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Jesus An Expression of God

By Eld. Winford Davis

Our God is a great God, and has been in business for quite a while.

For us, as puny men, to try to determine how long God has been in the creating business, or for us to say that this present creation is the only one God has ever had, is but to display our shallowness of thought. Some folks are alarmed at the mention of this earth being more than 6,000 years old; but in my mind it is possible, even very probable, that it may be perhaps billions of years old.

It is true that this present order of things, as God arranged them during the six days' work of 24 hours each, is practically 6,000 years old, the creation of man, etc. But the earth was in existence, no telling how long, before God said, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3). There is room to allow for just as much time as one might

conceive of between the first and second verses of Genesis 1, and also between the second and third verses. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth;" but who knows when that beginning was?

This gives plenty of allowance for many of the things science has found hidden away in the heart of the earth, which, beyond a doubt, are more than 6,000 years old. *True science* and a *true interpretation* of God's Word never conflict. However much of men's philosophy, which is classified as science, and is false, does conflict with the truth of God's Word. The Apostle Paul told Timothy to "avoid oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Tim. 16:20).

You see there are just three (3) creative acts mentioned in Genesis 1: that is of the heavens and the earth, living creatures, and man. The other things of the six days work were a

re-arrangement of, and a bringing forth from things already created.

Now let's get more directly to our subject. God has always taken great pleasure in expressing Himself to His created beings, the sons of God, angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim, principalities and powers who were in existence, no doubt long before the world was formed. We may meet a stranger, but we do not know what is within him or what he can do, until

we see him make a display of himself. So with these heavenly things, they knew their Creator only as He expressed Himself to them. Job 38:4-7 reveals the interest of these sons of God in the creation of the world. The Lord asked Job the following questions: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid

the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the cornerstone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

Great blazing suns, shooting comets, and millions of stars, all differing from each other in glory! How these sons of God must have stood in awe as countless universes came into being from the omnipotent hand of their Creator! He expressed Himself in power, wonderful power, but there were many qualities yet in the great Godhead to be made known. So, as eternity rolls on, no doubt many things took place, and among them the kingdom of beautiful Lucifer came to nought. He struck at God's throne, and of course failed, and was cast down (Isa. 14). Then the earth

was changed to a chaotic condition, without form and void; darkness was upon the face of the deep. In my mind, when God first created the earth, it was beautiful and perfect. I cannot conceive of God creating the earth in a void, dark condition. God never does a half job at anything. But Satan's sin has caused something terrible to happen on our planet. Now watch God get to Himself glory out of all this, because He is certainly an expert at bringing cosmos out of chaos, and getting glory out of what seems to be most terrible. He says, "I will rearrange the earth, I will make it beautiful again, and I will create a new order of beings, and call them man." I used to wonder why God created man, knowing as He did, that man would sin against Him. But it is clear enough. It gave God an opportunity to express His wonderful love. He had expressed His omnipotence to the heavenly host, but in redeeming man He expressed His omniscience, His inner qualities, His real nature. The greatest love known among men is the laying down of life for a friend; but God showed greater love in that He died for His enemies: "He commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

I like to think of God as He has been expressing to us in and through Jesus. We are privileged to have so much more wonderful conception of God than our forefathers could possibly have who lived under the law, and before the law. They looked at God, no doubt, as did the heavenly host in the ages past as a God of power, wrath, and judgment only.

You will remember that Moses said, "So terrible was the sight of God on the mount that I exceedingly fear and quake" (Heb. 12:21). They had never thought of God as taking little children into His arms and blessing them, weeping over the death of a loved one, healing sickness and disease, etc., etc. God has so beautifully and wonderfully expressed Him-

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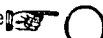
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THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Takes pleasure in announcing the opening of school, according to present plans, in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, September 23, 1936.

According to plans the school will begin in the Sunday School Annex of Cofers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Courses in Bible, Homiletics, Theology, Literature and Arts, and Music will be offered.

Cost of school, outline of courses, and such information as the director can offer will be given, by addressing your communication to T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.

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Blakely, Ga. will be the address of the director until further notice.

Moody Bible Institute, 153 Institute Place

Chicago, Ill., June 26, 1936.

We are asking God's people to pray for a meeting to be held in Kenosha, Wisconsin, beginning some time the first part of the month of July. Eld. Noel Turner will probably be the evangelist. We have been holding services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Faris, but the Lord has answered our prayers and we now have a store building.

I would like for those who know Free Will Baptist living in or near Chicago to write to me.

Pray that souls may be saved and Christ exalted.

—MONTE PETERSON.

MOMENTOUS DAYS

By J. Danson Smith, Edinburgh, Scotland

Momentous days are on us! Our eyes may soon behold A mighty clash of nations, which prophets have foretold: A clashing and a cleaving of unmatched magnitude, Wrought by some super being with evil power endued.

Momentous! Yes, momentous! But shall we be afraid? The mighty conflict cometh, yet may our hearts be stayed: The Lord from glory cometh—His coming draweth nigh; Earth's most colossal conflict we'll see—yet from on high.

The nations all are arming! The worst is yet to be. For Armageddon cometh not far from Galilee; But brothers, Christian brothers, fear not of being there; Before that awful carnage—Christ cometh to the air.

The days of tribulation are truly near at hand; "Perplexity of nations" e'en now invades each land; Yet not for woes and terrors, and earth's onrushing might Look we for, but the morning of cloudless glory bright.

—Selected from *Moody Monthly*.

"What Meaneth These Things?"

By B. F. Brown, Editor

This question, "What Meaneth These Things?" has come to my mind many times recently. As I see how people are striving and paying so dearly for the things that perish, I often say to myself, "What does it mean?" The great depression, the hunger, the want, the perplexity of the people, and the means they resort to for relief, all make thoughtful people ask, "What do these things mean?" A great deal is heard over the radio, of religious programs, sermons, etc., but very little of it is vitally worth while; what does it mean? The two great political parties have had their conventions, nominated their candidates, written their platforms, and are launching their campaigns, with much propaganda, hoping for victory next November. The unrestrained noise, the confusion, the unbecoming conduct, and the ungodly things sanctioned or put forth, especially at the Philadelphia Convention, are all quite evident to those who have read the daily papers or listened over the radio. To people who have fallen low enough to do such things and support them, they perhaps seem good and wholesome; but to others they seem evil, even shocking, and make the future look dark and forbidding. If the present administration continues in power, we will soon be under a dictator like they are in Russia, Germany, Italy and other nations—we are now headed for a condition of slavery like they have in Russia, with all rights and privileges taken away.

The people of earth are all human, and always have been human; and among them God has always had a few, a remnant, obedient unto Him. There is a remnant of God fearing people on earth now, perhaps many thousands of them; but a very small number when compared to the whole population of earth, about 2,000,000,000 people in all. God has provided for the salvation of all who will come to Him: only a few have come, but they are precious in His sight—they are the salt of the earth, without them the earth would soon perish.

Just as men now reject the wisdom of God and live and do after their own wisdom, so it has always been;

and as men go their own way after their own wisdom, it always brings sin, trouble, and death: for this separates from God.

Now let us consider briefly some things in the life of Saul, first king of Israel (1 Sam. 15). God plainly commanded Saul to go against the Amalekites, "and utterly destroy all that they have." Saul went and destroyed the Amalekites, "But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and the oxen . . . all that was good." Then when Samuel was sent to him, he played the hypocrite, and said to Samuel, "Blessed be



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thou of the Lord. I have performed the commandment of the Lord. And Samuel said, "What meaneth then the bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Oh, the multitudes in the churches of today, who would have it appear that they are performing the commandments of the Lord, but fail to realize how the things they are heaping to themselves are heaping to themselves cry out against them. Yes, there are multitudes of professed Christians whom even the world condemns for their worldliness. This falling away is becoming more and more noticeable, does it mean the falling away Paul speaks of in 2 Thess., 2nd chapter, and that the coming of the Lord is near at hand?

We quote the following from the Moody Monthly:

"NEXT FALL MAY BE TOO LATE!"

In the welter of a world gone mad, of nation rising against nation, of the terror that stalks in the night, of the arrow that flieth by day, of pestilence, of destruction, is there not a warning in the stark realism of these few sentences taken from a letter recently sent us:

"I was going to send the money this fall; but the Lord said, Send it now; next fall may be too late. Wouldn't it be wonderful if He came this Feast of the Trumpets, the ingathering of the Harvest! God does all things in order."

When the prodigal son came to himself as he fed the swine, he returned

to his father who received him, put on him the best robe, put a ring on his finger, and shoes on his feet, and killed for him the fatted calf, then they did eat and began to be merry. So when the elder son came from the field and heard the sounds of feasting, "he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant" (Luke 15:26). When he knew what it meant, "he was angry, and would not go in." When the younger (prodigal) son left the hog pen, he left all the hogs and the pigs there; but the trouble with too many present day converts, they try to keep the pigs, and soon you can't hear anything but squealing pigs. Too many profess to be Christians, and keep tying their horses to the same old hitching post—they fail to become new creatures in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). Surely the conditions the prophets have foretold for the end time of the church are here.

The supporters of the New Deal tell us that the depression is over, that prosperity is practically restored, that the millions of unemployed we had four years ago are all employed now; but there are 50% more unemployed now than four years ago, and far more people on relief now than four years ago. The public debt has increased \$14,000,000,000.00 in less than four years, the total public debt is now about \$34,000,000,000.00 and increasing at the rate of about 5 billion dollars per year; what do these conditions mean? I am not thinking of politics, but of what these conditions mean when we consider the general welfare of the people, not only of U. S., but of the whole world; and these are among the conditions that will call loudly for a dictator by and by.

This is a pleasure loving age; high values are given to the lower, baser things, and low values given to the higher, better things of life—about 100 go to the show, while not more than 10 go to church. In the little town of Purdy, about 160 to 200 attend the three Sunday schools on Sunday; but from 400 to 600 attend the medicine show that has been here a week or more, and many go every night.

If it is true that Christianity is the ballast that keeps this old world from going to sudden destruction; then, when Christianity is not strong enough to turn back the waves of crime and wickedness, what must be the fate of the world?

This is not all we wish to say on this subject, but space is limited, so we'll have more to say next month.

LA MESA, NEW MEX., June 12

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

As I am renewing my subscription, thought I would write a few lines to let you good people know that we are still pressing the battle in Jesus' name.

We had a ten day meeting at the Christmas time. The interest was great, but no one surrendered to the Lord. One drunkard made a vow to his family that he would never drink any more; and he has kept his vow so far. People were hungering after the Word and righteousness, and a few came out to hear. We have a form of godliness, but deny the power. A few of us meet every Sunday and really worship. We use Free Will Baptist literature, but have a union Sunday school, only two Free Will Baptist here, but there are children of God of other denominations that come. We hold our services in a Protestant Mexican church; as we were turned out of the school house. We are planning to build a church in the near future, a union church for all denominations to worship in. We do not have preaching now as our preacher moved too far away. He is A. F. Pierce, and is a man of God.

We need your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Verna G. Edson.

VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

REPORT OF FIFTH SUNDAY CON.

The Zion Hope No. 2 Association convened in regular conference with Kinner Chapel church, three miles northwest of Rudy, Ark., on Friday night, May 29, 1936.

Eld. Steve Smith called the house to order at 7:45 p. m.

An exceptionally good song service was enjoyed by all.

Prayer by Eld. Ben Pixley.

Bro. Jeff Atwell led the devotional service in which many good testimonies were given.

Preaching by Elders Steve Smith and E. W. Simpkins. Text, Lk. 5:5.

Eld. Ben Pixley elected Moderator.

Eld. Steve Smith elected Ass't Mod.

Eld. Ray Purdom elected Clerk.

Conference opened Saturday at 8:00 a. m. with singing, Scripture reading, 1 Thess. 5 by Moderator, and prayer by Eld. T. E. Conyear.

Rules of Order read from chair.

Received letters from the following churches: First F. W. B. Church of Ft. Smith, Christian Union, Kinner Chapel, Catcher, New Harmony, and

Mountainburg. And three, Pleasant Hill, No. 81, and Lone Elm, reported by statement.

Committees made good reports

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Bro. Archie Peters and Eld. Charles Graham. Text, 1 Cor. 6:17.

Discussions in afternoon.

Preaching at 8:00 p. m. by Elders Ben Pixley and T. J. Robertson

About 60 partook of Communion and feet washing.

Our next fifth Sunday conference goes to First Church in Fort Smith, Elders T. J. Robertson and E. W. Simpkins to preach the introductory sermon.

—Eld. Lloyd Weese.

MIDWAY, TEXAS

Report of Revivals in N. C.

We missed getting our report off last month; so you will get the report of three in this paper.

After we left Bro. Morris' church we conducted a revival for Bro. Miller the Assembly of God pastor. We had a glorious revival, with over 50 souls saved.

We then went to Belhaven to work with Bro. Hyman, one of our splendid young preachers. On reaching Belhaven, we found that all the pastors had planned a union meeting to run a week; so we preached a week, then lined up with the union move. Then we went back and preached another week. We had only eight converted and reclaimed. The Baptist began their revival the night we closed. So we didn't have a chance, but the church was revived, and still wants a meeting. We feel that Bro. Hyman is a real man of God, and will be one among our strongest preachers in the future. We thank God for these noble young men that God is calling out.

We closed out on Sunday night and went to Stacy, N. C. and started in another meeting on Monday night, with one of Brother J. W. Alford's churches. Some of these dear people we had met before, and oh, how we did enjoy working with them! We took different ones each day and went out and did personal work—every home was visited, and people prayed with; and this was a wonderful help. We were there only two weeks. Bro. Alford came the last week and was a great help in the meeting. It was the first time we ever had the privilege of working with him, and we want to say we found Bro. Alford a sweet spirited servant of God to work with. We had just reached the place where souls were feeling the convicting hand

of God. We had six in the altar the last night, and all were saved. We had nine saved in all, six additions to the church and six for baptism.

We then said good by and left to attend the Eastern Association held at Glennville, Ga. We had a wonderful conference. I left last night, and at this writing I am in Montgomery, Ala. waiting for my train to Texas.

We want to go back and say that we visited our good Davis people one Sunday afternoon, and the other Sunday afternoon we visited the Sealevel folks. It was a great joy to meet them all again. We received two renewals for the Gem, and at Davis we rec'd for Paul and Barnabas \$3.40

At Stacy	2.10
At Sealevel	2.90
From Bro. Alford	2.00

God bless the Gem family.

I will be at home a week with my husband, then we will go to Fort Worth for our next meeting.

Lizzie McAdams.

THAYER, MO., June 2, 1936

Dear Members of the Household of Faith: "The joy of the Lord is our strength" now just as when Nehemiah said to those who "had a mind to work" so long ago, and, as then, I believe the "wall of spiritual protection will be finished by the same kind of folks.

Cave Spring Fifth Sunday Meeting met with Dial's Creek (Ark.) church, near Myrtle, Mo. Scripture lesson 1 Kings 8:23, 35-45, and prayer by Elder Claude Bryan.

Eld. T. J. Dunkin was elected moderator pro tem, and appointed Bros. S. P. Scott, Robert Traw and Jeffie Hall as pulpit committee.

Fifteen churches reported reasonable progress, and volunteers offered to help the two or three weak ones to freshen up.

At eleven o'clock Elders Nath Combs and Elzie Simpson gave moving messages on faith, prayer and work as exemplified in Acts 12. Each one of us knows our relation to the Lord and it behooves us to redeem the time now. If we cannot lead, as Moses, we can as Aaron and Hur, hold up the hands of our leaders so that victory will surely come to God's people. Brothers N. Combs, T. J. Dunkin and J. R. W. Harbison have been leaders here for 45 years, and are still going. There is joy and strength in going on in His name.

Cane Hill, near Thayer, was selected as next place of meeting

Bro. Cecil Romberger of Bluff Spring church was ordained as deacon Elders Dunkin, Harbison and Beatty, the ordainig committee.

At night Elders Press, Stogsdill and Jess Rolen gave stirring messages on Luke 15:8, Hunting for the Lost *Until we Find Them.* Several came desiring prayer for their salvation.

On account of Memorial services, many returned home Saturday evening, and Sunday morning an earnest prayer and testimony service was held.

Elder Williams, a General Baptist, gave us a vivid message on "Doing Religion," neighborly acts to any one we can reach as we go about our daily tasks.

A splendid dinner was followed by Brothers Stogsdill and Williams on "Hungering and Thirsting After Righteousness," and the unfailing certainty of being filled.

Best of all, three young women professed salvation, and we returned home rejoicing in a Savior's love and a fuller realization that He really *has* and will gloriously exercise the *all* power for each one of us unless we block the way against His grace.

—Ralph T. Hoyt.

GREENTOP, MO., June 7, 1936.

Dear Brother Brown:

I am enclosing \$1.00 for two subscriptions to the Gem.

We enjoyed Bro. Willey's visit to this Association in the interest of Foreign missions.

At our Mission and League rally, we took an offering and pledges to the amount of \$117.50, besides the churches made pledges and cash offerings before and even after this fifth Sunday rally. We feel that our people will get back of Foreign missions even more after we have a mission field.

I think we should have a field man to push the Educational program as Bro. Willey has Foreign missions, then we would soon have a school for our young ministers and missionaries.

We wonder whether any one from Missouri will get to attend the Eastern Association next week.

Yours in His service,

C. M. Dauber.

GREENTOP, MO., June 7, 1936.

Rev. Willey Visits N. E. Missouri

Rev Willey came to Northeast Mo. on schedule time, May 22nd, and in spite of being tired and worn out,

he gave a wonderful message to a large audience of people who had come to hear "Our Missionary" tell of his experiences in South America and feast their souls on the manna which God gave in the soul-stirring, heart-searching message of the evening.

Skeptics, doubters, and those opposed to Foreign missions were convinced of the reality and the necessity of carrying the Gospel message to those who sit in darkness, when they heard Bro. Willey explain God's commission, "Go ye into the world," and tell of the conditions in South America.

Not only did these people go to one service, but they were so eager to hear and see more, that they drove several miles to hear, again and again, the Gospel message, and to learn more of the missionary program.

Sometimes the church houses were not only crowded, but were packed and jammed, with many standing outside the windows, listening to the message and looking at the wonderful set of pictures used to help explain the conditions in tropics, and the habits of the natives

We were fortunate in having Bro. Willey with us at our fifth Sunday Mission and League rally on May 31, where he delivered a wonderful message from the text taken from chapter 13 of the Acts. Subject, "Three Ways to be a Missionary, namely: Going, Praying and Paying." God was surely in the service; because tears were shed, hearts were touched, souls were stirred, and pocketbooks were opened. Everyone seemed to be anxious to have a part in sending the Gospel to the Indians in South America, not only by praying, but also in paying. Pledges and cash as the result of this service were \$117.70.

Our people were delighted to find Bro. Willey an old fashioned Christian, Spirit-filled, God-fearing man, who has born again experience, with a heart full of love for God and man, and his whole life on the altar for God.

Bro Willey, when you have left the U. S. A. with wife, babies and earthly possessions, remember you have the prayers of this people, and He to Whom we pray is able to keep you, direct you and bring you safely home to us again.

Eld. Noel Turner.

NEW EDINBURG, ARKANSAS

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Family:

As I haven't reported from Old Macedonia in quite a while, I will

now try, by the help of my blessed Lord, to do so.

I'll say first, that I'm truly thankful to my loving Savior for having redeemed my soul, and until this good hour these few lines leave me still on praying and pleading terms with my Christ. Each day I receive a few spiritual crumbs which fall from the Master's table, that assure me I'm being forwarded on in divine life.

Now for the report We've kept our prayer meeting and Sunday school going on, and Bro. J. E. White, our beloved young pastor, has only missed two appointments, and during this time we have had old Bro. Hartley, Bro. Ashcraft and Bro. W. M. Guinn preaching for us. And the fifth Sunday meeting in March convened with us. Combined with an all day singing on Sunday, it was truly good for us to be there and feast upon the good Gospel songs.

This brings us on till June 20th, when our pastor, with his good wife and children came to his regular appointment, Bro. White having worked at a saw mill until six o'clock, then drove the ten miles up here, said he didn't feel like preaching, but dear brothers and sisters in Christ, don't you think that he didn't preach. With old Bro. Hartley in the midst for a brace, he really brought us a soul-stirring message, having for his subject, "Preparation," and using for his text, Matt. 25:6, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh: go ye out to meet him."

And Sunday at eleven he preached to the church, using for his text, where Paul was instructing Timothy (1 Tim. 3:15), then the qualifications and duty of the bishops and deacons, and with such a sermon laid on our hearts, we had a hand shake, covenanting with our God and our pastor, and with each other, to pray for our brothers and sisters to abound from breast to breast, that we may be ready for the revival meeting which is to begin the fourth Sunday in Aug.; and I am asking all that know the worth of prayer to pray to this end.

Well, thank the Lord, we saved the best for the last—the Communion service for Sunday night. Old Bro. Hartley very ably told us how and when the Lord instituted the Lord's Supper. Then Bro. White used the 13th chapter of John to teach us the humblest example for us to practice till our Lord comes again. After giving thanks and asking God to bless, we took the bread, then the wine also.

And 30 took part in the feet washing. I don't know why I enjoy these services as I do, but I believe the humbler we are to our Lord and with our brothers and sisters, the more we enjoy our salvation, and if I had a preference as to when our Lord should come, I'd rather He would come during these services.

I'll close by asking the Gem family to pray for me and mine.

A sister in Christ,

Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

NON, OKLAHOMA

Dear Readers of the Gem:

The new Free Will Baptist church at Non was completed in February. The first sermon was preached in it the third Saturday night in February by our pastor, Rev. M. M. McKee.

The dedication service was held on the third Sunday in April, Rev. I. W. Yandell delivering the sermon to a congregation estimated at 700 people.

On the third Sunday in June we sponsored an Old Folk's Day. The house was filled to capacity that day. One old lady who belongs to the church was present, and is 93 years old. We have another old lady who is 91, and about 20 people that were above 70 years old were present.

We spent the day by the pastor preaching to us in the forenoon, and we sang to them in the afternoon. The service began at 10:00 a. m. by singing old songs.

We have set aside the third Sunday in April as Old People's Day at the church, as an annual affair.

We are planning on entertaining the Oklahoma State Association here, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1936. We are expecting a grand time.

Rev. M. M. McKee was called to pastor the church for the sixth year.

Yours for the Master,

Frank Purser, Ch. Clerk.

News From East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church Nashville, Tennessee

By Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier
(Overlooked last month)

We have been silent for some time, but by no means idle. Our church has a new pastor, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, and we are proud of, and pleased with what he is doing to build up our church. He is a young man with plenty of talent and ability, and personally sympathizes with each member of his flock in their individual troubles and difficulties and thus

wins the hearts of all. He is energetic, constructive, and fully alive to his duties and responsibilities as a pastor, and seems to know how to overcome some of the obstacles that have stood in our way for some time. Our church life and activities have been moving along with fine spirit and feeling since his coming, and we ought to and do congratulate ourselves and thank the Lord for thus blessing us. May this year open up a new era for us and for all. Our services continue as formerly and with good attendance—the largest since we have been in our building.

We also have a new Sunday School Superintendent this year, H. E. Simpson, one of our fine young men. Our Sunday school under his capable leadership, is maintaining ten classes all in good working order. Our prayer meeting attendance, since Bro. Blackwelder's arrival, has been the largest in the history of the church, and our services are always spiritual, helpful and inspiring.

We are meeting Easter Sunday to reorganize our League under the leadership of John Oliver. May God revive our young people and awaken greater spirituality in all of us.

Our much loved President, Mrs. J. B. Smith, is leading our Women's Auxiliary into many activities. She is the type of leader that says, "Come on, follow me," and by so doing our Society is aiming for the Banner which our District Convention awards the 100% Society. On Thursday night our Society began a stewardship study class with 40 enrolled. For the first time we are favored with the attendance of the male members of our congregation, and for this we are praising the Lord. He still answers prayers.

With the various departments of our church so active, our pastor, whose heart is aflame for Christ, and the extension of His Kingdom, is assured of co-operation in his untiring efforts to advance the cause of the Master. We are much encouraged and believe that under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and with Bro. Blackwelder as our leader, East Nashville church is going to make great progress in her planning and praying for a great revival, which is to begin, if it is the Lord's will, in our church May 3, 1936.

Pray for us at East Nashville, Tenn.

BRYAN, TEXAS, R3

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Family:
Just a few words to let you know

that I am still on the firing line as much as possible. Since I lost my health, I haven't been able to do so much, but have done what I could; I sat down and preached several times. But my health is getting better, thank the Lord, and I will begin our meeting at Dott, Texas the third Sunday in July. As I am pastor, Rev. C. J. Turrentine is to help me in the meeting, and I will go from Dott to Colorado, Texas for a meeting there. I think I will come to Missouri late in the summer and hold some meetings there, as that is my home state, where I was born and raised. So, if any of you want me for a meeting, the people around Alton and Myrtle, Mo. can tell you about me.

May God bless all is my prayer. Pray for me and for my sweet mother at Myrtle, Mo.

I am for the Bible and for the right, if people do fight me for my hard preaching against ungodliness among church members—"If God be God, serve Him."

Rev. E. J. Vaughn, %W. S. Kiefer.

KENEFICK, OKLA.

Dear Brother Brown:

I wish to report our Quarterly Meeting which convened with Oak Grove church, six miles west of Kenefick, Okla., on Twelve Mile Prairie, which was a wonderful success.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the moderator, Eld. J. W. Fulce. Scripture lesson John 14:1-3, with other Scriptures. Subject, "The Holy City."

Saturday morning, committees were appointed and business transacted.

Divine Service committee chose Bro. Umstid to bring the 11 o'clock message.

Saturday night Bro. P. H. Coffman brought a fine message. Subject, "The Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3).

After the service we ordained two deacons, Bro. Fite and Bro. Jones of Oak Grove church. Council: Elders J. W. Fulce, P. H. Coffman, and A. A. Williams.

Sunday morning, at 11:00 o'clock, the message was brought by Eld. A. A. Williams. He brought a fine message to both saint and sinner, and the power of the Lord was felt, and we had that old fashioned hand shake, and the people shouted and praised the Lord, then we were dismissed by the moderator until afternoon.

Dinner was spread, and everybody seemed to enjoy the nice spread. The Oak Grove people sure know how to make you feel at home.

We came together by singing at about 1:30 p. m. Bro. Will Young brought us a fine message on "Sanctification of the Spirit." Dismissed till Sunday night.

Sunday night the message was delivered by Eld. J. W. Fulce. Scripture lesson Heb. 12:1-2. He brought a message that will be long remembered by all that were present. Some said it was Strong meat, and people praised God and rejoiced.

J. W. Fulce, Moderator,
Pearl Fite, Clerk.

TORNADO, W. VA., June 8th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been attending a quarterly meeting in the Union Conference. We had a very nice time and some extra good preaching.

After reading the letters from the seven churches that represented, Rev. John Henson from the Brotherhood Conference brought a fine message, followed by Rev. W. I. Marlow.

Saturday night, preaching by Rev. John Henson, followed by Rev. D. W. Wade, and after preaching, we took the Lord's Supper and washed feet.

—F. V. Nicholas.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., May 31

Dear Editor and Gem Family, and Aunt Lina: I have just returned from attending the quarterly meeting, so I thought I would write a little and try to give a report of the Q. M. I can say we had a wonderful time in the Lord. One Scripture says, "It is joy to do thy will, O Lord;" and we find that to be true. Of course, at times yesterday when we would think of Bro. Wills, it made us feel sad; for this is the first time I was ever at the church, that I didn't see him. Rev. Jeff Thomas was there and we know, that according to nature, he won't be with us in many more Q. M. He is 76 years old and has been very poorly this spring. If the Savior delays His coming till Bro. Thomas goes to his eternal home, we will miss him in conferences as much as we do Bro. Wills.

Well, I guess I had better try to get to the report; for I just feel like talking about the great brotherly love that Christians have one for another; for God is love, and one way we know that we love God, is because we love one another.

The Ministers' Conference was called together by the clerk Friday, May 29th, at 2:00 p. m. Rev Jeff Thomas

was elected moderator. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, then the reports of ministers were read and approved, there were fifteen present.

The question, Is the Church Ordinance different from the Gospel Ordinance? If so, what difference? was discussed by Rev. Jeff Thomas, Rev. Earl Gillenwater, Rev. J. L. Patterson.

They came together again at 7:30 p. m. and after singing and prayer, Bro. Gene Wolf preached the introductory sermon, followed by Rev. Jeff Thomas.

Saturday, May 30th, at 9:30 a. m. the conference was called together by the clerk, James Cooper. Rev. W. Comer was elected moderator. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, then the committees were appointed by the moderator and business was transacted.

The letters were called for and 17 reported, and one verbal report. The churches that reported, altogether had 508 members, and the money that came in was \$40.00.

We adjourned at eleven o'clock for preaching. The young man that was ordained afternoon brought the message.

Conference was called together at 1:30 p. m. by the moderator.

Committee on next session reported that the next quarterly meeting would meet at Alcott church. They are building a church house there, and hope to have it ready to hold the next conference in; but if they have it ready by that time, they must be helped with money and prayers. Rev. Geo. H. Capper is to preach the introductory sermon. The Bro. that was licensed to preach was Gipson of Elkiring. He made a good talk while waiting on the business committee, and we had several good talks in the afternoon.

The business committee recommended that Jettie Hupman be examined for ordination and Gipson for license.

As we want all the preachers of Kanawha conference to know what preachers were there I will try to give their names. I may miss some of them, but they won't know it; for they don't take the Gem:

Revs. Jeff Thomas, Willis Comer, J. L. Patterson, M. C. Trail, Jas. Harle, Eugene Wolf, W. Mirton, H. W. Scott, Carter Clark, Lulu Summers, L. E. Holcome, Earl Gillenwater, Ray Parson, Fayett Rins, Ernie Tirley, W. C. Cadeil, Jettie Hupman, Rev. Owens.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. Earl Gillenwater

our state evangelist brought a wonderful message, then the sacrament and feet washing were attended to, with about one hundred taking part.

The folks at Chesapeake sure did take good care of the folks. Wife and I had a wonderfully nice place to stay, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hastings.

I will close by asking the prayers of all that pray for our one little church at Chanlers Branch, and our beloved pastor, C. E. Lee.

F. E. Nicholas.

MISSION REPORTS

Plattsburg, Mo., June 11, 1936

Dear Mission Workers and Gem Readers: It has been some time since we sent in a report of our work, as we have been somewhat handicapped in many ways.

We still love the Lord and are working where we can for the advancement of the Lord's work.

We have been working here in our home association trying to get our Mission work better established.

We have two missions that meet the requirements of the state organization: The Union Third Fork Mission circle, near Easton, which is on fire for God; the other at the Center Point church, near Santa Rosa, Mo., which we organized a few days ago. They hadn't had an organization for almost two years, but had worked any way. As we all realize, we cannot do very successful work of any kind without we have leaders and pushers to carry on the work.

The fifth Sunday in March the Mission rally was held at Center Point church, near Santa Rosa, Mo. The power of God fell and two precious souls were saved, a mother and her daughter. If the Lord is willing we will baptize them this coming Sunday, June 14th.

The fifth Sunday meeting in May of the Mission workers was with the Philadelphia church, near Santa Rosa, Mo. As they always observe Memorial Day and have an all day service the two programs were put together. We had a good service and the Lord blessed. The offering for Mission work was \$5.21, which goes to our district clerk and treasurer, Mrs. Flora Lewis.

We visited the Philadelphia mission, but there wasn't enough out to organize a circle, only one member besides the sister at whose house we were to meet, but it is a busy season up here in the north, which probably accounts for poor attendance. Help us pray

that we can do more at this place later on in the future, for we have a fine folk at the Philadelphia church.

We went to the neighboring church, Center Point, for a few nights' services and, as already mentioned, we organized a mission circle. We didn't have a large crowd, but the Lord was with us and we feel blessed our efforts. The churches here in Northwest Mo. need some old time revivals; pray for their welfare.

While our missionary, Bro. Willey, was at Union Third Fork, we had the privilege of attending every service, and what an inspiration it gave us! and vision of the Lord's work in the mission field, both at home and abroad. Mission circles, let us all respond in helping our Foreign missionary by prayer and supplications to God, also financially, if you haven't already.

We would like to visit all our mission circles, but haven't been financially able, but we are trusting in God to provide the way and means. Help us pray to that end, for we need your prayers. The Lord's work must go on, but it must have financial aid to carry the work on from place to place.

Our next District Mission meeting will be the first Sunday in August, instead of the fifth Sunday. It is Home coming day at Mt. Zion church, north of Plattsburg, Mo. where we will meet for services.

We have attended several Mission meetings with Union Third Fork church. Bro. Kenneth Turner is their worthy pastor. As our home church is without a pastor, we go up there for services quite often.

We close our report and beg for an interest in your prayers.

Melba White.

DESLOGE, MISSOURI

Dear Home Mission Workers of Mo.:

Another year will soon be gone and I am wondering how our work over the state is progressing? I trust these have been wonderful months of service for Him.

Up to date only a few local missions and associations have sent in their 10% for state work. Now, dear co-workers, our state work depends upon our local work; therefore we are anxious to have 10% of all funds procured. If for any reason, your mission has been unable to work, send us a nice freewill offering—also a yearly report of your labors by the last of September, and that will give your secretary time to make her report for the State Association.

Thanking you for an early consid-

eration, I am,

Yours for Him,

Tommie Franklin, Secretary
State Missions.

Drumright, Okla., June 9, 1936.

Dear Gem Family:

I am sending in our report from Mission Circle No. 1, for the month of June—also a report of our Yearly Sunday School Rally, which convened at Olive Free Will Baptist church.

Our associational Sunday president, Bro. Wilber Underwood, was in charge assisted by Sister Fincher.

The meeting was opened by song and prayer by Sister Prilo, after which the following churches rendered short programs: New Home, Liberty, Blue Bell, Tulsa, Allen, Silver City, Vance Chapel.

Wanda Lea Rodgers rendered a piano solo, and we also had the pleasure of having with us Oscar and Virginia from KTUL, Tulsa, who sing the Gospel songs over the air from this station. Listen in and drop a card to Oscar and Virginia, % KTUL, Tulsa, help make it possible for a program of this kind to be carried on.

Sister Milo, President of the WCTU was present and gave us a good talk on Education and Character Building.

Drumright winner of first prize and Gladys Mae Batey winner of second prize for best speaker.

Now for the Mission rally report from circle No. 1. We wish to report a good day. We had just two written reports this time, some of the missions present gave verbal reports.

Cushing wishes to report that they are still working for the Lord. We have quilted three quilts, made 35 sick calls, read 169 Bible chapters, and will have an ice cream supper June 8th. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Sister Jack Williams, Pres.

Sister Bob Mounts, Sec'y.

Olive Mission sends greetings: We are doing good work. Regular attendance, 16, read 140 Bible chapters, made 24 sick calls, had seven service hours, made one quilt and helped the Juniors with one ice cream supper. We ask an interest in your prayers.

Myrtle Person, Pres.

Mildred Inman, Sec'y.

To Circle No. 1:

We are now making a report for the past three months. Most of our activities for the months of March and April were visiting the sick and caring for the sick. We have quilted some. We omitted four of our evening meetings on account of revival, read 197

Bible chapters, made 280 sick calls. Remember us in prayer.

Sister Mae Graham, Pres.

Sister Maning, Sec'y.

Our next rally will be at Silver City in July.

Remember us in prayer.

Willia Hallman, Secretary.

GREENTOP, MO., June 15, 1936.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I will try to give a report of our fifth Sunday meeting of Northeast Mo.

The Mission circles held their regular fifth Sunday meeting May 31st, with Hazel Creek Union church.

In the morning, at ten o'clock, they began with Sunday school. The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Bro. Willey, our Foreign missionary.

Scripture reading 13th chapter of the Acts. Subject, "Three Ways to Be a Missionary." Prayer by Bro. C. E. Mann.

At the close of the service an offering of about \$117.70 was taken in cash and pledges from the different churches for Bro. Willey.

A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon we were called together by the president of the league with singing, reading of the second chapter of Ephesians, and prayer by Bro. C. M. Dauber.

After the League program the meeting was turned over to the president of missions.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Letters from the different Mission circles, New Harmony, Hazel Creek Union, Green Grove, Shibley's Point and Sublette were read and approved.

Voted to hold the next fifth Sunday meeting at Sublette church, Bro. Noel Turner to preach at eleven o'clock Sunday, Bro. Vernie Wellbaum to be alternate.

After the business was transacted, a program was rendered by the different circles as follows:

Song Sublette Mission
Song Low Ground Mission
Reading, Hazel Creek Union Mission
Song Hazel Creek Union Mission
Piano Solo, New Harmony Mission
Drill New Harmony Mission
Song Green Grove Mission
Song Shibley's Point Mission
Song New Harmony Mission
Reading Shibley's Point, Mission
Trio New Harmony Mission
Reading Juanita Gregory
May God bless all Mission workers.
We desire your prayers.

Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Ass't Sec.

Free Will Baptist League Reports

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PROVERBS 20:11

By O. T. Allred, State Sec'y

*"Even a child is known by his do-
ings, whether his work be pure, and
whether it be right."*

Even so is a Leaguer, if we are really pure in our words and thoughts we will be pure in deeds as well.

If we cultivate loyalty and devotion to our league, then it will be easy to be loyal and devoted to the church. The leaguer who, through carelessness or indifference, fails to put his or her best into the league is using no better judgment than a spend thrift does with his money. Prov. 20:13, "Love not sleep lest thou come to poverty."

We would say, Seek not an easy place in God's vineyard, lest you become a weakling. God wants us to get to the place where we can endure hardness as a good soldier for Him. Where are you? lounging around in the shade, or out on the battle front for Christ?

AURORA LEAGUE REPORT

By Sylvia Conn, Sec'y-Treas.

I am glad to report that our league is still trying to do the will of our Lord.

We have 37 members in our Senior League and most of them take an active part.

We ask your prayers, that our league may grow stronger each time we meet.

MONETT LEAGUE REPORT

By Ben Hunt, President

Our league is holding up well, both in attendance and interest in each of the departments, Senior, Intermediate and Junior. The Senior league met the evening of June 17th, at the home of Dave Phillips, 508 Euclid Street, and enjoyed a social hour together. Ice cream and cookies were served as refreshments.

We are looking forward to the next League rally, to be held with Jones Chapel church, the 5th Sunday in August, 1936.

Report of League Rally and Mission Meeting

On the fifth Sunday in May, the Mission and League workers of the Indian Creek Association had a joint meeting at our church in Monett, Mo. A number of the workers from over the field arrived in time to enjoy the Sunday school with our entertaining church. After a very inspiring lesson presented by able teachers, we came together for the Mission work.

Bro. Winford Davis, President of the Indian Creek League Association, called the house to order and introduced Bro. W. K. Weston who brought a very inspiring message on Mission Work. Text, 2 Kings 2:14, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

Mission workers were present from Cartersville, Jones Chapel, Macedonia, Aurora, Merl's Chapel and Monett.

We were also happy to welcome into our meeting, from the Crane Church of God Ladies' Aid, Hannon and Liberal, Mo., and Fairview Kansas Free Will Baptist churches.

At the noon hour we were invited to the city park to spread our lunches together.

We came back to the church at 2:00 o'clock, to find a packed house waiting for the League program.

All the leagues were present and took part in the program except Blue Eye. Each league did its part in presenting a very uplifting and spiritual program, that made each Christian worker take renewed courage and determination to do more for the Lord.

The afternoon was devoted to the League work: Playlets, solos duets, trios, quartets, readings, talks and congregational singing, made the day a perfect one in the Lord's service.

Our next Mission and League rally will be held with our Jones Chapel church, near Stella, Mo., on the fifth Sunday in August, if the Lord permits. Everyone come and enjoy the day.
Eld. Cecil Campbell, Reporter.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Board of Education of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptist in session at Glennville, Ga., on Thursday afternoon, June 18, 1936, prepared and submitted to the Eastern Division of the National Association, formerly the General Conference, and which was ratified by said body in regular session, the following plan, namely:

First. We set a goal of \$150,000.00 to be raised by The Eastern Division of The National Association of Free Will Baptist by the 1941 session. Said money to be apportioned upon a per capita basis. Basing our estimate upon the Statistician report of 68,000 members the amount per capita is \$2.21 each, or 50 cents each per capita for each year for a period of five years.

Second. Too, we ask for \$100,000.00 from The Western Division of said National Association on the same basis above outlined.

Third. We also ask for \$10,000.00 to be raised as follows, namely:

\$2,500.00 by September 1, 1936;
\$2,500.00 by Nov. 1, 1936; \$5,000.00 by January 1, 1937. The amount to be raised apportioned as follows, namely:
North Carolina \$2,000.00; South Carolina \$500.00; Georgia \$300.00; Alabama \$500.00; Florida \$200.00; Tennessee \$1,000.00; Texas \$800.00; Ohio \$200.00; Missouri \$1,000.00; Okla. \$1,000.00; Arkansas \$1,000.00; Kentucky \$1,000.00; Mississippi \$500.00

Fourth. The school in its plan will offer High School work, Bible College courses or Theological courses, courses in instrumental and vocal music, also courses in college work as soon as warranted. Too, such preparatory work as the ministerial student may need in his preparation of studies.

Fifth. The board will consider applications from teachers who hold degrees from recognized colleges and universities as teachers in the designated college, and who are fundamental in our faith and practice of Bible doctrine. Said school to open in vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee.

Board of Education,
T. B. Mellette, Sec.-Treas., Blakely, Ga.

OBITUARIES

Austin—Mary Earlene Austin was born May 7, 1927, and departed this life May 17, 1936, at the Latham Sanitarium at California, Missouri. She was nine years and ten days old.

Earlene was the daughter of Earl Edward and Mary Blanche Austin.

All was done that could be done, but the Lord knew best and took her Home, where there will be no more suffering, sorrow, nor parting, and to be with her little brother and other loved ones who have gone on before.

Earlene loved everybody and was a thoughtful child, ever regarding the feelings of others. She loved Sunday school, church and prayer meeting, and good religious songs. The last Sunday she was at home she had her daddy to read Sunday School cards to her, which she enjoyed very much, even though she was suffering. She always had encouraged family prayer.

She sang the day before she died, the sweet song, "They Are Singing In Glory Tonight," which was one of her favorite songs. She said many things to prove that she was going to her Glory Land Home, among them were, "Daddy, you and mamma sleep here and I will go up yonder and sleep," and she raised her little arms up and waved toward Heaven.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her father, mother, sister and grandparents, and many other relatives, and a host of friends.

Burial was in the Cope cemetery. May 19th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Geo. Scott, Jr. and Rev. J. E. Burney. The pall bearers were her cousins and school mates.

Burial was under the direction of the Bouldin-Holdren Undertaking Company of Hartville, Missouri.

BOWMAN—Francis A. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bowman, was born in Daviess County, Missouri, March 21, 1854, and died at his home in Winston, Missouri, June 12, 1936, being at the time of his death, 82 years, two months and eight days old.

His first wife and two daughters and a son preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing, his second wife, Mrs. Alice Bowman, two grandchildren, Miss Dixie and Carl Dille, a son-in-law, Robert Dille of Pattonsburg, Mo., a foster son, Mr. Jenkins of Cameron, Mo., three step-

children, Mrs. Edna Teal of Gallatin, Mo., Mrs. Edith Deals of Chillicothe, Mo. and Wesley Cain of Jameson, Mo., a foster son, Mr. Clifford Bozarth of Weatherby, Mo., and a host of friends and relatives. He spent most of his life near Santa Rosa, Missouri.

He professed faith in Christ early in life and was baptized and joined the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist church, near Santa Rosa, Mo., and remained a faithful member until his death. In his younger years he was a very active member of the church, always trying to do his part to advance the church and the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls. He was a man the preacher could depend upon. He was a charter member of the church, only two more charter members are now living. He was well known to many Free Will Baptist church workers in different parts of the country. He was a loving father and husband, a helpful neighbor, and a faithful Christian.

He was laid to rest in the Muddy grave yard in the midst of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The deceased lived to a ripe old age.

But now he has gone to a land

Where we will never grow old,
Where there will be no more death,
In this land where we never grow old

He bore his burdens, his journey is ended,

His time came, and he is gone
To that land where we never grow old,
Never grow old, no never grow old.

The funeral sermon was preached by the writer, Eld. T. C. Ferguson of Weatherby, Mo., from the words found in Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

IN MEMORY

of my dear son Clyde who departed this life July 1, 1929, just seven years ago July 1, 1936.

Gone, but not Forgotten

Dear Clyde, in my heart your memory lingers,

Patient, kind, and ever true,
There's not a day I do not miss you,
Not a day but what I think of you.

I miss you in the home,
I miss your gentle care,
I miss you in the church,
I miss you everywhere.

Dear Jesus, help me ever,
Thy blessed word to keep,
So that I may meet my dear boy,
When at last in death I sleep.

No one knows the silent heartaches,
Only those who have lost can tell,
Of the grief that I bear in silence,
For the one that I loved so well.

A happy home was once enjoyed,
How sweet that memory still!
But death has left a vacant chair,
That no one else can fill.

Lonely is my heart without you,
Sad it seems with me today,
For the one I loved so dearly,
Has forever passed away.

No more will I hear your footsteps,
Nor will I meet you at the door,
You have gone away and left me,
And you will return no more.

Written by his broken-hearted Mother,
Mrs. S. A. Davis, Monett, Mo., R1.

Lawless—On May 31, 1936, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from our ranks Sister Minnie Lawless, wife of D. L. Lawless.

She leaves to mourn her passing, five children, Mrs. Chester Cotton, Daniel, Orene, Bonnie Jean, Maruin; father, four sisters, three brothers, and a host of friends and relatives.

Sister Lawless was born and reared in Faulkner County, Arkansas. She professed a hope in Christ at the age of fourteen and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Soda Valley. She had a real Christian experience and lived a beautiful life. She met the world with its hardships with a smile. She was a praying mother and very devoted to her husband and children.

It has been my happy privilege to be associated with the home, and to know of the love and Christian fellowship that existed there.

Sister Lawless had a smile for every one who came in contact with her. She was dearly loved by her children and husband, and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was a great church and Sunday school worker, and loved and stood by her church, as well as being devoted to her home.

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

And now, that she has gone and
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REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY

Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to South America.

Fredericktown, Mo., June 13th.

Dear Brother Brown:

I began my tour of the North-eastern section of Missouri following a trip of two days and nights of steady travel by bus. Brother Sam Marcum met me at Sublett, Mo. Bro. Sam's reception was whole hearted, as is his nature to be. The first service at Sublett was well attended, but Sunday it began to rain, and only those who know mud can appreciate that statement; needless to say, many of the folk who would have been there could not come.

One naturally has impressions as they travel about the land. I can safely say that I have never been more kindly treated, or had a better reception from any people. It has been gratifying to note that both people and pastors are a deeply spiritual group, missionary hearted, keenly interested in those in the regions beyond, as well as those at home.

My second service was at New Harmony church with Bro. Dauber and his wide awake wife. Again the services were greatly hindered—all we have to say is MUD! Monday we were with Bro. Marcum again, and on to Shibley's Point with another fine bunch of folk. The next appointment was with Bro. Verney Wellbaum of Greentop, Mo. Brother Wellbaum and his capable wife are to be commended for their very faithful service: they go about cheerfully and sacrificially, ministering in a difficult work. We had large crowds at Low Ground, not able to seat the congregation. Again we met Brother Sam Marcum at Martinstown, and met many of those who have been saved under Bro. Marcum's ministry. The next move was to Bethel with Bro. Dauber, with more good folk and an open hearted welcome.

Decoration Day at New Harmony was a day never to be forgotten; I am glad that I was there. It was a pleasure to bring a message for the occasion, and we did our best, but that was not hard to do with such a crowd and such a beautiful day. We preached on Psalm 44 and Prov. 14:34, and the Lord did wonderfully help.

At noon we went out under the fine

shade trees to a wonderful dinner, as only a group of Free Wills can prepare. Well, we had a great time. That night, after the services, we went to Bethel. The following, Sunday, we went to Hazel Creek Union church, attending a League rally. We started with a packed house, bringing the Missionary message, then all day we were entertained by the leagues, including another wonderful dinner. Bro. Dauber lifted the offering, and did it beautifully. I just sat back with a heart swelling with joy as all over the house folk pledged, so that in a brief time we had raised in cash and pledges the sum of \$117.00. Many pledged the second time.



T. H. Willey

Oh, how our hearts rejoice when we see our pastors pushing and pleading, and our people responding gladly!

Our next point was Stahl, with another large group at each service. One dear old German woman, not a member of our denomination, not even attending the services, sent \$10.00 for missions.

Our last point in Northeast Mo. was at Green Grove church. In the first service we had a fair crowd, but the second night it rained, and only a few came. We left by midnight train to be with Bro. Jim Miller at Flat River, Mo. Surely it was refreshing to meet and fellowship with our good brethren of that beautiful north country. I have never viewed more beautiful scenery. As a result, we shall pray continually for you; and please do not forget us in prayer.

Bro. Miller was on hand to meet us—Bro. Jim is always there; we can forever count on him.

Sunday morning we had a great crowd at that beautiful church which does credit to the denomination in its commodious, simple, yet beautiful tabernacle. Bro. Miller is a prince among men, and has a wonderful people; they demonstrated their love by buying him a new car, and by responding to his sensible financial plans, so that under his ministry, they are out of debt. Now, this is not merely a visitor saying this, but those of his ministerial brethren as well. I was greatly impressed as the children of the Sunday school marched around, in an orderly fashion, and demon-

strated what a penny drill is. Just as the children of the Sunday school laid down an offering of \$3.00 altogether, \$26.00 was raised with great ease. Bro. Miller has already planned to have a systematic Missionary program for the future.

Our next field was Desloge, with those dear sacrificing women, Sisters Franklin and Reed. As I watched them go about practicing the art of economy and Christian courtesy, I thought of those wonderful women of the mission field I have known. These two consecrated and deeply spiritual women are doing a wonderful work in that great mining center; they had already taken pledges, and when the offering was taken it amounted to \$20.00. These folks are going ahead and doing business for the Lord like they meant it.

From the little church at Leadington, with crowds packed as one desires to see, we went on to Fredericktown, Mo., and here we are finishing our tour of the state tonight, it being our last service. Bro. Wm. Reeves is the pastor. Surely they have been doing their best to make it a success, as have all of our brethren over this great state. I am sorry that it has been impossible to reach more of our churches; for we know that you would have given us the same welcome, but we must go on to Conference in Glennville, Ga. I found it impossible to go on home to N. C. as I had planned, not having time to make it; so I am leaving at midnight, again headed for Memphis, and go on to Georgia, my wife's home state and second home to me. We go with high anticipations of great things before us as a part of a fine group that compose the salt of the earth. We are happy on our way—God has promised great things to those who will obey Him, and said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to EVERY creature, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you."

The following is the report of the amount received in cash and pledges:

	Cash	Pledges
Sublett	\$3.55	\$15.00
New Harmony	15.50	14.00
Shibleys Point	6.55	
Low Ground	4.33	7.50
Martinstown	4.64	
Bethel	3.40	5.00
League Rally, Hazel Creek Union ...	13.00	27.00
Stahl	11.43	6.00
Collinsville	1.95	1.00
Green Grove	6.00	10.00
Methodist people	7.00	1.00

Flat River 26.45
 Desloge 20.40
 Leadington 9.81

We will send in the report from Fredericktown later, and probably there will be corrections of these figures as stated, as this is checked with some uncertainty respecting figures.

1015 Burch Ave., Durham, N. C.
 June 20, 1936.

Dear Brother Brown:

I am writing, hoping to reach you with this letter before the paper goes to the press. I took the liberty to represent the paper on the conference floor. I hope the brethren who were there will not think me forward in the matter, but rather jealous for the success of this fine paper, and I shall endeavor to demonstrate my interest by obtaining as many subscriptions as possible in the East; for here we have a medium of personal acquaintanceship, made possible by the official organs of our denomination, and especially so now, that we are one body, though widely separated by distance; so I trust you brethren will forgive me if I have overstepped my liberty.

The Conference was a time of spiritual refreshing, making us think of Psalm 133, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.'

The Conference opened with a very good attendance of representatives. Bro. Rogers of New Home church of Tulsa, Okla. brought the first message, then for three days we truly could feel the presence of God. Our Bro. Griffin from eastern North Carolina was on hand with that happy and always smiling face. Sister McAdams was present boosting for Missions, and she brought us a message richly spiced with spiritual blessing and good common sense advice, with joy, tears and shouts in it. Bro. Welch was present, serious and deliberate of action, in company with Sister Welch and Sister Polston. The ladies met at the Missionary Baptist church, and there was quite a representative body. The women do business with dispatch and fine order.

The singing of the Conference was unusually good, under the direction

of Bro. Stanley of Tupelo, Mississippi. Numbers of exceptionally fine quartets were arranged, and some fine solo work rendered. Bro. and Sister Phinney of Bryan, Texas did some fine singing.

One of the high points of business was the Educational program. We are to report that things are going to be done. If you, our people, respond as we are counting on you in conferences, State Associations, local, quarterly conferences, back of the stand, and in the pew, we shall have an educational program functioning with the result that the host of young preachers now in our ranks will have a chance to prepare themselves in our own school, and not be lost to us, swallowed up by the larger and more progressive denominations. None of the larger denominations are beyond saying to our promising young men without education, "Come over and we will educate you with very little cost and give you a good church." Hasn't this been said time and time again? A word about the men back of this educational program. One would search afar to find men like Brothers Mellette, Blackwelder and Welch, backed in their council by men like our Brother R. B. Spencer, editor of the Free Will Baptist, Bro. Henry Melvin of Durham, N. C. and others space will not permit us to name.

The Foreign Missionary program was accepted and put on record, riding through on a cloud of glory. How our hearts did rejoice to see our people from all over the North, East, South and West come with their offerings as Sister McAdams presided beside the Bible. Bro. Henry Melvin took the first Foreign Missionary offering six years ago, which became the nucleus of a Foreign Mission treasury, with the result that about one year ago Miss Laura Belle Barnard went to India, the support of a native worker was assumed. Now our plan, God leading, we shall embark for South America to open our own field the first of the month of September to be gone for the period of six months. Our Free Will Baptist Board met and outlined the proposed plan, presented to the representatives, it was passed on and received by the leaders of our denomination.

I regret that so many of our brethren of the Western states could not be with us. There is a peculiar tie in my heart for the brethren and our people of the West. What wonderful days we had together in the Lord, talking over the work of His Kingdom.

Bro. Selph Jones was on hand with one of his unique messages: how our hearts rejoiced; and we were edified as we sat at his feet. Then there was our dear Brother Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., pleading for the school and our young unprepared preachers. Bro. Melvin, your message and pleading did not go unheeded.

I wish every Free Will Baptist would take a spell and subscribe to both the Gem and the Free Will Baptist paper, published at Ayden, N. C. Considering the large amount of inspirational reading, the price of the subscriptions is only a trifle. Our people need the paper to keep up with things; and if you don't keep up with things in the days to come, you will get run over.

I must say a word about Brother J. R. Davidson of Glennville, Ga. Moderator of the Conference. I have never seen a man discharge the duties of his office with more dispatch, patience, courtesy and ability as did our Bro. Davidson. I admired this dear man of God as he gave himself unstintingly to make everybody comfortable and feel at home.

Then we could not by any means forget the corps of fine women who entertained and gave us dinner on the grounds. Truly the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist at Glennville, Georgia was a time that shall make memory richer to all of us; loved faces shall be etched a little deeper upon the halls of our memory.

SPECIAL NOTICE

To The Original Free Will Baptist Everywhere:

The Board of Education of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptist assembled in session at Glennville, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of the week of June 16-19, 1936 inclusive elected T. B. Mellette Sec.-Treas. of the Board.

The board asks and requests that money raised for said designated school be sent to T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga.

The board wishes to avoid every possibility that would offer failure in the least.

As soon as possible the secretary-treasurer will be bonded, and our people may feel that every precaution is used for our success and safety.

The secretary-treasurer asks that pastors, organizations and individuals make contributions and offerings as early as possible.

T. B. Mellette, Sec.-Treas., Blakely, Ga.

Kellyville, Okla., May 30, 1936.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I haven't written to the Gem for some time and my subscription expires this month, I will try in my weak way, by the help of the Lord, to write a few lines, with my renewal to the dear little paper.

I'm praising the Lord this morning for the precious blood of Jesus and for the access we have to the throne of grace. By His grace it has been possible for me to carry on and bear up under the burdens which have been mine for the past year. Grace, the wonderful gift of God's love! He says, 'My grace is sufficient for thee,' what a wonderful promise!

Let those that have found mercy in the evening of life, admire the extraordinary grace that therein hath appeared to them. Oh, that God ever should accept the bran, when Satan hath had the flour of thy days!

Oh, if God have wrought such wondrous salvation for you! to appear to you at last, when so hardened by long custom in sin, that one might say, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots," Oh, what riches of mercy have appeared to you!

Let this convince and startle such, as even to their grey hairs, remain in an unconverted state.

Be-think yourselves, ye that are full of days, and full of sin, whose time is almost ended, and your great work not begun; who have but a few sands more in the glass to run, and then your conversion will be impossible; your sun is setting, your night is coming; the shadows of the evening are stretched out upon you; you have one foot in the grave; oh think how sad a case you are in!

Oh, strive, strive, while you have a little time, a few more helps and means; strive to get that work accomplished now, that was never yet done, defer it no longer, you have delayed too long already! It may be you have been these sixty, seventy, or eighty years, beginning to live, about to change your practice, but hitherto you still continue the same. Do you not see how Satan has deceived and cheated you with vain purposes, till he has brought you to the very brink of the grave, and hell,

Oh, it is time now to make a stand, pause a little where you are and see to what he hath brought you! The Lord now at last give you an eye to see and a heart to consider.

Let this be a call and a caution to all the young to begin with God betimes, and take heed of delaying till the last, as many thousands have done, to their eternal ruin.

Now is your time, if you have any sense of the weight and worth of eternal things upon your hearts. I know you age is one that delights not in the serious thought of death and eternity, you are more inclined to enjoy your pleasures and leave these serious matters to old age; but let me persuade you against that, by these considerations.

Oh, seek religion now, because this is the moulding age:

Now your hearts are tender, and your affections flowing; now is the time when you are most likely to be wrought upon. Now, because this is the freest part of your time: It is with the morning of life, as with the morning of the day.

If a man have business to be done, let him take the morning for it; for in the after-part of the day a hurry of business comes on, so that you either forget it, or want opportunity for it.

Now, because your life is immediately uncertain, you are not certain that you ever shall attain to the years of your fathers: There are graves in the church yard just your length and skulls of all sorts and sizes in Golgotha, as the Jew's proverb is.

Now, because God will not spare you on account of your youth, if you die without an interest in Christ.

Now, because your life will be the more eminently useful and servicable to God, when you know Him betimes, and early begin His service.

Now, because your whole life will be happier, if the morning of it is dedicated to the Lord.

The first fruits sanctify the whole harvest:

This will have a sweet influence upon all your days, whatever changes, straits, or troubles you may meet.

God bless all you Gem readers.

Pray for me.

—Stella Prince.

TWO PRIZE LETTERS

Written on the subject, "Who was the first minister to preach in Flat River?" and "What was the first church organized?"

The first letter received a \$5.00 prize, the other a two year subscription to the Lead Belt News. Contributed by Raymond La Brot

Flat River, Mo., May 12, 1936.

Contest Editor, Lead Belt News, Flat River, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The first church in Flat River, Free Will Baptist, was organized in 1891, with fifteen members. Some early members were Wade Adams, Joe Perry, L. L. Doe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turley, John Dosing and Mrs. Crump. The first deacons were Wade Adams, Joe Perry and Richard Turley. The first pastor was Rev. Fred Comber. Another early pastor was J. D. Flannery, who served eight years.

The building was a frame structure and stood on West Main Street where the residence of H. H. Moore now stands. The late Dr. W. S. Stophlet acquired the property in exchange for a small Presbyterian mission building in East Flat River. Dr. Stophlet razed this old church and erected a modern residence on the site.

The Free Will Baptist Church has had continuous growth. The congregation now worships in a beautiful new church in East Flat River. Rev. James Miller is the present pastor.

The old church is gone, the old town changed from a few stragglers to a mining and commercial center, but this church and others that have followed remain the greatest factors for good in the community.

We are grateful to those pioneers who fostered religion here in the early days. It is commendation upon their earnestness and piety that the sound of the hammer on a church building was simultaneous with the pounding on the timbers for the first deep shaft sunk in Flat River.

For some of the above information I am indebted to two of my neighbors. Jesse Doss furnished me with a copy of the Lead Belt News, 1926, which contained an article compiled by pupils of the local high school on "History of Flat River." Mrs. Nancy Dosing gave me information which was largely reminiscent. She moved to Flat River in 1886, and lived in a log house on what is now Main Street, in the National Hotel block. A large part of this information was procured from the church records and given me by members of the church.

—MRS. F. M. HORTON.

Flat River, Mo., May 19, 1936.
Contest Editor, Lead Belt News,
Flat River, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Perched on a high grassy knoll,

overlooking "Koen Branch," just one-fourth mile east of the business center of Esther, Mo., stands the oldest church building in Flat River territory—dedicated before Civil War days and named "Flat River Methodist Church."

Who preached the first sermon in this historic old building, is a secret buried too deeply in the misty past to ever be resurrected in this or future generations; however, a few surviving witnesses are proud to testify to the fact that such "Mighty Men of God" as Rev. John Shannon, Rev. Henry S. (Rough and Ready) Watts, and Rev. Joe (one arm) Russell, were among those who expounded the gospel with telling results from the pulpit of this old, old land mark.

Rev. Lorenzo Dow Nichol, a superannuated Methodist preacher, now residing in Flat River, preached in this church as late as forty odd years ago.

The first church organized within the confines of the present City of Flat River was by the Free Will Baptist and the first pastor called by this organization was Rev. John Flannery.

Their house of worship was erected on the lot now occupied by the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, on West Main Street.

The building committee were Jesse Smith, Uncle Wade Adams, George K. and Luther Williams.

While the Williams Brothers were not members of this church, they supported the enterprise very liberally.

I am indebted to "Uncle Sy" Ferguson, charter member, for the names of the building committee.

—CARL E. NORWINE.

OBITUARIES

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left a vacant chair in the church and home; let not your heart be troubled, for she has only transferred from her earthly cottage to a mansion in the sky; and our loss is heaven's gain.

The King of Heaven his table spreads,
And dainties crown the board.
Not Paradise with all its joys,
Could such delight afford.

Pardon and peace to dying men,
And endless life are given,
Through the rich blood that Jesus shed
To raise the soul to Heaven.

Millions of souls in glory now
Were fed and feted here,
And millions more still on the way,
Around the board appear.

Yet in his house and heart so large,
That millions more may come,
Nor could the whole assembled world
O'erfill the spacious 'room.

Written by her pastor,

Eld. C. E. Wilson,
Greenbrier, Ark., June 11, 1936.

Jesus, the Expression of God

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self in Jesus. Paul said God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (2 Cor. 5:19). Jesus said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). But I am going to say here, that the most wonderful expression God has ever made of Himself, either to the heavenly host or to man, is in the act of saving the sinner, putting that sweet spiritual expression in that man's life, which before was wicked, unclean, and miserable. Truly God is wonderfully set forth as those Christ-like qualities are imparted in men's lives: love, patience, longsuffering, meekness, etc. God is all this and much more, Christ expressed all this, but it is only set forth to the world today as Christ works in the hearts of men. And regardless of all the billions of universes God may have created in the ages past, the greatest act of creation and the greatest expression of God's real being is when Christ is implanted in our lives and a new heart is created within us.

"Surely the Churning of Milk Bringeth Forth Butter."

And just so it is with the tilling of the soil.

Yes, I said to my farmer friend,
In a whining tone, one day,
I have worn my knees thru to the bone,
But it aint no use to pray.

I have prayed to the Lord a thousand times,
To make that 'ere corn grow;
And why yours climbs and beats it so,
I would give a lot to know.

And my farmer friend said to me,
In an easy quiet way,
When your prayers get mixed with
lazy bones,
It sure don't make farming pay.

Your weeds are good and tall,
In spite of all you pray;
You might pray till the heavens fall,
But if you don't dig it aint no use
to pray.

Prayers with a little toil,
Along in every row,
And work this mixture into the soil,
Quite vigorous with a hoe.

And while you are praying,
Just use your hoe,
And do your best
To keep down the weeds in every
row.

And the Lord will do the rest,
If people will use their hoes;
It's well to pray both night and day,
As every farmer knows.

But the place to pray for a good crop
of corn

Is right between the rows;
You must use your hands while praying
And make good use of your hoes.

For prayer worn knees and a rusty
hoe

Never raised a big crop yet;
So I believe, my good old friend,
If you mean to win the day,
From plowing clean to the harvest end.
You must hoe as well as pray.

Contributed by J. H. Potts,

THE GREAT CONTEST

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor, Wife and Gem Readers:

This morning, May 21, 1936, still finds me contending for the old time religion and the old fashioned way of worship. I like to sing, "The Old Account was Settled Long Ago." I remember so well, when the preacher gave the invitation to sinners to come to the altar, how they would get right down on their knees and plead for mercy, and Christians would go thru the congregation hunting for their loved ones that were in sin, and plead with them to come to the altar of prayer. Oh, how I would love to go back and live it all over again! I would try to live closer to Jesus.

Ecl. 9:1—"For all this I considered in my heart, even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God."

Now, I am still thinking seriously about this *Great Contest* between right and wrong, good and evil. God gives life, and the Devil gives death.

God made the greatest sacrifice that ever could be made for you and me, and the whole world: "Now, therefore, fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood Serve ye the Lord Choose ye this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24). "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life: and few there be that find it."

Some folk say, "I don't see why the Bible wasn't written plainer; don't you think this is plain enough?"

Let us keep this *Great Contest* on our mind; for the final test is coming to us all. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive your trespasses." Listen folks, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Paul said, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God." Paul also said, "For this cause I bow my knees (he said knees, this means all, or both), unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man: that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

Christ's sermon on the mount, we should read it often and think what a great contest it is—"Whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek turn him the other also . . . But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven."

I find where hen is used in the Bible: "How oft would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings." We can get wonderful lessons from them; you may think this silly, but it happened just the same. I was out one day among the chickens, feeding them, and a certain old hen ran up to another hen and began to peck her on the head, and she just sat down, but finally she fought her with both feet. When she had gratified her feelings, or I supposed she had, she went on her way and the old hen got up and went on eating, then I thought, What a lesson I learned from that old hen. If you are smitten on the right cheek, turn to him the other. I have heard of women fighting; oh, what a shame! It is bad enough for men to fight, it is abomination in the sight of God; and I believe it is still worse for women to fight. The Bible tells us, "If your brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." If we will obey the commandments there will be no fighting and murdering.

Peter said, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." Sometimes it has been said, "I forgave him once, and fixed it all up with him, and he went and

done the very same thing again; and he can just go, I am not going to have anything more to do with him."

"Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification; for even Christ pleased not Himself: but, as it is written, The reproach of them that reproached thee fell on me: for whatsoever things were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus: . . . wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."

Oh, beloved brothers and sisters (this great contest), it means it all to follow Jesus, "Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. But if ye still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king . . . and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shall shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work they must do . . . Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God."

So many folks are working in the contest, that when the testing time comes, they may receive a medal of some kind, silver cup, money, many other prizes, but the old time religion folk are working to overcome evil.

James a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, said, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried (tested), he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised."

Psalms 101:6—"Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me."

Dear readers of the Gem, pray for us, that we may ever be faithful to the end. As ever,

P. S. I want to thank dear Emma Pryor for her kind words of encouragement, words that helped me as a little child. The song you composed was good, and very good. Also thanks to Bro. E. A. Morlan for his kind letter, it was so encouraging to an old mother like me. God bless and save him and family, is our prayer. God bless all who ever think of me.

FORT WORTH, TEX., July 2nd.

To Our Many Friends, Here and There:

Dear Co-workers in the Lord: We feel that the Master is leading us to write and tell you what is on our mind and in our heart.

For a number of years we were in the evangelistic field, with a large Gospel tent. During that time we owned four of these tabernacles, two were purchased with our own means,

and the other two were given to us by our friends. We saw thousands of souls saved through these years of labor; but the time came when our dear companion had to drop out on account of poor health. And now, that we feel he is able to go back on the field again, we both are very anxious for a new tent, with which to begin this work as soon as possible. So we are taking this method to let our friends know what we need to put us back in the tabernacle work again.

First, we need your prayers and co-operation, then we are asking that you pray very earnestly and ask the Master what He wants you to give on the new Gospel tent. We are not asking for any special amount from any one. We feel that after each one has prayed, God will show exactly what to give.

We want to be able to start with the tent some time in August at Waco, Texas. This will be our first place. We have a splendid work started in Waco; but unless we can have a good stirring revival soon, we will lose our church there.

So we make this appeal to our friends in Jesus' name. The tent will be used in needy places, towns and cities where we need new work established.

Send all offerings to

Mrs. Lizzie McAdams,
2117 Loving Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dying From Home and Lost

Contributed by Mrs. Rebecca Marbut

Companion, draw me nigh, they say,
I must die,
Early the summons has come from
on high,
The way is so dark, and yet I must
go,
O, that such sorrow you never may
know.

CHORUS

Only a prayer, only a tear,
O, if sister and mother were here!
Only a song, 'twill comfort and cheer,
Only a word from that Book so dear.

Oh, can you not bow and pray with
me now?

Sad the regret we have never learned
how,

To come before Him who only can
save,

Leading in triumph through death and
the grave. —Chorus.

And can you not sing a song of His
love,

How He came down from the mansions
above,

To bleed and to die on Calvary's
tree,

Bringing salvation to sinners like
me?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION HOPE Association No. 2 will be held with Davidson Church, near Davidson, Ark., on 45 Highway, beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1936.
J. W. Atwell, Clerk, R2, Rudy, Ark.

OLD MT. ZION Association will convene with Christian Home Church, at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1936.

Eld. Loyd Bland to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Sammie Lane alternate.
Isaac Lynch, Clerk, Clifty, Ark.

LACLEDE COUNTY Association will be held with Union Chapel Church, in Laclede County, Mo., beginning at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1936.

Eld. C. E. Butts to preach the introductory sermon.
Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Clerk, Falcon, Mo.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI Association will convene with Union Third Fork Church, near Highway 36, four miles northeast of Easton, Mo., beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.
Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI and SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS Association will be held with Wagoner Church, at Wagoner, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.

Bro. Arlie Hoover to preach the introductory sermon.
Eld. Boyd Inornton, Clerk, Arcadia, Ks.

FIRST MISSION Association will be held with New Home Church, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.
Mae Graham, Clerk, Drumright, Okla.

UNION Association will be held with Wolf Creek Church, beginning Wednesday at 4:00 o'clock p. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1936.
E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK Association will be held with Carterville Church, beginning on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1936.

The Introductory sermon to be delivered by Eld. O. T. Allred.
Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER Association will be held with Mt. Joy Church, Daisy, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1936.
Mrs. J. A. Jones, Clerk, Glenwood, Ark.

HOPEWELL Association will be held with Hopewell Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936.
Dorothy Ford, Clerk, Denison, Texas.

DIBBLE Association will be held with Bridge Creek Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936.
Shay Richey, Clerk, Blanchard, Okla.

ROBERT McGEE Association will convene with Sugar Loaf Church, two miles north of Monroe, Okla., beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1936.
Eld. W. Dorey, Ass't Clerk, Poteau, Ok.

MISSOURI STATE Association will be held with Macedonia Church, about four miles northeast of Purdy, Mo., beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in October, 1936.

Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. to preach the Mission sermon on Monday night, Eld. O. T. Allred alternate.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. to preach the League sermon at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday, Eld. Cecil Campbell of Stella, Mo. alternate.

Eld. Noel Turner of Greentop, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon on Tuesday night, Eld. H. H. Beatty of Thayer, Mo. alternate.

The **CO-OPERATIVE GENERAL** Association will be held with Tulsa Church, at Tulsa, Okla., beginning on Tuesday night before the second Sunday in November, 1936.

Eld. F. S. Vanhooose of Paintsville, Kentucky, will preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. alternate.

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PAY BUDGET IN JULY

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