a lesson, and part of verses 13 and 14 as a text, "Show me now thy way; my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest," a startling message for all to secure safe guidance by the Spirit through the increasingly perilous times until the end of this age.
—Ralph T. Hoyt.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA, Jan. 15, 1935.

Hello. All You Good Gem Readers: Here I come again with another report of our mission work.

But before I give in my report, I want to say, It was a real feast to read the Gem this month. I sure did enjoy all those good letters, and oh, so many. I am praying we will just keep it up.

Well, we have another new church in our Mission Circle No. 1; so we will give their report first. This

is the Tuskegee church. Bro. John West is their good pastor. They were organized Oct. 6, 1934, and have been meeting regularly each week. They have been busy quilting quilts, and getting five dollars for them. They gave two clothing showers and one layette shower, made 38 sick calls, read 272 Bible chapters, had two cottage prayer meetings.

The meeting was held at Cushing this month and of course Cushing always welcomes with a smile, and they always have a good report. Since our last report they have quilted three quilts, gave their Mission president a quilt, had two cottage prayer meetings, then they had a get together meeting and made some fine plans for the new year. We want to report that the Juniors at Cushing are still working for God. They made 36 sick calls, read 94 Bible chapters, had 17 service hours, and at Christmas they made up baskets for the widows. I am praying God will send us more Juniors into the harvest field, for the harvest is white, but laborers are few.

Drumright reports they have quilted two quilts, made 27 sick calls, and have a wonderful Bible study each Thursday night right after mission meeting.

Vance Chapel has made several quilts and have sold them all, have made several sick calls, they had a Mission Market just before Christmas and cleared \$51.65.

We had the Earlsboro mission workers with us. They had made 25 sick calls, gave two grocery showers, made arrangements to put a woman in the Sanitarium, quilted one quilt.

We had several churches that were not present this time.

Our next meeting will be at Arbordale. We ask every one to pray for us, and may God bless all you good readers.
—Hattie Newman, Reporter.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, R6, B432, Jan. 21, 1935.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers:

We wish to report that our Lawnwood church is still on the firing line for our Lord and doing a wonderful work in His service. We have a good mission and they are doing a good work. We really have some folks that are not afraid to work.

We have some fine young preachers, which we truly believe will be a great blessing to God's cause. Bro. Johnnie Russell, one of our young preachers, is pastoring a church out north of Tulsa, in Lombard Addition.

Our mission circle met with our church Friday, Jan. 12th, and we had a wonderful meeting. We also had a good revival which began Christmas night and held two weeks, with twelve souls saved. Bro. Huckabay did the preaching, and he sure brought some extra good messages from God's Word.

But folks, don't think we don't have to fight old Satan, for he is here as well as elsewhere, but we can keep him whipped so long as we trust God and do his will. We are in this warfare to stay till God says it's enough, and then we shall wear a crown.

We sure love to read our paper and see what others are doing for our Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters everywhere, we humbly beg to be remembered when you pray, that we shall always be overcomers for Jesus.

Hereafter we aim to have our monthly report in.
—Elder Boyd Williams.

F. W. B. LEAGUE REPORTS

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LIVING THE LIFE

Dear Boys and Girls: I feel this month that I should write you a short message on the above subject. If I were to have a Scripture text, I would use Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart, that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank." We have no greater example than Daniel. What a wonderful heart purpose he had! and what a wonderful victory he won! Not long after this we find him promoted to the exalted position of Prime Minister of Babylon. Just so, it means advancement in every young life, who will purpose in their heart to live a clean upright life like Daniel did. He went through some terrible tests, but how his life did shine forth for the true God of Heaven among the unbelieving Babylonians!

Consecrated young persons, with all their youthful energy, ability, talents, and all they have on the altar for service is worth far more than their weight in gold. I wish all our Free Will Baptist young people would do as the old song says, that I love so well, "The Strength of Youth We Lay at Jesus' Feet Today; 'Tis Loyalty, Loyalty, Loyalty to Christ."

You should remember that it is not your activities in league work alone that proves to the world that you are a Christian, nor is it the daily life you live after having accepted Christ.

One of the saddest things to me is to see young people engage in their league service, league rallies, etc. and then soon as that is all over, they are off in the ways of sin and the world. How careful leaguers should be to make their daily life correspond to their activities in service; Paul's instructions to Timothy were: "Let no man despise thy youth."

I will close by giving the following illustration: A blind man was walking down the street in the night time, carrying a lantern. A friend who met him, asked, "Why are you carrying a lantern? You can't see any way." He replied, "Indeed I cannot see, but I am carrying my light so others won't stumble over me." May we be as thoughtful in our daily life.

Will you purpose in your heart like Daniel, and be determined to live the life?"

Your coworker,
—Winford Davis.

STATE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

As we prepare to send our league reports to Bro. Brown today, we are made to think of the importance of the League. We consider the lesson a help in learning things every Christian should know, we are sure every leaguer should study the entire lesson each week, whether they have been assigned a part or not. Then we should be enough interested in the lesson that we will be attentive while others are rendering their parts.

May we, as leaguers, so conduct ourselves at all times, that our good may not be evil spoken of.
—Eld. O. T. Allred.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear League Workers and Gem Readers: It has been a long time since I have written to the paper, but I am still working in the interest of our work, and glad to see the interest there is over the state—the good report of the year's work at the State meeting and the good meeting we had there.

I am praying that it will continue on till our work will be a great power for God; come on League workers, let us make it so! Our motto is our goal, "The Kingdom of God First."

Our good president, Bro. Winford Davis, has been writing some splendid articles in the paper, encouraging the work, not failing to write to us each month.

I have been reading very good reports in the paper each month from different parts of the state, and they are so helpful to read, so many of the writers and local workers I have been privileged to meet; it is almost like meeting and talking with them. Oh, if every league in the state would report each month, then we could work hand in hand; then to read our Gem would be like a visit over the state.

We are setting forth an effort to get a report from every young people's organization in our churches of the state, for there is a number of them that we do not know of. This is our plan: We would like for each Ass'n clerk, if they can, to send me the

name of the name of each church and its location, names of officers, number of members of each league in your association; if you can't furnish it, ask them to write or send me their address and I will write them.

Where there is no Association organized, but you have an organization, whether it is a Free Will Baptist league or not, please write me, giving the name of the church and its location, name of organization, officers, and number of members.

If any one in the state knows of an organization that you think has not reported, please write me, so I can get in touch with them so we can get a record of each one.

Hoping and praying that we can have the support of each brother and sister over the state so we can give a complete report next fall at our State meeting. May God bless every one in our efforts to advance His cause.
Eld. Wm. Reeves, R4, Farmington, Mo.

REPORT OF MACEDONIA LEAGUE Ruth Davis, Reporter

We are glad to report that all of our league members are at work, at the beginning of the new year.

New officers were elected at the first of the month. Every one took their places willingly, and we are thankful for it. Our officers are:
President Oleta Davis
Vice President Ruth Childress
Secretary Pauline Henderson
Group Captain No. 1..... Ruth Davis
Group Captain-No. 2.. Ruth Childress
Quiz Leader No. 1..... Rena Davis
Quiz Leader No. 2..... Ruby Davis

We have not taken in any new members lately.

Only two of our members attended the League Rally at Blue Eye, but several more of us had planned to go. A good program was reported.

Group No. 1 won the contest this month. We were entertained by Group No. 2. Peaches and cake were served.

We hope that, not only our league, but others, might do more this year than we did last year.

REPORT OF MONETT LEAGUE Mae Phillips, Reporter

We wish to report that our league is progressing and our membership is increasing, for which we thank God.

Our league enjoyed a watch party at the New Year. As it neared the midnight hour, we engaged in songs, Scripture reading of verses of promise, and prayer. We welcomed the New Year by bowing to our God in prayer. At the close, we had a real peppy testimony service.

On January 6th, we elected our officers for the year:
President Bill Gregory
Sec'y-Treas., Elsie Keeton
Reporter Mae Phillips
Quiz Leaders, Pearl Allred and Helen Gregory
Group Captains Marguerite Metcalf and Mae Phillips
Intermediate Sponsor .. Myrtle Alyea
Junior Sponsor Emma Mayhue
We thank God for our league and

its influence in our lives. We enjoy the reports of other leagues.

Pray for us, that we may lay all on the altar for God and His cause.

REPORT OF AURORA LEAGUE By Albertus Riddle, Sec'y-Treas.

On December 30, 1935, we elected new officers, as follows:

President Hildred Apple
Vice President June Hamby
Sec'y-Treas. Albertus Riddle
Group Captain Mrs. Fulks
Quiz Leader Mrs. Barnes
Chorister Mrs. Burke
Pianist Clarabelle Roberts
Junior Sponsor Lena Hamby

Both Seniors and Juniors are taking great interest in the league work. Every one is ready and willing to take their part.

We, the League, have an appointed place to meet once each week, if possible, for prayer meeting in some home.

Pray for us.

OAK GROVE LEAGUE REPORT By Florence Helsley, Secretary

We are glad to report that our league is still growing. We feel that we can do better in our league work since the revival, which has just closed, which was conducted by our pastor and Bro. Walter George of Springfield. There were eighteen conversions and renewals. We are very glad to report that some of them have joined our league.

We are asking the prayers of God's people, that we may continue to grow in His service.

Our officers for this quarter are:
President Frank Raney
Vice President Delpha Helsley
Sec'y-Treas. Florence Helsley
Senior Sponsor Marie Raney
Junior Sponsor Ruth Smith

NEW HARMONY LEAGUE REPORT By Louise Buchanan, Secretary

Our last election was held Sunday night, October 14th, when the following officers were elected:

President Monte Peterson
Vice President .. Kenneth Newcomer
Sec'y-Treas. Louise Buchanan
Group Captain Louise Buchanan
Quiz Leader Esther Peterson

Sunday night, January 13th, Esther Peterson was elected vice president, because of our former vice president moving away.

Our average attendance is about 20. We are glad to say that our league is growing, even though the roads and weather have been bad.

We ask the prayers of all praying people, that our league will press on and do more this coming year than we have done in the past.

LEADINGTON LEAGUE REPORT Chas. Griford, Reporter

Dear Brother Brown:

Our league, after some discussion about taking our paper, decided to take the "Gem," which is our paper, and elected me to make our regular monthly reports to the paper, that we might be represented in it when we

receive the paper each month. So I will do my best to make reports, hoping to improve as I become more familiar with the work, and reading the reports of others. This report will not be very long, but as I have said, I hope to do better in the future.

The Leadington Free Will Baptist league meets each Sunday evening at six o'clock. The league is progressing steadily according to the size of the community there is to support it. Our secretary has made the report that we are required to send in for the Southeast Missouri League Convention. We have also received the information that we are to receive a blue ribbon for being a one hundred percent league.

The league extends an invitation to any one that can attend our services.

We are hoping to see the paper, also our report in an early issue.

SPECIAL CLUB RATES

Yearly subscriptions to the Gem will be accepted at 40 cents each, provided there are five (5) or more subscribers all to the same postoffice address, or the five or more papers sent to one person. This is especially for leagues, but churches may have the same low rate where five or more members wish to form a club.—The Editor.

NEW HOME CHURCH NOTES

Coweta, Okla., Jan. 7, 1935.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We wish to say to begin with, that we are still in the fight for Jesus and the great cause. As I have said before, we have services at our church every Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, and have certainly been hearing some wonderful sermons. Bro. Willard Day will fill his regular appointment next Saturday night and Sunday, which is the second Sunday in January. Bro. Chas. Thompson has the third Saturday and Sunday, and if it is so Bro. Cecil Lane of Sand Springs can be at the church, he has the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Yesterday being the first Sunday, Bro. H. E. Dixon kept his appointment and there was surely a feasting of souls in every service. God was manifested in great power and there was praying, singing and shouting in the old time way.

We are sorry to report that Bro. Dixon's father passed away two weeks ago, but glad and thankful to know that by his testimony and daily life his friends and children's loss is without a doubt heaven's gain. We should be ready at all times, for we know not the day nor hour when we will be called to spend eternity somewhere.

Just hope and trust that each Gem reader will join with the New Home church and work in unity and love and put forth a stronger effort to do more for the Savior in 1935 than ever before. Let's pray more for one another and live humble and we'll go over the top for Jesus. The report from the fifth Sunday meeting at

from the fifth Sunday meeting at vices and a good time for all. Due to lots of sickness and several farmers having to move in our neighborhood and church, only two from here attended the fifth Sunday meeting.

Again asking each one of you to pray for us, I am,

Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin.

FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, R4.

To the Gem Family:

I will again write a few lines to let you know that I am still on the firing line for God.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year's work, trusting God to enable us to do our best for the cause.

On New Year's Eve, it being my birthday, a crowd of friends gathered in my home and announced that they were giving me a surprise prayer meeting just to start off the New Year rightly. I sure was surprised, but very much pleased to think we could so live that our friends would want to celebrate our birthdays in this manner. Bro. James Miller of Flat River led the service, and needless to say I surely enjoyed it.

Then last Friday evening, January 11th, we again had a wonderful time in a prayer meeting, also in our home. This prayer meeting was given to show Sister Thelma Lewis that the Leadington church appreciated her life and co-operation in working with her husband, Elder Mark Lewis who is pastor of Leadington church. It being her birthday, they also gave her a handkerchief shower.

We had a wonderful prayer meeting and this time Bro. Oda Halbrook led the meeting. People were seen to rejoice, and left at a late hour, declaring that they wanted their birthdays celebrated in this manner.

This impressed me very much, as I thought of the One who was born into the world to redeem us from sin, and how so many celebrate His birthday.

The Leadington church is planning a revival meeting soon and is starting out with cottage prayer meetings to help strengthen the Christians, so that when the meeting starts it will not have to drag along, but the revival will start right off.

The Flat River church is still on fire for God, and so willing to help in any way possible with their services, use of cars, or in any way they can, to help win souls for Christ.

I must bring this to a close, but wanted to pass the thought along of how we can celebrate the day of our birth.

Remember us when you pray.

Elder Wm. Reeves.

WE RECEIVED far more manuscript for the February issue of the Gem than we could possibly crowd into sixteen pages. We thought of enlarging the paper, but the flu came along; so we gave up enlarging the paper, and just decided we must take a lay-off. We hope to be able to enlarge the March issue so as to use all the M. S. Thanks to all you who write—just keep on writing, we want your articles.

OBITUARY

Hill—Viola M. Hill was born at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, March 1, 1872, and departed this life December 29, 1934, at her home in Stella, Missouri, at the age of 62 years, eight months and 28 days.

She was married to Leander A. Dyer on July 16, 1898. To this union were born two children, Mrs. Herman Garner of Stark City, Mo. and Mrs. Bill McPhears-son of Seligman, Missouri.

She leaves also three sisters, Laura Mullins, Powder Springs, Tenn., Dora Chadwick of Bear-den, Tenn., Betty Cleveland of Luttrell, Tenn., five grandchildren, two step daughters and one step son, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She was converted at the age of fourteen at the Warwick Chapel Baptist church in Union county, Tennessee, later moving her mem-ber-ship to the Cross Roads church near Stella, Mo., where she re-mained a faithful member until her departure.

Funeral services were conducted at the Stella Baptist church Sun-day, December 30th by Elder Cecil Campbell.

Burial was made in the Mace-donia cemetery under the direc-tion of the Belka Funeral Home of Wheaton, Missouri.

Johnson—David Wilson John-son was born in Stoddard Co., Missouri, Jan. 31, 1863, and de-parted this life Sept. 13, 1934.

He was the oldest of twelve children.

He was converted at the age of 18 years and united with the Free Will Baptist church of Christ at Cave Springs and lived a conse-crated life.

He was married to Seyntha Duncan in 1883. To this union was born eight children. Georgia preceded him in death.

His first wife died May 29, 1919, and he married Rose Trau April 1, 1920.

He leaves to mourn his depart-ure his wife, seven children, four step-children, two brothers, five sisters and a host of loved ones.

Funeral services were conduc-ted Sept. 14th, at the Presbyte-rian church at Wirth, Ark., by Eld. Harry Beatty. Text, First Thess. 4:14.

Special solo accompanied by organ, by Mrs. Harry Beatty, "Death is Only a Dream."

Contributed by Elder Harry Beatty, Thayer, Missouri.

Whitehead—Abner H. White-head was born April 24, 1920, and departed this life November 11, 1934, at the age of fourteen years, six months and seventeen days. He was preceded in death by father, brother and sister.

He leaves to mourn his depart-ure, his mother, one sister, three brothers and a host of friends.

He accepted Christ in his life November 7, 1934.

Funeral services were conduct-ed at the Mill Creek church, Nov. 12th, by the pastor, Eld. Harry Beatty, assisted by Elders Tom Duncan and John Tally. Text, Matthew 5:8.

Special song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," by school children.

The remains were laid to rest in the Mill Creek cemetery, to sleep the sweetest sleep of the righteous.

Contributed by Elder Harry Beatty, Thayer, Missouri.

Polete—Blanch Estella, daugh-ter of John and Mary Polete, was born in Madison County, Missouri, February 6, 1904, and departed this life at her home in Flat River, Missouri, January 12, 1935, at the age of thirty years, eleven months and six days.

The funeral services were con-ducted on Monday, January 14th, at the Free Will Baptist church, in charge of Elder Jas. F. Miller, pastor, assisted by Rev. A. C. Johnson of Farmington, and form-erly of Flat River, with interment in Parkview cemetery. The Re-bekah order, of which the deceas-ed had been a member, had a part in the services, both at the church and at the cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of C. Z. Boyer of Desloge.

The song service, which was beautifully rendered, was contri-buted by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ram-sey. Bro. Miller stated it was the largest funeral as compared to attendance ever held at the Free Will Baptist church since he has been pastor.

Besides the parents, Blanch is survived by six brothers, Harry, Harley, Charley, Edgar, Wilburn and Prince.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

FAITH

By Elder Kenneth Turner

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

Some one might ask, "What is faith?" Just quote to them for a definition, Heb. 11:1. Faith is a wonderful thing, and just think! we can all have faith. The skept-ic has asked, "How does faith in your God help, or how has any one ever been benefitted by mani-festing faith in Him?" Tell him, or read to him the entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

Faith has been here ever since man was created. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain," and God blessed it. Noah had faith in God, that it would rain, though it never had rained up to that time. Through his faith his house-hold of eight souls were blessed. Just think how our faith can bring blessings to others. The woman at the well, who talked to Christ had faith in Him, and went and told others, of whom many believed and were blessed. Think how Daniel's faith in God saved not only his own life, but all the wise men. He had faith in God and asked Him for vision that would help him to be able to tell King Nebuchadnezzar his dream and its interpretation.

Let's have faith in God, and do as we read of one man who said, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24). We all have a certain degree of faith in a higher power, which is none other than God. Use that degree of faith you have, and ask God for more. The Bible, which is God's Word, says, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22). Granby, Missouri.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?" (John 11:25, 26).

THE NEW KINGDOM*(Continued from page two)*

and the angel said these heads are mountains on which the woman sits, and so it must be true.

Verse 10. "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space." The one that "now is" was Rome, for she was then in her power and glory, and so no doubt was the sixth of the seven kings mentioned. Many think Mussolini is the seventh, and there seems ample room to believe he is, for since the fall of Rome there seems to be no one who has ruled the nation as he has. He gave the Pope a free state of one mile square, and so must be greatest of the two, or he could not put a limit to the size of the state, or limit the ruler of it in his scope of power; this Mussolini has done, and it is his ambition to restore Rome to her place of power she once had, but God will turn this ambition to fulfill His will in the judgment of the great city that sits on the seven mountains which is Rome or Babylon the Great.

Verse 11. "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition." This verse is plain, as all seven of these kings were in political power, and the beast is to be the greatest of all these in power, inasmuch as he is to rule the entire world, and will sit in the Temple of God as God. This beast king will have in him all the power the Devil can put into one so brought up out of the pit, who was here, and still exists in a spirit form, and is coming back to go alive into the lake of fire. It seems that his power is almost unlimited until he matches strength with the Son of God as He comes back to take the throne of David, who at this time takes the beast captive and destroys his army with the sword of His mouth.

Verse 12. "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet: but receive power as kings one hour with the beast." A league of nations is forming, but will never reach a place of reality until the man of sin sits upon the throne of his kingdom, and then he will place the ten kings in power, and they will give their strength to the beast and will hate the woman and so the ambition of the great leader of the black movement will be turned into judgment against the woman in scarlet, the city on the seven mountains.

Verse 13. "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

Verse 14. "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." This conflict will be more fully described in the next article, "The Battle of Armageddon."

Verse 15. "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the woman sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

Verse 16. "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." This is the beast that Daniel saw given to the burning flame, and the horn that spake the great words is the Antichrist

or beast of Revelation, who has the ten horns (Dan. 7:11). Both Daniel and John saw the reign of Antichrist, and the destruction of the woman, or the city on seven mountains, Rome, Babylon the Great.

Verse 17. "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."

Verse 18. "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Rome has given and ruled over many of the kings of the earth, that is, they have obeyed the doctrines of the woman, and have been partakers of her golden cup of abominations. How sad it is that so many still practice so much of her teachings until this day, and I fear will share her judgment.

THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF APOSTASY*By Elder T. H. Dixon of Hitchita, Oklahoma*

I object to the doctrine of the Impossibility of Apostasy for the following reasons:

1. It prevents Christians from praying for themselves and for others. If you cannot apostatize, why pray?

2. It gives the young converts a chance to violate God's law, and risk that doctrine taking care of them. They reason thus within themselves: If we are sheep now, we will be sheep when we get to the market, whether we do good or evil. This thought in mind, they will not turn from the pleasures of the world, thinking that it is impossible to be lost after once being saved.

3. We hear men say God will not let the backsliders die while they are in a backslidden condition. If that be true, let's all backslide and live for ever.

God's Book says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). Those who teach the impossibility of apostasy, say you shall not die. Note the difference between men and the Bible.

4. I object to the doctrine of the Impossibility, because it destroys the free moral agency of man. If a man cannot do what he chooses to do, he certainly is not a free agent. The very idea of God saving a man, and the man committing crimes. What would you think of God saving a man and then that man, because he is saved, commit sins as he chooses, and getting by with it? And on the other hand, a sinner who never was saved keeps on living in sin. Both men die, one lost, the other saved, both have committed crime, both have sinned. The reader can see how inconsistent the doctrine of the impossibility is. That doctrine saved one man in sin, and teaches the damnation of the other, who had not done as much as the saved man. Because the once saved man had turned back, he had forfeited his birthright.

5. If a man is born of God and cannot forfeit his birthright, it means he cannot sin. If he sins, he will sure have to repent or he will be lost; sin cannot enter Heaven.

The Impossibility makes man a machine, and not a free agent. Therefore, if man is a machine, and not a free agent, it makes God responsible for his deeds in this life.

7. The Impossibility destroys the warnings of

the Bible. The Bible says, "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God" (Heb. 3:12). If you cannot depart, why take heed?

8. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12). If a man could not fall, why take heed?

9. I object to the doctrine of the Impossibility of Apostasy because it is the doctrine of the Devil, taught in Gen. 3:4, "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die." Men are saying the same thing today. We can find the origin of this doctrine by reading Gen. 3:4. Many good people believe the doctrine of the impossibility of apostasy because their teachers have taught them that it is Bible truth. I believe some of their preachers believe the doctrine of once in grace, always in grace, because they themselves have been taught by older preachers. It is possible to believe a lie and be damned.

10. Some of our friends say that those once converted, and backslide, never were saved; and if they fall away they had nothing to fall from. That will not do. Think of a boy falling from a tree and no tree to fall from.

In 1 Tim. 4:1, 2, we read, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." It would be impossible to depart from the faith if they had no faith to depart from.

11. I object to the impossibility of apostasy, because it upholds crime. If a man cannot fall from grace or be lost after once saved, he will not likely fear to commit crime: he can do it, and say, "My soul will be saved, though my body sin." Oh, how dangerous that doctrine is to the young converts. Why not tell them to heed the warning of the Bible, and to depend on nothing but fearing God and keeping his commandments? This will keep their souls in a saved condition.

12. I object to the doctrine of the Impossibility, because there is no condition of salvation in that doctrine; not one thing does it promise us after we are saved to get us to heaven.

I read in the good Book where it says, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city."

Yes, "He that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13). Well, what if we fail to endure to the end? If we fail to endure to the end we shall be lost.

Now please go with me to the 10th chapter of 1 Corinthians, verse 6, 7, 8. Here we find some men who had been eating of Christ and drinking of Christ. Those men committed fornication and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Then men, even preachers, tell you men cannot fall. This is that part of the doctrine that John Calvin taught, that has damned, no doubt, many poor souls.

Let me say to you, my dear friends, the ministers that tell our boys and girls that they must conduct their lives in a Christ-like way, if they ever walk the golden streets of the city of God, are the ones to hear.

We hear men say, "The Lord is married to the backslider, and he will not break the wedlock." I wonder why these men don't read Jer. 3:8, where God divorced these men that had committed crime. Who did those men belong to after they were divorced?

Some will say, "If a man is born of God, he is God's son and God is his Father, and he will always be his son, because he gets it in the birthright." Let's think what made him God's son. He repented of his sins, did he not? He was a son of the devil, but he now becomes a child of God by faith. Now, after he has denied the faith and has turned back to the world, he has forfeited his birthright; and then whose child is he? Jesus said to the Jews, "Ye are of your father the devil." Being born of God is a state of condition.

If the readers of the Gem desire to read the references, they are given here for you:

References: Ezek. 18:24; Jer. 3:8; Matt. 12:31; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; 6:3-6; Exo. 32:33; Rev. 3:2, 15, 16; 1 John 5:16; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 8:1-12; 2 Peter 2:4, 17-22; Heb. 4:11; Jude 6, 7, 17-22; St. John 15:1-7.

Many other references could be given, but please read these references.—T. H. D.

NOT A FREE WILL BAPTIST

By Elder Noel Turner

I heard a preacher last week say, "Jesus has gone to prepare a mansion for us." He also said, "If we are not ready to meet Jesus, and fit for that mansion, we will be turned away where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." I'm not doubting that all this is true, but this minister gave it as a quotation from the Bible. Now I admit that there is much in the Bible that I do not know; I know only a small part of it; so I can't always say, when I hear something I don't remember, "That is not in the Bible." If the above quotation is in the Bible as given, then I've overlooked it. Jesus may be preparing a mansion for us, but I don't remember ever reading in the Bible where He said so.

I don't think these things will count for so much, if we live up to the weightier things of the Scripture. But I heard another preacher, a college graduate, in speaking on repentance, say, "It takes more than just weeping, more than just sorrow, and more than just fear to constitute true repentance." As I sat in the audience and listened to the D. D. minister, I thought, "How true!" He went on to say that something must take place up here in the mind, (and tapped himself on the head). I agreed with all that, but he stopped as if that was as far as it went. That was a real good start, but he stopped just before the main thing happens. He said it was all in the mind. Probably all he has is in his head, but when I came to repentance, I was sorry for sin, I wept, and made up my mind I'd stop the sin business and live for Jesus; then, and not until then, was I in a condition to receive Jesus into my heart where the real change takes place with every truly regenerated person.

Well, when we know the things connected with all such teaching, we can't expect much else. At

the close of that service, the preacher asked every one to be seated. After we were dismissed, all the lights were turned out, and there on the wall, where a white cloth was hanging, appeared the likeness of the young man who just a few minutes before had stood before us leading the singing: it lingered a moment, then vanished, and in its place appeared the likeness of the pastor, then others whom I recognized, and some I didn't.

Well, they tell me such things happen, but now I can say I know such things are true—they mix picture shows with the church. Not only were there pictures of the local people shown, but fairy stories were shown to entertain the children, but I think the old folks were attracted too.

This was, I suppose, what is called Modernism; I know a part of the service I attended was formalism. There were other things, too, that make me glad I am a Free Will Baptist, for in this Free Will Baptist denomination we are free to preach the OLD TIME RELIGION; and I pray it may ever be so!

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