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A view of the delegation present at the National Association. The background is the big Methodist church we borrowed in which to conduct the evening services.

This picture is not intended to give you a good look into the face of every individual that you may call them by



name, the original photo would not do that, and a printed picture is not as plain as the photograph. (The photographer at Paintsville will be glad to make you a photo for 60c). This picture is to show you the lively setting and surroundings of the National Association.

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Our Church in California

Dear Editor:

This is my first attempt to write to a religious paper of any kind. But our pastor asked me to write to the Gem, and tell you about our little church in California.

This is the only Free Will Baptist church in the state. A little group of Christians started having prayer meeting in a carpenter's work shop. Some of the readers of the Gem may know the carpenter who is Eld. E. N. Owens of Lindsay, California. The Lord blessed us in a great way and three souls were saved. One of them was my own 13 year old girl.

We then started having preaching every Sunday night. Some times Bro. Owens would preach but Bro. C. D. Findley was always with us. Bro. Gene Roads preached for us several times. He is a Missionary Baptist preacher and a wonderful man of God. Bro. Emmitt Clagg, a preacher from Oklahoma, now living in Porterville, California, preached some.

Our crowds increased and the work shop was so small we began to hunt for a larger building in which to hold a revival meeting. We rented a building near Porterville that had been a garage and the lumber yard loaned us

lumber for seats. Bro. Findley and Bro. Owens put their whole soul on the altar of sacrifice, and it seemed the small congregation come together in one mind. What a wonderful meeting we had. Our souls were starved for the word of God, and we certainly did feast at the Lord's table.

At the close of the meeting we organized a church with eleven members. That was on the evening of June 4, and now we have 26 members. They are everyone true-blue soldiers for the Lord. We have organized a Sunday School too, and it is growing each Sunday.

Last Sunday Bro. Moore from Moss Landing, California, visited our church and preached a wonderful sermon on the subject of "Love." Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock the presbytery held an ordination service, and ordained two deacons. They then opened the doors of the church and six united. Then we had the memorial services and washed feet.

We ask the prayers of all the readers of the Gem for this church. We want to build a church of our own.

If anyone feels like it, we would be so glad to get a letter of encouragement to this church.

—Claribel Long, Clerk, 415 So. F. St.,
Porterville, California

Over the Editor's Desk

THE GEM IS RUINED

Yes, we mean just that, especially if 300 subscribers should ignore their subscription expiration notices during August and September.

Of course, many of our people wait until association time to renew their subscriptions. We have counted thru' our mailing list, and there are 300 persons whose subscriptions expire.

It will be necessary for these 300 persons to renew in order for the *Gem* to hold its present standing.

We are happy to announce that the *Gem* has been gaining steadily and surely for the past several years. We are expecting additional growth this fall. We solicit each person to renew his subscription promptly, and may the Lord put it into the hearts of 300 more people to subscribe.

We are growing and are putting all we possibly can afford into the *Gem*. As our business grows and subscribers increase, we will have more profit to put into the *Gem* so our readers can share the profit with us.

Let's go for a bigger and better *Gem*!

THE EDITOR IS SORRY

Due to the fact that your Editor had the grand privilege of attending the National Association, the *Gem* was late in getting to press. The major part of the manuscript was collected or

sent in late, and we just could not get it organized for appropriate appearance in a well planned form. This *Gem* is not planned, it is just thrown together.

Some of the material which compose this *Gem* are the actual Board reports taken from the Clerk's desk. We were so busy collecting this material that we never did get our hands on the Sunday School plan and the recommendations of the Board of Education. These are major departments, but they will have to appear in the next *Gem*. We are sorry, but we can only do the best we can with late coming manuscript.

We do not think this will happen this way again.

THE GEM IS HONORED

A few weeks ago, the *Gem* Office was honored by a visit paid to us by Rev. and Mrs. Don Bias of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Bro. Bias is a Free Will Baptist minister in northwestern Arkansas, and we had a real enjoyable conversation concerning his ministry and the ministry in general in Arkansas. We were very happy and welcome Bro. and Sister Bias to come again.

Bro. Lloyd Jeffries, a young Free Will Baptist deacon from Central Missouri Association, spent several hours in the Office and the Editor's home while honoring us with a visit this week.

Two Methodist ministers, Bro. Roy Keith and Bro. Efton Blades of the Missouri Conference, came in to see us. Their visit was most inspiring, and we are happy for the unbroken fellowship which cause the people of God to love one another. These brethren are subscribers to the *Gem*.

All these brethren visited the *Gem* Office for their first time. We invite our people to visit your very own religious printing institution.

MORE TREATISE SOON

The Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists are scheduled to go to the press soon. The last printing has been sold out for a number of months, but now in a short time, they will be re-printed and ready for sale. There will be certain revisions made relative to our National Association.

Please watch the *Gem*!

MANUSCRIPTS LEFT

We have tried to make this issue of the *Gem* a National Associational Special, carrying the activities of our major interests toward a "united we stand" principle within our denomination as a whole. We have wilfully taken the authority to crowd out sermons and perhaps some letters in order to make room for the major work. We have not done this with any ill-will toward our writers. We never lack manuscript, and very often the paper will not hold it all. These sermons will be good when they do come. May the Lord bless everyone.

OUR WINTER'S BUSINESS

Our winter's business is now on us! Through the spring months, our business is dull, then through the winter we fairly work our foolish heads off. But we like it.

We solicit the associations for their minute printing. Our force of proof-readers is more efficient than ever. We guarantee 99% perfection. We can do expert printing in the capacity of letter heads, return envelopes, statements, and other phases of commercial work. We can handle your work. Our price basis is the same as last winter.

We are enlarging our Office Staff because we are expecting bigger business this year than ever before.



News of the National Association

The National Association of Free Will Baptists began on Tuesday night, July 16, after the Women's Auxiliary Convention had been in session since Monday night.

The delegation was so large, and the attendance so great that the spacious Free Will Baptist Church in Paintsville was not big enough to accommodate the crowd for the night services. We had to borrow a church building. The night services were conducted in the large Southern Methodist building.

The Introductory Sermon, therefore, was preached on Tuesday night to a completely filled Methodist church by Bro. L. R. Ennis, of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Bro. Ennis is, perhaps, our biggest man, being the best qualified man we have. His sermon was profound, theological, spiritual and energetic, saturated with meekness, full of grace and power. His message was Christ's message on "Living Waters." Thus, the association started off with what many thought to be the greatest sermon in their experience.

The second sermon was by Brother George D. Dunbar, of Chuckey, Tenn. His message was "Answering the Challenge," leading us to review the historical setting of our denomination, then made his exhortation for us to rise up and re-build the walls (Neh. 2). Bro. Dunbar's message was appreciated by the audience.

Wednesday night's message, the third, was by our foreign missionary, Bro. T. H. Willey. Sister Mabel Willey conducted the devotional, giving us a description of the "Black Christ." After Bro. Willey's sermon, one young lady was converted to Christ. An offering was taken for foreign missions which amounted to \$82.63.

Brother Clarence Bowen, of New Durham, N. C., preached the fourth message with power and influence. His was a message for our day, based on the action of the prophet of God on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18). The people's hearts were really stirred into action.

Bro. Bert Rogers, of Wewoka, Okla., preached the last sermon. He was very enthusiastic, and many acclaimed him to be the best, of course, that is a matter of personal taste. All the sermons were good and very good.

The National Association was composed of delegates from the following states:

Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Michigan.

The Illinois brethren came into the National Association this year. We were glad to have them, and they seemed to be well pleased.

There were 291 registered for entertainment during the week, each paying registration fee of \$1.00 asked for by the National Association for entertainment expenses. The church at Paintsville had a real task on their hands. It is believed they will never be able to care for the National Association again, if the association continues to grow. The church did a noble, splendid, exemplary accomplishment, however, in their co-operative team work of entertaining. The school building was used in which to feed us; two dormitories, one for boys and one for ladies, were secured

from an institution within the city; the C. C. C. barracks were secured for 40 men; and in addition to this, as many homes as were available were supplied with guests.

Bro. Frank Rice and his committee did a very complete work in making everyone comfortable. Bro. Frank didn't know I was going to print his picture, but here it is.

The Board of Education did a great work. They labored in the committee room for two days forming plans whereby we may proceed. They may not have done what our people expected and demanded that they do, but our people has not made it possible for them. They have asked for \$15,000.00 and they ought to have \$150,000.00 (that would only be \$1.20 from each of us). They have a wonderful plan formulated, but we will wait until the next issue to print it in full.

The Sunday School Board was dissolved and a National Sunday School Convention was organized with Bro. W. E. Coville, of Route 1, Elm Hill Road, Nashville, Tennessee, as president. There were 63 ministers and men interested in Sunday Schools which met with the Sunday School Board in the committee room. They have a very wonderful work outlined and it will appear in full in the next issue.

A spiritual atmosphere and harmony prevailed throughout the association. Our people were drawn closer together in a greater work.

The next annual session of the National Association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church in Drumright, Oklahoma.

Rev. Harry E. Staires is the present pastor of the Drumright church, and he bade us welcome to come to Drumright next year. He also told us that the officials of his city also asked for us to come to Drumright.

Bro. Staires' church feels very confident that they can entertain the next National Association and sure'y they can.



Frank Rice

National Foreign Missionary Report

By the Board of Foreign Missions of National Association

The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists prayerfully and gratefully submit the following report of the year July 1, 1939 to June 30, 1940.

Financial Report

Alabama

By Rev. M. L. Hollis,
Red Bay, Alabama .. \$7.71
Union Hill L. A. S. .. 2.00

Total from Alabama \$9.71

Georgia

Martin Union by W. E.
Lane, Iron City, Ga. \$7.81
Georgia League Rally .. 1.00
Auxiliary Convention .. 6.93
South Georgia Association and Union 10.00
Cedar Springs L. A. S. 5.00
Glennville Church 24.00

Total from Georgia \$55.24

Michigan

First Church, Hazel
Park \$16.00
Highland Park Church 15.00

Total from Michigan \$31.00

Mississippi

By Rev. M. L. Hollis,
Red Bay, Alabama .. \$42.29

Total from Mississippi \$42.29

Missouri

State Association by
Rev. Winford Davis \$723.26

Total from Missouri \$723.26

North Carolina

State Association by
Rev. W. L. Morets \$510.17
Leagues and League
Union 36.21
Eastern Auxiliary Convention and L. A.
Societies 39.00
Individual Churches .. 8.00
George Webster, Washington, N. C. 100.00
Mrs. N. O. Hodges,
Winterville, N. C. .. 1.00

Total from North Carolina .. \$694.35

Oklahoma

State of Oklahoma by
Rev. B. F. Rogers,
Wewoka, Oklahoma.. \$63.94

W. S. Gardner,
Springler, Oklahoma 10.00

Total from Oklahoma \$73.94

Ohio

State of Ohio by Mrs.
James Peach, of
Sciotoville, Ohio .. \$293.00
Ohio River Ass'n. by
Rev. M. B. Hutchison
of Zaleski, Ohio 5.25
M. B. Hutchison, personal 1.00
Ohio Sunday Schools
by Delbert Gould,
Wellston, Ohio 10.00

Total from Ohio \$309.25

South Carolina

S. C. Union by Rev.
E. P. Kirby, Cades, \$90.00
S. C. Women's Auxiliary Convention of Columbia 9.00
W. J. Gibbs, Pamplico, 5.00

Total from South Carolina .. \$104.00

Tennessee

Cumberland Ass'n. by
G. W. Fambrough,
Neptune, Tennessee \$440.66
Women's Auxiliary Convention of Cumberland Association .. 42.50
Carrie West, Cookeville, 1.00
Mrs. Redding, Adams, 5.00

Total from Tennessee \$489.16

Texas

State Ass'n. by C. F.
Goen, Byran, Texas \$119.55
First Church, Fort
Worth, by Gee Moore 46.89
North Zulch League .25

Total from Texas \$166.69

Public Offering at last National
Association (1939) 127.15

Total Receipts for the Year \$2,826.07

Balance Brought Forward .. 619.24

Grand Total \$3,445.31

Disbursements

T. H. Willey (Salary) \$1,250.00
T. H. Willey (miscellaneous
expense) 119.80
Miss Laura Belle Barnard
(for salary) 700.00

Miss Laura Belle Barnard
(as special gift) 29.50
Miss Bessie Yeley (for salary) 450.00
Miss Bessie Yeley (passport
to Venezuela) 200.00
I. J. Blackwelder (traveling
expense) 27.59
Postage and Phone Call 9.25
Cablegrams to India 24.03
Total Disbursements \$2,810.08
Balance in Treasury \$604.23

Recommendations

First. We recommend that Miss Laura Belle Barnard be given a furlough, beginning as early as it is convenient for her to leave India, probably the first of September, 1940.

Second. We recommend the continuation of Miss Bessie Yeley's salary at \$50.00 per month for the next year.

Third. We recommend that Brother and Sister Willey return to Panama next month, and thus resume the work they have begun. If they cannot re-enter Panama, we recommend that they go to Columbia and begin work among the Choco Indians of that country. Moreover, we recommend that the Willeys' salary be continued in the amount of \$100.00 a month, and that they be allowed the necessary amounts for traveling expenses and passports.

Fourth. We recommend the following budget for the year, July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941:

Missouri	\$700.00
Texas	300.00
Ohio	400.00
South Carolina	150.00
Alabama	100.00
Mississippi	50.00
Kentucky	50.00
Florida	50.00
Tennessee	600.00
Oklahoma	250.00
Virginia	100.00
Georgia	150.00
Illinois	50.00
North Carolina	1200.00

Finally, we recommend that our missionaries give reasonably complete reports of their work at least quarterly. Their reports are to be published in our church organs.

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Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Free Will Baptist Benevolent Institutions

Orphanage in North Carolina

W. A. Jackson, president of the Board of Controls of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, and Rev. M. E. Tyson, retiring superintendent, gave a very interesting oral report of our orphanage in North Carolina.

This benevolent institution is situated on a 150 acre tract of land. There are a good many nice buildings which constitute the Orphans' Home. These include a three story building, with basement, housing 50 girls; a two story building housing 40 boys; the superintendent's home; stock barn;

feed barn; dairy barn; work house; and garage.

The valuation of the institution is near \$100,000.00. The operating expenses is \$18,000.00 a year. When M. E. Tyson resigned as superintendent, to enter the evangelistic field, in May, 1940, the institution was completely free from debt. In addition, there was a building fund of \$25,000.00 and a new building is planned with the bricks already paid for. The general bank account contained \$773.00 for operating expenses.

In 1916, the Free Will Baptist Orphanage of Middlesex, N. C., was

only an idea in the mind of one man. Today it is a flourishing success, giving home and training to underprivileged boys and girls from all parts of the state of North Carolina.

Children are dismissed at the age of 18 years, many of them going out into the world to make definite marks for progressive citizenship. Some become ministers, some nurses, others find activity in the higher avocations of life, many become good housewives and heads of homes.

Recently, an alumni was held at the orphanage when former children came back for a home-coming, bringing their families and children. The management of the orphanage speaks of these in terms of "our grandchildren."

Orphanage in Tennessee

The Free Will Baptist churches of Tennessee began planning for an orphanage 20 years ago. Their dreams and plans became a living reality on May 10, 1939 when a formal opening and dedication service was held in the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee.

Our orphanage in Greenville, Tenn., is under the capable and devout supervision of Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley. They are training the children in a three-fold way — physical, mental, and

spiritual: or hand, head, and heart.

The orphanage is valued at \$40,000 and is free from debt and operates on a strictly cash basis.

While the orphanage is only one year old, it does not have "grandchildren" like the North Carolina orphanage. There are ten (10) children in the Tennessee orphanage, ages ranging from two years to about eleven.

Bro. and Sister Stanley were present at the National Association, and we learned to love them as never before.

They had six of their children and were given time to present a program which was very efficiently and tactfully rendered, insomuch, that the hearts of the people fairly melted in sympathetic, overwhelming joy to the extent that many rushed boldly forward and laid a cash offering at the feet of the children. One testified that he was so stirred and touched that he gave the last dollar he had.

God is smiling His approval on our benevolence in the capacity of orphanages. We pledge our prayers and support to these noble institutions, and they will continue to report their activities.

Financial Report, Tennessee Orphanage

I. L. Stanley, Supt., Greenville, Tenn.

Report for Second Quarter 1940 (April, May, and June)

Receipts

Union Association

Mt. Carmel	\$43.02
Elizabethton	40.00
Liberty	30.80
Martin's Chapel (Erwin)	22.25
Central (Johnson City)	15.00
Wooddale	12.00
Greeneville	10.00
Unicoi	10.00
New Liberty	9.50
Holly Springs	9.00
Little Doe	8.35
Moore's Chapel	7.00
Van Hill	7.00

New Prospect	6.89
Midway	6.35
Forest Grove	6.00
Gregg's Chapel	6.00
Grey Stone	6.00
Keensburg	5.00
Mt. Mariah	4.98
Oak Grove	4.50
Oak Hill	4.50
Valley View	4.50
Lowe's Chapel	4.00
Watauga Valley	\$4.00
Harris Memorial	3.00
Philp's Bend	2.25
Joseph's Chapel	1.66
New Home	1.00
Eastern Quarterly Meeting	26.13

Central Quarterly Meeting	17.75
Northern Quarterly Meeting	5.00
Western Quarterly Meeting	4.00

Total from Union Association \$347.43

Cumberland Association

Cofer's Chapel	\$74.82
Ashland City	33.00
New Hope	29.19
Bethel	28.00
Good Springs	22.05
Mt. Zion	16.35
Bethlehem	15.46
Oak Grove	10.00
East Nashville	8.97
Olivet	8.14
Friendship	8.00
Mt. Pleasant	6.75
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Shady Grove	2.00
Oak Wood50
Ladies Auxiliary Convention ..	158.81

Total from Cumberland Ass'n. \$427.04

Stone Association

Shady Grove	\$6.00
Gentry's Chapel	5.00
Ozion	3.00
Pleasant Ridge	3.00

Total from Stone Association \$17.00

Virginia State

Sun Bright Quarterly Meeting	\$5.75
Hoover's Chapel	4.00
Big Springs	3.14
Wood Way	3.00
Austin Chapel	2.50
Rock Lick	2.00
Council	1.65

Total from Virginia

Miscellaneous

Entertainment from visitors ..	\$43.75
Fugate Estate (Rock Wood) ..	25.00
Rev. Loyd Light & Family	4.25
A. H. Browning	3.00
Martin Union (Georgia)	2.88
Woodmen of the World (Rock-wood)	2.00
Farm Products	1.87

Total from Miscellaneous \$82.75

Commodities Received

Ladies Auxiliary Convention, Cumberland Ass'n. (machine)	\$110.00
Midway (Canned Goods and Clothing for Alice)	12.00
Greenville (Clothing for Jack)	6.00
Erwin (Clothing for Alice)	6.00
East Nashville (Clothing for Trula)	7.75
Grey Stone (Clothing for Herbert)	4.50

Mt. Mariah (Clothing for Dean)	1.65
Mrs. G. T. Harris (Dress for Trula)	1.06
New Home (Clothing for Trula)	1.00

Total Value of Commodities .. \$142.21

Disbursements

Groceries	\$69.28
Labor on farm (fencing, clearing, and general work)	51.41
Hardware (Wire and truck fertilizer included)	57.92
Office Supplies and Postage	2.98
Feed and Feed Crushing	41.18
Gas and oil	50.71
Electric Current	16.72
Truck Payments and Servicing	81.25
Medical Supplies	2.05
Dry Goods	7.78
Toilet and Laundry Supplies ..	1.33
Baby Chicks	7.00
Insurance and Repairs	12.40
Purchase of Land (by Trustees)	26.00
Bus Fare (In interest of fugate children)	3.00
Miscellaneous (barber etc.)	7.95
Salaries	259.50

Total Disbursements (for qtr.) \$698.46
Deficit from last quarter 140.47

Grand Total Paid Out \$838.93

Grand Total of all Receipts .. \$896.26
Grand Total Paid Out 838.93

Balance On Hand, July 1, 1940 \$57.33

This report does not include any money received after June 30, 1940.

Several local missionary societies. They are making plans for the organization of a district convention soon.

Some very constructive recommendations were made, by a member of the vice-presidents, to improve the work. These were adopted, and will be in the new Manual and revised handbook.

This body of women want to pledge our full support, not only to our local church, district and state associations, but also to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Following is our financial report:

Receipts

Auxiliary Convention of Union Association of Tennessee ...	\$6.60
District Auxiliary Convention of South Carolina	15.00
State Auxiliary Convention of Georgia	35.48
District Auxiliary Convention of State Line Ass'n. (Fla. & Ala.)	5.61
Auxiliary State Convention of North Carolina	57.55
District Auxiliary of Central Texas	7.65
Auxiliary of East Texas	3.00
Auxiliary of Cumberland Association of Tennessee	20.60
Auxiliary of Missouri State Ass'n.	8.80
Mrs. McAdams' Mission Barrell	20.60
Total	\$180.89

Disbursements

*Foreign Missions	\$3.63
Presidents's Expences	18.50
First Vice President	6.60
Second Vice President	11.00
Third Vice President	35.00
Fourth Vice President	11.37
Fifth Vice President	10.00
Field Secretary	15.00
Recording Secretary	20.00
Total	\$131.15
Total Balance in Treasury ...	\$88.67

*We have given hundreds of dollars from local auxiliaries.

National Women's Auxiliary Convention

The women of the National Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists submit the following report:

We met in regular session in Paintsville, Kentucky, July 15 and 16. Eight states represented; seven by delegation and one by letter. We have three state organizations and 21 district conventions. There are approximately 2124 women engaged in this work. Six states report Stewardship Study Classes, and four states sponsoring Declamation Contests.

The week of prayer, set at one week before Easter, was generally observed, and results were known.

Each state has made substantial contribution to each phase of the program outlined by this body. Namely: Home and Foreign Missions, Education and Benevolence such as distribution of good literature, ministerial relief, soul winning efforts, and helping pro-

vide for the unfortunate and poor.

By teaching stewardship, our women are learning proportionate giving (or tithing) instead of depending on suppers, bazaars, and other such methods.

We are happy to have Oklahoma represented for the first time.

The ladies from Mississippi report

National Home Mission Financial Report

Turned over by former treasurer,	
Rev. J. K. Warkentin	\$252.90
Received from all sources	197.85

Total

Expenditures

Printing (Stationary)	\$7.00
Rev. M. L. Hollis (on revivals)	50.00
Rev. J. R. Davidson (Bro. Willey's campaign	50.00

Postage	5.97
Total	\$112.97
Balance	\$337.78
Offering at National Ass'n. ..	75.85
Grand Balance in Treas.	\$413.63

The report of the Home Mission work was very arousing, but it was not written. Rev. M. L. Hollis, of Red Bay, Alabama, is preparing some wonderful manuscripts about this wonderful work.

National Stewardship Contest

Reading presented by William Swindell, Elizabeth City, N. C., winner in the Junior Department of the National Stewardship Contest.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When funds are low and debts seem high
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but STEWARDS don't quit.

Life is queer with its twisting turns
As every one of us sometime learns.
With many a failure turn about
When he might have won, had he stuck it out.
Success is failure turned inside out
A silver lining of a cloud of doubt.
You can never tell how close you are
It may be near when it seems afar.
So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit
When things seem at their worse, then you mustn't quit.

For we know the Father above looks down,
He sees our struggle and holds the crown;
He knows the way that's rough and drear.
He will give us strength, so never fear
A real steward, will trust in God.



William Swindell, Elizabeth City, N. C.

The National Women's Auxiliary Convention was held in Paintsville, Kentucky this year on July 15 and 16. The convention opened on Monday night with a message by our Home Missionary, Sister McAdams. The song service was directed by Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes of North Carolina. An inspiring hour was spent together in fellowship and worship after which late comers were assigned to their homes.

Tuesday's session was a day of business and reports from the vice presidents of the various departments. These were inspiring and showed that the women were becoming true stewards in the Master's work. One of the most important things taken up was the change in the Hand Book. This is to be revised and expanded and will become a manual of information. Every member of the auxiliaries should secure one and study it, that the work may be carried on in a uniform manner.

The afternoon session was especially interesting with the presenting of the Stewardship Contest which is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliaries for the youth of our denomination. However, it was decided that this work should be sponsored by the Young People's League; so the Women's Auxiliaries will drop this phase of work for the time being. It will be optional with local, district, and state should they care to continue. More time will be spent in the study of Stewardship with books, pamphlets, etc.

There were two contestants in both departments:

Junior Department —

Helen Ruth Welch, Nashville, Tenn.;
William Swindell, Elizabeth City, North Carolina (winner).

Intermediate Department —

Carlton Raegan, Nashville, Tenn.;
Mary Ellen Fields, Pikeville, North Carolina (winner).

(The winners' poems are herewith published).

All readings were well presented and greatly appreciated by the audience.

— Georgia Frost Barnes,
National Director.

It Isn't the Church — It's You

If you want to have the kind of a church

Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there is nothing really new.

It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church;

It isn't the church — it's you.

When everything seems to be going wrong,

And trouble seems everywhere brewing;

When prayer meeting, ladies' aid meeting, and all,

Seem simmering slowly stewing;
Just take a look at yourself and say,
"What's the use of being blue?"

Are you doing your bit to make things "hit?"

It isn't the church — it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,

That things go as well as they do;
When we think of the little — the very small mite —

We add to the work of the few.

We sit and stand around and complain of what's done,

And do very little but fuss.

Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?

It isn't the church — it's us.

So if you want to have the kind of a church,

Like the kind of a church you like,
Put off your quile and put on your best smile,

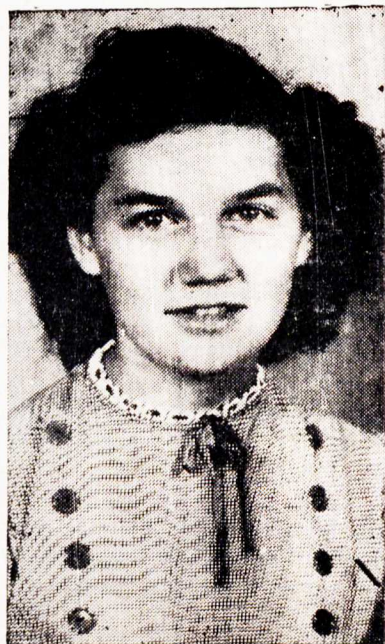
And hike my people, just hike,

To the work in hand that has to be done —

The work of saving a few.

It isn't the church that is wrong, my folks,

It isn't the church — it's you.



Mary Ellen Fields, Pikeville, N. C.

National Statistical Report

Clarence Bowen, National Statistician, Box 203, East Durham, N. C.

Membership Report

	1939	1940		1939	1940
Number of Churches	1,185	1,047	4. F. W. B. Gem, Monett, Mo. . .	4,500	5,000
Number of Members	101,041	132,270	5. School Property Dothan, Ala. . .	5,500	5,500
Members Baptized . .	2,225	3,362	6. Zion Bible School, Ga. . .	1,000	1,000
Members Received by Letter	668	478	Value of all Property	1,468,010	1,411,037
Members Restored . .	73	114	Paid for Building and Repairs	20,473.02	14,533.76
Total Received	2,966	3,954	Paid Pastors . . .	91,254.53	84,534.91
Members died	345	450	Paid Evangelists	3,031.78	4,827.43
Dismissed by Letter . .	255	279	Total paid Pastors and Evangelists	94,286.31	89,362.34
Excommunicated . . .	335	349	Paid to Orphanages	44,179.30	23,463.25
Total Loss	935	1,073	Paid to Foreign Missions	2,582.86	2,826.07
Increase in membership	2,031	2,875	Paid to Home Missions		197.85
Ordained Ministers . .	1,154	1,066	Paid for Christian Education	1,651.07	2,000.00
Licensed Ministers . .	50	63	Total Paid for all Purposes	163,988.96	132,383.27

Financial Report

	1939	1940
Value of Church Property	\$1,306,175	\$1,242,002
Value of denominational Property	161,835	169,035
1. Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.	81,500	81,500
2. Orphanage at Greeneville, Tennessee . . .	39,335	46,535
3. F. W. B. Press, Ayden, N. C.	30,000	30,000

Miscellaneous Report

	1939	1940
F.W.B. League Enrollment . . .	25,000	25,000
Sunday School Enrollment . . .		78,525
Ladies Aid Enrollment		

Our Bus Trip to the National Ass'n.

By Ruby Davis, Purdy, Missouri

Our delegation to the National Convention assembled at Monett Sunday morning, July 14, at 9:45 o'clock. Those making the trip on the bus were the following:

Stella Sheply Kansas City, Mo.
 Mary Welbaum Santa Rosa, Mo.
 Ella Frazier Santa Rosa, Mo.
 June Bush Cassville, Mo.
 Carolyn Bush Cassville, Mo.
 Dorothy Bush Cassville, Mo.
 Virgil Greenway Monett, Mo.
 Clovis Weston Monett, Mo.
 Lonnie Weston Monett, Mo.
 Kenneth Turner Monett, Mo.
 Jewell Turner Monett, Mo.
 Kenneth Allred Monett, Mo.
 Ray Jacques Monett, Mo.
 Loyd Jefferies Sheldon, Mo.
 Roena Thomas Hannon, Mo.
 Mrs. A. W. Hartley . . . Arcola, Mo.

Lottie Marshall Arcola, Mo.
 Denmont Marshall . . . Arcola, Mo.
 Ernestine Turner . . . Neosho, Mo.
 Oneida Williams Monett, Mo.
 Mrs. W. A. Williams . . Monett, Mo.
 Mr. W. O. Jackson . . . Purdy, Mo.
 Mrs. W. O. Jackson . . Purdy, Mo.
 Ruby Davis Purdy, Mo.
 Esther Apple Aurora, Mo.
 Gweneth Tally Aurora, Mo.

The bus was driven by Mr. J. B. Thompson and son, James, of Neosho, Missouri.

We left Monett at 9:45 and went by way of the Lake of the Ozarks and Bagnal Dam, to Jefferson City, where we picked up Mr. Thompson who assisted with the driving. We drove to Jonesburg, Mo., where we stopped for the night but were aroused at 1:30 a. m. by the crowing of a rooster

and continued on our way, crossing the Missouri river at St. Charles and passing through St. Louis into Illinois. Here, we saw one of the finest farming regions in the Mississippi valley.

We went through Onley, the center of the new oil fields, and crossed the Wabash river into Indiana at Ven Cennis. There we saw a large memorial to George Rogers Clark, the conqueror of this territory.

About half way across the state we reached a hilly country that extended to the Ohio River. From a high hill overlooking the river we had a magnificent view of Louisville, Kentucky. This is a typical southern city with a large colored population, and is one of the world's largest tobacco markets.

A short distance outside Louisville we spent the second night, and the next morning we drove across the Blue Grass region by way of Frankfort and Lexington, Kentucky. Lexington is in the tobacco growing region and is also noted for the fine horses.

Soon after leaving here we entered the hills which increased in height as we went on. Corn was the principal crop, grown in small patches on hill-sides so steep as to make it necessary to cultivate much of it with a hoe and haul it in on a sled.

We reached Paintsville about 2:30 p. m., Tuesday. This city is nestled in a narrow valley in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains and is the outlet for the coal mining region of Western Kentucky.

We left for home at 9:30 a. m. Friday and spent the night in Indiana. Saturday we visited the capitol in Frankfort and also the old capitol building which is now a museum containing relics of the early history of the west. Our second night was spent in Fulton, Missouri. Sunday morning we visited the Boys Reformatory at Algoa and the capitol at Jefferson City.

Every one enjoyed the trip very much and are already talking of next year's association.

Yet, even in the midst of the journey Sunday school was held, directed by Sister Sheply. The collection, which amounted to \$1.75, was donated to foreign missions. Bro. Greenway also gave a short talk. We also had prayer each night before retiring.

National Home Mission Work

By M. L. Hollis, Chairman of National Home Mission Board, Red Bay, Ala.

I am sending a brief report of my work as Chairman of the National Home Mission Board, as you requested me to do while at the National Association.

Apart from the duties of trying to pastor nine churches in six different counties and two states, I went to Mantachie, Mississippi, in September with a tent for a two weeks meeting. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way; great crowds were in attendance at each service and around fifty confessed Christ as their Savior during this meeting.

From there I moved the tent to Vernon, Alabama, where we once had a church. At the time of my going there, we found an old building that was ready to fall down, which had been disbanded and the members had gone here and there to other churches. But the Lord blessed our efforts there to the extent that we got many of them back together and tore the old building down and raised quite a sum of money to start another building on the same lot. Bad weather set in and we folded the tent and went back to our churches until spring opened up.

The fourth Sunday night in April we started another tent meeting in Sulligent, Alabama, where we had

great crowds and wonderful success, with a hundred and seven confessing faith in Christ. We have a fine opportunity to organize a good church in this beautiful little city, which we hope to do this fall; the Lord being willing.

From there we went to Fulton, Miss., a county seat town, with wonderful opportunities for our people to start a church there. We were there for two weeks with fine results. We had more than a hundred in the junior choir, and oh, how they did sing. These young people were a help and inspiration to all who attended the services. Twenty-eight confessed Christ in this meeting.

All the above named places are towns where we have no Free Will Baptist church. Will every reader join me in prayer for these places, with every other place where we should have a Free Will Baptist church? Pray that our people will get behind the National Home Mission Board with their prayers and money that this much needed work may be accomplished, all for the glory of God and His kingdom.

I am not sending any report from churches where I have worked, at this writing, but hope to do so later.

Yours for a Greater Home Work,

returns in the days that lie ahead.

For our Auxiliaries a new year dawns; like the new clean book with its fresh clean leaves it leads to high resolves. In it will be written the records of the year 1940-1941. Will the writing be pleasing to the great Teacher? We pray that it may be. Each one is responsible for the completed record which will be disclosed July 1941, at Drumright, Oklahoma. Individual loyalty and devotion to the ideals of the Woman's Auxiliary are essential if the society record is to be good. The society must constantly stimulate its members, striving for the highest goals and thus the Associational, district and state records will maintain a high level. The sum of the state records will determine how faithful the individual members have been toward attaining the ideals of the Women's Auxiliary.

It is my assigned duty to tell you some of the plans assigned to our hands for this new convention year.

Jesus said, "Ye shall be my witnesses." If He finds us faithful in word and deed and gift then He will be pleased. Here are some suggestive plans emphasized at our recent meeting in Paintsville and the observance of which, we believe, will fortify purpose, unite effort, and stimulate to forward movements that will please our great Teacher.

1. Co-operate with the 1940-1941 Plan of Work — No one expects Heavenly power without hearty promotion of the work faithfully and well given. "Faith without works is dead." Be as diligent and zealous as possible in your work. Do not try to work without tools. Look soon for an announcement of some Auxiliary supplies. Supply yourself with these tools of service, master the use of them by making a through study of each.

2. Cultivate the Spirit of Revival: After studying these books, every one should seek to start a revival within her own heart. Moody once said: "No one can lead another closer to God than he himself lives." After all is said, our sole purpose is to lead more souls to Christ and then out into fields of Christian service.

3. Establish a Family Altar — One great purpose brought out in this recent annual meeting was to encourage the establishment of family altars, with daily Bible reading and prayer in the family circle.

4. Emphasize Use of our Denominational Papers — Always read all through "The Free Will Baptist" and "The Gem."

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1st. Vice President of the National Women's Auxiliary
1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Most members of Women's Auxiliaries can look back to early school days when copy books were an important feature of early school days' activity. When a new clean book with its fresh clean leaves were put in our hands its very freshness led to high resolves to follow the copy truly. Sometimes blunders or ugly blots marred a page, but it could be turned and thus there was presented a new opportunity to try again for a perfect copy. When the last page was reached, real improvement was the reward of care and high resolve. As the teacher turned the pages she was pleased with the evidence that her pupils had done better.

This year, at our annual convention of Women's Auxiliaries, we were

pleased as the pages were turned and departmental records disclosed evidence that her pupils had done better. At Paintsville, during this session held on Tuesday July 16, 1940, there was rejoicing in the triumphs of this year. Its victories were an evidence that faithful following of plans had brought rich rewards that would bring larger returns. The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary, "to promote a missionary spirit in the women of our churches through prayer, the study of missionary literature, individual and directed personal service, and to secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes to be disbursed by the Boards of the National Association and by the Women's Auxiliary Convention," had its reward and promised larger

5. Promote Stewardship and Missions — Read as much as you can about these two all important subjects. From an empty or uninterested, uninformed mind or heart no spark of enthusiasm flies to lodge and kindle new fires in another breast.

6. A-1 — This new year's record can be made A-1 if you hereby highly resolve to make it so. Present the Standard of Achievement wall chart to the members, discuss each point, not as a rigid requirement, but as a reminder of the different phases of activity which can be entered into.

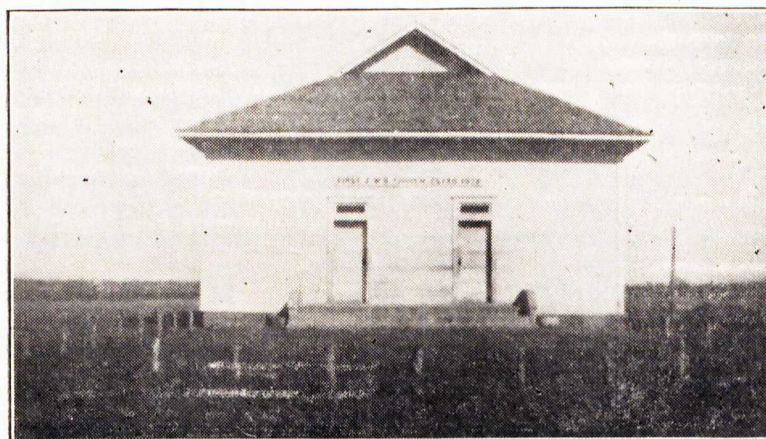
Let officers, committees and members, study their organization manual and know what to do and how to do it.

The close of our convention year, July, always speaks with an urgent voice asking that we "forget the things that are past and press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." When we think of what He has called us from in our salvation and invited us to in service, we are immediately mindful of the effort we should put forth to reach toward His loving expectations in us, lest we handicap the pro-

gress of His purpose of world redemption through us. Abiding in Him with complete devotion, we will have power to work in His name.

I am looking hopefully into the future, and expecting our auxiliaries to have a great year. Are you? I do pray that every Auxiliary member wants the best year in her society that has ever been and wants it enough to go out after it with her best. As we labor together with God, this year, let's put over our all into His service and together we will all be victorious!

The Indian Creek Association



Free Will Baptist Church, Blue Eye, Missouri

The Indian Creek Association of Free Will Baptists, in Southwest Missouri, the Land of a Million Smiles, will convene in its twenty-eighth annual session in the little town of Blue Eye, Mo., which sits atop the Ozark Plateau within the narrow confines of that strip of land between Missouri and Arkansas.

The town of Blue Eye is really Ozarkian, but oh how we "hill-billys" love to go to that city that is set on a hill. As our delegates swing

around the last curve, and drive into the big church yard, they shall see that familiar old sign "First F. W. B. Church, Established 1928."

In 1928, a couple of "two-by-four" preachers, who grew up in the woods where all other two-by-fours grow, held a ten nights meeting in a near-by school house. These preachers were Winford Davis and Lem Waterman,

and 42 were converted. Winford Davis was the first pastor and builder of the church.

The Indian Creek Association is composed of 12 churches, and one is coming in at this session. This Association is the "home" of the *Free Will Baptist Gem*.

There is an old proverb, "He that tooteth not his own horn shall never get his horn tooted." Well, Indian Creek has produced "boys" who are prominent in the major enterprises of our denomination in both local and state, and even in national enterprises.

O. T. Allred, of Monett, is moderator and has served as such for several years.

W. K. Weston, also of Monett, is the pastor of the Blue Eye church.

Your Unworthy has been clerk for four years.

The Ministers' Conference opens on Monday night, August 26, and shall continue until 4:00 p. m. Tuesday. The program for that meeting is printed elsewhere in this issue of the *Gem*. Everyone is invited to attend this conference, and ministers whose names do not appear on the program are expected to take part. This will be a great day in studying God's Word.



W. K. Weston



John B. Rollins



O. T. Allred

Brother B. F. Brown, of Cassville, Mo., is our worthy and efficient president. He is the best Bible teacher within our bounds.

The introductory sermon for the Association is to be preached on Tuesday night, August 27, by Cecil Campbell, of Carterville, Missouri. Bro. Campbell is another of our "boys"

who is a former pastor of the Blue Eye Church.

The Association shall continue until Friday night. During the afternoon of Thursday, the Home Mission and the Leagues will conduct their business.

Three meals a day will be prepared on the grounds under the supervision of a chief cook employed by the church.

The Association then continues in camp meeting style with business sessions and worship hours alternating so a completely balanced ration may be enjoyed. We are expecting great things.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3.

Indian Creek Ministers' Conference

The Indian Creek Ministers' Program to be held at the Mt. Olivet Church, in Blue Eye, Missouri, beginning 24 hours before the Indian Creek Association, August 26-27, 1940.

General Theme: "Bible Doctrines."

Program

Monday Night

8:00 — Sermon, "The New Man In Christ." Eph. 2:10
John Swaffar; B. F. Brown, alternate.

Tuesday Morning

9:00 — Devotional — To be selected.

9:15 — Topic: "Doctrine of the Incarnation." John 1:14; I Tim. 3:16 — John B. Rollins; Frank Linton, alternate. Open discussion to follow.

10:05 — Topic: "Doctrine of the Resurrection." John 11:25 — Cecil Campbell; B. F. Henderson, alternate. Open discussion to follow.

11:00 — Sermon, "Doctrine of Tithing." Mal. 3:10. — Winford Davis

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 — Devotional — to be selected.

1:45 — Topic: "Doctrine of the Dispensations." Eph. 1:10 — Kenneth Turner; W. K. Weston, alternate. Open discussion to follow.

2:25 — Topic: "Doctrine of the Inspiration of the Scriptures." 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:16 — B. F. Brown; C. M. Hatfield, alternate. Open discussion to follow.

3:15 — Topic: "Doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ." Rev. 11:15 — O. T. Allred; Virgil Greenway, alternate. Open discussion to follow.

A Free Will Baptist School for 2c a Week

Lee Roy Miller, Flat River, Missouri

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

May I offer a suggestion for raising money for our school. The National Board of Education has set a goal of \$15,000 by July 1941. On the surface this seems quite a sum. After thinking the thing out, it is a very, very small sum.

Now don't gasp for breath when I say Missouri could raise \$5,000 alone by next July. How? Well, here is how. A conservative estimate of the Free Will Baptists in Missouri is said to be 5,000. If each Free Will Baptist would give one dollar we could do it. Do you not want a school bad enough to pay 2c a week for one year? Can you not afford to give two cents per week or one-third cent (three and one-third mills) per day? It isn't a question of wheather we are able to afford a school but wheather we want a school or not. It isn't a matter of large individual donations but a small amount of co-operation from each.

It has been stated by those who know, that a dollar (2c per week for 50 weeks) from each Free Will Baptist would establish a school. Can we afford not to do it? Let's start now. Start such a move in your church and Sunday school now.

National Educational Financial Report

J. R. Davidson, President

A complete financial statement of the treasurer of the Board of Education of all funds received up to July 19, 1940.

Alabama	\$54.25
Arkansas	7.00
California	1.00
Florida	18.00
Georgia	162.36
Kansas	4.09
Kentucky	125.00
Missouri	533.56

Mississippi	10.00
North Carolina	886.75
South Carolina	36.00
Oklahoma	177.66
Tennessee	691.01
Texas	769.73
Virginia	100.00

Total by States \$3,603.07

Offering at 1939 Session of

National Association 198.35

Turned in by Treasurer of

Western General Ass'n. 105.54

Individual Offering by Ministers 28.00

Grand Total \$3,934.96

South Carolina Orphanage

The Free Will Baptist denomination in the state of South Carolina has a proposed orphanage project. This information was presented by M. H. Mellette of Turbeville, South Carolina.

It is reported that property is already purchased and that definite plans will soon be in effect. We will be expecting to learn more about the orphanage in South Carolina as plans develop.

Your Opportunity

W. E. Coville, President National Sunday School Convention
Route 1, Nashville, Tennessee

This is your opportunity to render a valuable and practical service to the cause of Christ through the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention recently organized at Paintsville, Kentucky.

The success of the program of the National Sunday School Convention is dependant upon the dissemination of information and instructions, relative to the plan of work, as outlined by the convention. This diffusion of information will be done largely through the mails. Letters and cards by the thousands and type-written manuscripts to our denominational papers will be one medium of transmission. A good typewriter in the possession of the Secretary of our National Convention will prove an effective instrument in the promotion of the Lord's work through our Sunday schools.

The Convention needs a typewriter. The Convention has just been organized and has no funds available at this time with which to purchase this most essential piece of equipment. If you have a typewriter that is not being used, or one that is being used but not to the glory of God, this is your opportunity to make a great contribution to a new and worthy work. Perhaps you do not have a typewriter at your disposal, but instead, you have a check in the amount equivalent to the purchase price. The Lord tells you to give it; send it on. If more than one typewriter or more than one check is received you may rest assured that they will be used to an advantage in this phase of the Master's work.

This is your opportunity and may the Lord bless and direct you as the opportunity presents itself.

Missouri Treasurer's Financial Report

EDUCATIONAL FUND

T. F. Lewis, Freeman, Mo.	\$1.00
Alfred Moore, Jerico Springs, Mo.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Thomas, Hannon, Mo.	5.00
Independance Mission Circle	
Stockton, Missouri	2.00
Miss Nellie Tate, El Dorado, Kan.	5.00
Marvis Rittenberry, Flint, Mich.	1.00
Mrs. Sam Sprouse, Chetopa, Kan.	1.00
Mrs. Sarah J. Dodd, Greenfield, Mo.	1.00
J. A. Johnston, Springfield, Mo.	5.00
John Blackwell, Niangua, Mo.	5.00
Willie Blackwell, Niangua, Mo.	1.00
Rev. John Swaffar, Norwood, Mo.	1.00
Levi James, Niangua, Missouri	1.00
Newt. Johnson, Niangua, Mo.	1.00
Bettie Johnston, Niangua, Mo.	1.00
Clarence F. Dunn, Niangua, Mo.	1.00
Mary J. Dunn, Niangua, Mo.	1.00
J. A. McKeel, Niangua, Mo.	75
Caroline Blackwell, Niangua, Mo.	50
Mrs. Oral McKeel, Niangua, Mo.	50
Mrs. Opal Hyde, Niangua, Mo.	50
Jess Deckard, Niangua, Mo.	50
J. H. Chandler, Niangua, Mo.	25
Elmo Chandler, Niangua, Mo.	25
Josh Stokes, Niangua, Mo.	19
Mrs. Earl Jones, Flint, Michigan	3.00
Mine La Motte Church,	
Mine La Motte, Missouri ..	15.20
Mrs. Opal Frazier and daughter	
Ruth, Mt. Vernon, Missouri ..	75
Ray Petal, Niangua, Mo.	19
Maud Garner, Niangua, Mo.	25
Stella Walton, Niangua, Mo.	10
Kathleen Williams, Niangua, Mo.	10
Gladys E. Filmer, Niangua, Mo.	1.00
Mrs. L. F. Eichman, Haddam, Kan.	25
Mrs. J. Roberts, Morrowville, Kan.	25

Rev. & Mrs. Roy Lee Hancock	
Haddam Kansas	25
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Wilkerson,	
Greenfield, Missouri	1.00
Martinstown Church	2.20
Mrs. William Alexander	50
Rev. Orville Dobbs	1.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	2.60
Gladys Keeland, New Castle, Calif.	2.00
Rev. J. L. Branstetter, Springfield, Mo.	1.00
C. K. Johnston, Niangua, Mo.	50
J. W. Coffman, Mountain Grove, Mo.	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Coffman, Mt. Grove, Mo.	35
Henry Smith, Norwood, Mo.	1.00
Zona Smith, Norwood, Mo.	1.00
Pearl Smith, Norwood, Mo.	25
Ruth Smith, Norwood, Mo.	25
Ida Grimes, Norwood, Mo.	25
Mary Ellen Grimes, Norwood, Mo.	10
Rhoda Lucas, Norwood, Mo.	10
Elisha Owens, Norwood, Mo.	1.00
Mrs. Elisha Owens, Norwood, Mo.	1.00
Rhoda Goolsby, Norwood, Mo.	1.50
Lonnie Weston, Monett, Mo.	1.00
Lawrence Weston, Monett, Mo.	1.00
Rev. & Mrs. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.	7.00
Clovie Weston, Monett, Mo.	1.00
Blue Eye church, Blue Eye, Mo.	5.45
Blue Eye Mission Circle	1.50
Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting ..	9.20
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	19.00
Kate L. Frazier, Santa Rosa, Mo.	1.00
A. B. & E. L. Whistance, Stockton	1.00
Mrs. Mary Calvin, Santa Rosa, Mo.	35
Ella M. Frazier, Santa Rosa, Mo.	1.00
Leadington Sunday School	90
Mt. Zion Church, Plattsburg, Mo.	15.50
Mt. Zion Ladies Aid, Plattsburg, Mo.	5.00
Ruby Phillips, Liberal, Mo.	50
Total	\$146.90

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Merl's Chapel Mission Circle ..	\$4.00
Amity Church	5.00
Niangua Church	3.00
Mt. Zion Church, Plattsburg, Mo.	3.65
Happy Circle Class (Hazel Creek Union Snday School)	3.00
Shibley's Point Church	1.32
Hazel Creek Union Church	9.53
Hickory Grove Church	1.00
Union Third Fork Church	1.18
Collection On Bus Trip to Paintsville, Kentucky	1.15
Leadington Sunday School86
Oak Grove Church of Mo. State Association	2.00
Mine La Motte Sunday School ..	1.00
Verdella Church	2.60
Flat River Church	8.50

— Winford Davis, Sec'y.

Bethlehem Church Report Mulberry, Arkansas

Dear Editors and Gem Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name!

It has been a year or more since I wrote to the *Gem*. At that time, I told you we were letting our pastor, Bro. Graham, go at his request. But he finally consented to pastor our church another year. Our church year has just closed, and we certainly have been blessed in many ways. Bro. Graham again begged us to let him off so that he might put his full time to evangelistic work. He truly is a man of God. Any one desiring a revival could not do better than solicit his service. He certainly is a God filled man, and certainly delivers some inspiring messages.

The Bethlehem church of Free Will Baptists called Rev. Raymond Brooks of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, for our pastor for a year. He has consented to accept and we feel that Bro. Brooks is also an inspiring preacher and a God sent man. Our little church and community has been blessed this past year and we surely thank God for it.

The death angel has called Sister Myrtle Jordan from our midst since our last report. Our loss is heaven's gain. She was a member of the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of the Lone Elm Community near Mulberry, Arkansas.

Our revival will begin the last Saturday night in August. Rev. Charlie Graham of Rudy, Arkansas, will have charge of the services. Pray for us, for we really need the prayers of God's children. Old Satan is really busy in our land and country. He is at work in various ways. We pray that we may be able to overcome him and defeat him in every way.

— Mrs. H. G. Harris.

Gospel Sermons

Our Redemption Draweth Nigh

By Mrs. Howard DeWeese, Easton, Mo.

... "And when these begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28).

Just now the summer is at hand. We ourselves are in the midst thereof. Dear ones are forsaking their God and going after the ways of the world and pleasure. They are not building upon the solid rock as in Matt. 7:25 which is Christ, but rather upon the unsound foundation which can not stand.

"Men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Oh brother! Oh sister! Is not the harvest ready? Let us then put forth our hands and help to bring our weaker brother or sister, that is out in sin, under the blood stained banner of our Lord. Oh, that today we might hearken unto His voice while it is yet day: For He saith, "I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of

salvation have I succoured thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Let us then as children of God, let the Christ shine in our hearts and lives today that our God may be glorified in these trying times. Oh look up dear brother and dear sister and not be afraid for the night is far spent. When we see these things coming to pass upon the earth, distress of nations with perplexity, may we look up for the son of God cometh in the clouds.

Oh, that blessed hope we have if we look up and live for Christ, and hold His blood stained banner high to a lost and dying world. May we be on fire for Christ that we may tell others of His wonderful and matchless love for a dying world.

Oh, dear ones, let us be ready when He comes in His glory to be watching and waiting to go home to be with Him.

Again, I say "look up."

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OUR GREATEST NEED

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Text: "—be filled with the spirit." Eph. 5:18.

WE ARE CONSTANTLY Hearing statements as to what the church is failing to do, the masses the church is failing to reach, the commission the church is failing to carry out, etc., etc. And, in a great measure, these statements are justified for certainly the church is not doing what she might. But, for this prevailing condition in the church realms being a fact, there is a reason. There is a natural law that before anyone can do anything they must have something to do with. This is a rule applicable everywhere, and is no less applicable when applied to Christian service. That which we need to do with is found in the above stated text. We cannot work for the Lord, successfully, without the Spirit. The Spirit to the Christian is what



Winford Davis



water and coal is to the locomotive, what gasoline and fire is to the automobile, what sunshine and rain is to vegetation, and what food and water is to animal life. Without it one is lifeless, useless, or dead. Jesus said, "They that worship the Father must worship in Spirit." I have thought a great deal upon the word *MUST* in

this statement of Jesus. I am sure He meant it, and I am sure it holds good today.

When one is filled with the spirit it puts a GO in them, and how people are needed today with a surging, urging, motivating, compelling experience. I can hardly understand the lack of the signs of life in lots of professors, and even ministers. Then when I think again, I can understand, for it is simply the lack of the indwelling Spirit. Service and activity on the part of the Spirit filled believer is an automatic result of the Spirit in his or her life. Just as the playing, romping, and exertion of flaming youth is a means of outlet for their excess physical energy, so whole hearted service on the part of the Spirit filled Christian is nothing but natural, in a way, as a means of throwing off the excess spiritual energy. In other words when the Christ fills the life it makes the individual want to do something, and therefore takes pleasure in doing it.

When the Christian is filled with the Spirit they are established. It

does away with so much spasmodic service, momentary enthusiasm, etc. We see it manifested so much during the association. But after the association is over it gives up the ghost, and where is it? The Apostle said, "It is a good thing that the heart be established with grace." I think often of the verse near the close of the second chapter of Acts which says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." It seems in order to suit the situation in many places today, one would have to quote that passage as follows: "And they continued spasmodically in the apostles' doctrine, with lack of fellowship, fussing instead, and no prayers." The closing verses of Acts 2, in my mind, is a real pattern for the church of this day. There is too much of throwing the

cream back to the apostles' day and giving the skimmed milk to the people of the twentieth century. If the Spirit was good and essential then, it is evidentially and undoubtedly as beneficial and needful today.

I think we should ponder the word "filled." That does away with parts, particles, and mixtures. It means just what it says: filled—no room for anything further; all the good that can be utilized and no room for anything bad.

Compliance with the requirement of being filled with the spirit will solve the church financial problems, social problems, soul winning problems, lack of interest problems, and, in fact, every other problem, for all is summed up in that need and fact of being filled with the Spirit.

"Tarry in Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high."

tions, to give a recall from the by-paths to the straight and narrow path that leads to salvation.

One wise man said, "No sermon is of any value, or likely to be of any value which does not have the three R's in it. RUIN by the fall. REDEMPTION by Christ. REGENERATION by the Holy Spirit."

Phillips Brooks used to say that when a young man first began to preach he wondered why everybody did not come to hear him, but later on he wondered why anybody did come. There might be some truth in that old threadbare saying, "Make a better mouse trap and the world will beat a path to your door." Make a better sermon and the world will come to hear you.

Preaching is the projection of personality upon the attention of the world and community around us. Martin Luther gave the qualifications of the good preacher. 1. Ability to teach with simplicity. 2. A good active mind. 3. Eloquence. 4. A good voice. 5. A good memory. 6. Knowing when and how to stop. 7. Diligence. 8. A whole-soul devotion to his calling. 9. Willingness to be bothered by everyone. 10. Patience to hear everybody. And may I add, the hide as thick as a rhinoceros. The poor preacher who is supersensitive is just out of luck with his inability to take it.

Daniel Webster had this to say of the preacher: "Though we live in a reading age and communities that read much, yet the preaching of the gospel is the form in which human agencies has been, and still is, the most efficacious employed for the spiritual improvement of men."

Cowper the poet writes in the *Task*. "I would express him simply grave, sincere, in doctrine uncorrupt. In language plain and plain in manner, decent, solemn, chaste, And natural in gesture, much impressed, himself as conscious of his awful charge And anxious mainly that the flock he feeds may feel it too, affectionate in his look, and tender in address, as well becomes a messenger of grace to guilty men."

Longfellow, describing the minister in *Tales of a Wayside*, writes: "Skillfully alive with tongue and pen, He preaches to all men everywhere, The Gospel of the Golden Rule The new commandment given to men; Thinking the deed and not the creed Would help us in our utmost need."

THE PREACHER AND HIS CALLING

By T. H. Willey, The Missionary

Text: 1 Cor. 1:17-18-19-20-21

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with the wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ be made of non effect.

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

THIS ARTICLE is not altogether a defence of the preachers, for few of them are without their faults. The preacher, if he lives up to his calling, is very much like a good cow, in that he is always browsing in search of good things. Some are rich in cream, others give an abundance of milk that need no skimming. Successful preaching and mental laziness are not akin: they do not associate. Fuller, one of our church historians, knew something of the preacher and his mission. His

word for the preacher was, "He should be positive but not dogmatic; earnest but not denunciatory; tender but not sentimental; scholarly but not pedantic; simple but not commonplace; impassioned but yet graceful; popular but not vulgar; believing with all his heart in the reality and deadly power of sin, and in the peril of the ungodly, and in the Gospel as the only and adequate remedy for a ruined race. He should try to make his fellow man believe the same and by his tremendous earnestness and contagion of his own faith he would succeed."

The preacher and his preaching have an objective, to remind mankind of what they are forever forgetting. His task is not to correct the defects of human intelligence but to fortify the feebleness of the human resolu-



T. H. Willey

Original Poems

TITHES

I had a clear vision the other day,
Of some of the churches that failed
to pay;
At the great white gate they stood
in line
And said, "Oh God, have we come
in time?"

And He told them with a sad, sad look
Not one of your names is in My book
Because of the tenth you failed to pay;
Dear Father, have mercy, we'll start
today.

"Too late," said He, and He looked
with scorn;
Dear people, you know you've all
been warned.

And you paid not the slightest heed,
You thought the money yourselves
might need.

They all stood there and cried in a
throng,

"Dear Father, have mercy you must
be wrong.

Because you know we have sang and
prayed,

And many a sick call we have made."

Not enough, dear ones, you have stole
from me,

And you cannot pay at the gate you
see.

So with a sigh they turned away,
Because of the tenth they failed to
pay.

Oh dear brother, what a sad, sad thing,
When the joybells in heaven have
failed to ring.

I'd rather have a home up in the skies
Than to stay here below and spend
God's tithes.

That, my brother, is an awful sin,
It might keep you from entering in;
Oh, how sad it could make me feel,
If from my God I had to steal.

Now Christian friends, this warning
take,

Give God one tenth of what you
make;

And when you get to heaven's door,
The Lord won't say you should have
done more.

He will look at you with a smile and
grin,

Well done good servant, enter thou
in,

And as you walk through the gates
of pearl,

You can say, "Good bye old sinful
world."

Long years ago in the garden of Eden,
God told Adam now when you're
feeding,

There ten trees here — you can eat
from nine,

But leave the other one alone be-
cause it's mine.

Old Adam, like many a man today,
Wanted it all and refused to pay;
So he ate from the tree that was
God's on High,
So God says, "Adam you'll have to
die."

"Oh no," said the serpent, "That's
the tree of life,"

So Adam did eat and so did his wife;
And that's a story with a very sad end,
And that's the place where sin began.

Oh, Christian friends, can't you under-
stand,

That paying tithes is God's own plan.
My precious Savior you must not cheat
Nor from the forbidden tree you
must not eat.

If you aim to land on the golden shore
Where there's rejoicing evermore;
no tear dimmed eyes, no sorrow nor
pain

Up there where happiness always
reign.

Don't spend God's money for things
that decay,

Remember this when you go to pray.
Give God one tenth of your silver
and gold,

For it is cheap to pay in exchange
for your soul.

—Composed by Sister Winesap of
the First Mission Association and
J. I. Hester of the Center Association,
both of the state of Oklahoma.

Prayer Changes Things

By Gertrude Bowe, Catlettsburg, Ky.

When dark clouds are hanging low,
And the way you do not know;
Steal off somewhere alone to pray,
Your burdens Jesus will roll away.

Many times in this short life
It has been hard to go through toil
and strife;

But always when to Jesus I've gone,
He my battles for me has won.

You've heard that prayer changes
things,

And peace to your heart it brings,
And, friend, I'm here to say it's so,
I've tried it, that's how I know.

Editor's note — It is the desire of
the editor to publish a page of poems
each month. We solicit the literary
writings of our readers for this page.

Across the Sea

By R. L. Cannady, Durham, N. C.

There's a call so clearly ringing
To redeemed from every phase,
Jesus bids, launch out and reach them,
Save the lost beyond the ways.

Hail ye, lost, salute the banner;
Jesus' blood for you was spilt,
From every peak of earth to glory
He will save you, yes He will.

All of the way seems dark and dreary,
Billions lost beyond the sea;
The time of harvest soon is coming,
Will their blood be charged to me?

While we are ever busy planning,
Not abroad or on the sea,
There are billions in a distance
May God help us think of these.

In death's cold and silent hour,
Can't you see them ever there,
Passing out into the darkness,
Oh they're lost, friends, don't you
care?

While we live in wanting nothing,
Blessed with so much we could share
Labors here are standing idle,
Won't you help or don't you care?

Toil, ye laborers, do not weaken,
Prayers for you are reaching high,
Soon the battle will be ended,
We shall gather bye and bye.

On the sea or in the jungle,
Follow close He's leading thee,
Endowed with power, the Holy Spirit,
Here am I, Lord, send me.

And while some have gone to labor,
Counting much on you and me,
Have we dropped them and forgotten,
You may answer as you please.

All the way from earth to glory,
Jesus died to set all free;
Yet they're dying all around us,
Will their blood be charged to me?

While we sing God's songs of praises,
Feasting on His word all day,
Thousands across the way are dying
Blind and lost they pass away.

Will I see my prayers there answered,
All the lost we brought to Thee,
And to know the darken jungles
Did receive Thy word so free.

While our church bells here are
ringing,
Calling out for you and me,
Billions in the far off distance
Still are lost and know not Thee.

Dear Editor:

When you get ready to buy that
new press, I will send a donation,
gladly. I will be watching the paper.

— R. L. C.

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Letters of Interest and Field Reports

Catlettsburg, Kentucky July 18, 1940

To the Readers:

I hardly know, this morning, how to find words to express what I want to say. I had the privilege of being at the National Association for two days. I'm made to rejoice to know that I belong to, and am one of that vast congregation that is gathering in Paintsville, this week, to carry on business for the Lord. It makes me feel my weakness more, but also it boosts me and encourages me to work harder and press forward because I know someday I'll meet these people around God's throne, and we won't be strangers up there.

Of course, I am only one of the many young people who are associated with the Free Will Baptist Denomination, but I am sure they must be as proud as I am of the leaders and the work they are accomplishing. When I heard the wonderful, inspiring message brought by that minister from North Carolina on Tuesday night, it lifted me up and encouraged me to live more humbly at the foot of the cross where God can use me.

It was our happy privilege, while in Paintsville, to meet our editor, Bro. Rollins. And, folks, he certainly seemed to be enjoying himself. I hope he won't mind my saying that you couldn't help but know that he was glad to meet you by that genuine Free Will Baptist handshake.

Our people are doing a great work and our prayer will always be that they may be able to do more.

Yours for Christ,

— Gertrude Bowe.

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Ashland City Liberality Supports Educational Program

The pastor and the membership of the Free Will Baptist Church, at Ashland City, Tennessee, resolved that their church should contribute \$100.00 to the general education fund of the denomination. A special service was announced for the evening of Sunday, June 23, and a special educational program was planned for that date. At the close of the program, a cash offering was taken, and pledges were accepted from those who were not

prepared at the moment to make cash contributions. The result was as follows:

Cash offering	\$25.50
Pledges to be paid before the meeting of the National Ass'n.	60.00
Contributions already sent in by members of our church	25.00
Total	\$110.50

The Ashland City Church has fewer than one hundred members, many of whom are children. No member is rich. The spirit of progress and devoted loyalty is there, however, with an awareness of our educational need.

I have not witnessed recently so heartening an example.

— William Henry Oliver

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Ada, Oklahoma July 5, 1940

Dear Editor:

As my subscription has expired with the July issue, I am sending in my renewal. I think the *Gem* gets better all the time, and I certainly do enjoy reading every word in it.

I would like to report that the church down here at Ada, Oklahoma is growing by leaps and bounds under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. George McLain. Our membership has more than doubled, and we have a nice church building well furnished. It is all paid for and we now have under construction a large addition which will be used for class rooms, pastor's study, etc. We solicit the prayers of all of the *Gem* readers that our plans will be completed and that God will have the glory for it all. We plan on beginning a revival in the near future, and we are praying for God to choose and send us the preacher that He would have us use.

Our church is located on the corner of Fifteenth Street and Ash Avenue. We extend a cordial invitation to all *Gem* readers, that might pass this way, to visit our church.

Yours for Christ,

— Jack Hester.

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First Mission Association Young Peoples' League Rally

Dear Gem Readers:

Once again it has been the privilege of many members of the Young Peo-

ples' League Rally, in the First Mission Association in Oklahoma, to meet for another inspiring service.

As was voted at the last meeting, Rev. Zinn of the Bristow church brought the morning message. His subject was "The Man That Died Too Soon." Rev. and Mrs. Zinn have not been in Oklahoma very long, but they have surely found a place for themselves with us.

In the afternoon business meeting Rev. Paul Purcell was elected to bring the message at the next rally, with Everett Keifer as his alternate.

The young people will go to Tecumseh for the next rally, and Virginia Cope, Tulsa, will give the welcome address.

A motion was made that the leagues collect 25c from each member by the first of July to help finance the Free Will Baptist College. We are sincerely interested in establishing this institution as we feel that it will benefit so many of our members and will be to the glory of God.

Very good programs were presented by the following leagues: Tuskegee, Tulsa, Vance Chapel, Bristow, and Drumright. The judges for the programs were: Rev. Othal Staires, Mrs. Cuzick, Bro. Florence, Mrs. Mounts and Bro. Lemons. Drumright was awarded the program banner.

It seems that every rally is better than the last one and a greater inspiration to those who attend. It is our prayer that through our efforts more young people will become acquainted with our Savior.

— Hattie Smith, Reporter

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Hickory Grove Church Haddam, Kansas

Dear Gem family:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name!

How it makes our hearts rejoice each month when we receive our *Gem* and read the letters and reports of the work, nationally. As we sit writing this letter we are thinking of those who will soon be on their way to our National Association. May the dear Lord bless in a special way and make it the best ever. May our brethern, who are privileged to attend, come back renewed in the strength of God, ready to help put our state work over in a greater way.

Our work here is going along nicely; not by leaps and bounds, but we feel we are gaining slowly. Two of our young people professed faith in Christ the last Sunday night in May, for which we praise God. But we are looking forward to, and praying for, a real old-fashion revival, and an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, where both Christian and sinner will be brought face to face with the awfulness of sin and the great love of God for mankind. Oh, that we as Christians, and ministers of the gospel, might live so close to God that others might see the real love God has for lost humanity, and that even the very lives we live might convict sinners of their sins.

I must close before I take up too much space. Pray for us that we might stay humble at the Master's feet and ever do His will.

—Yours in His Service,

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hancock

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Merl's Chapel Mission Society Cassville, Missouri

Our Mission Society is still moving forward. Since our last report, we have had a sale of dressed chickens (receipts \$10.60), and have purchased some needed seats for the church. We also had an egg sale to finish paying our pledge of twelve dollars for the National School.

On June 18, we had an all day session, with a covered dish lunch, and quilted a quilt. Your reporter was late in the afternoon getting to this meeting, but the other ladies had been there all day working on the quilt. As I opened the door and walked in, the ladies were hard at work on the quilt. They all looked up with smiling faces, and then went quietly on with their work; for Sister Myrtle Black was reading scripture verses to them, and commenting on the verses, while the rest worked. Someway that picture of peace just lingers in my memory—the women, with their fingers busy, listening to the precious word of God. How different it would be in war torn Europe if the people there would help each other and love each other instead of hating and fighting each other!

We are trying now to help on some expenses of a dear little widow, with several small children, who lost her husband in a car wreck.

May we all become more interested in the Master's work.

— Grace Irene Brown, Reporter

New Home F. W. B. Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Willard Day, Pastor

Elizebeth Smith, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

We are happy to report that our church is growing, and we are having spirit filled services. Our pastor, at present, is assisting Eld. Thomas H. Dixon in a tent meeting at Sand Springs, Oklahoma. T. H. Dixon is the State Evangelist for the Grand River Association of Free Will Baptists.

In our conference meeting on the first Friday night in May, we re-elected Eld. Willard Day for our pastor. Bro. Day was elected indefinitely. He has served two years as our pastor.

We are having a wonderful young peoples' meeting. Bro. Day and Bro. Rice are the Bible instructors. We have young men that can quote 100 verses of Scriptures by memory, and give the book, chapter, and verse reference. We are very thankful for these young men.

We are roofing and painting our church.

We are asking all of God's people to pray for us.

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Niangua Quarterly Meeting Buffalo, Missouri

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting convened on Thursday, June 27, at Buffalo, Missouri. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Frank Linton.

E. C. Lawson was elected as moderator, after which the meeting was properly organized. Eld. L. R. Black filled the stand at 8:00 o'clock followed by Eld. Lee Spain. A very spiritual message was enjoyed by all.

Assembled at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning with the moderator reading the Scripture lesson. The regular line of business was taken up. The stand was filled at 11:00 o'clock by Eld. Wid McClanahan. At noon, dinner was enjoyed by all.

Assembled at 1:30 p. m. by singing. The rest of the evening was devoted to business.

At 8:00 p. m. the stand was filled by Eld. Jess K. Mace; followed by Eld. McClanahan. Communion service and feet washing were observed. Everybody enjoyed the presence of the Lord.

Assembled at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning. The lesson was read by the moderator. At this time business

transactions were taken care of. The stand was filled at 11:00 o'clock by Eld. J. P. Highfill; followed by W. M. Sutton. Dinner was spread at noon and enjoyed by all present.

The conference adjourned at 2:30 o'clock to meet with New Prospect church in September, 1940.

E. C. Lawson, Moderator

Dessis Harryman, Clerk

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Cross Roads Church Dry Nob, Missouri

Dear Gem Family:

I hope I'm not too late to get in a word. The dear Lord has been blessing in a great way around here. There has been so many good things happen I hardly know where to begin.

The Laclede County Quarterly Meeting met at Drynob church Thursday, June 27. There was a large delegation; even at the beginning. It was one of the best Quarterly Meetings I ever attended. Everyone seemed to be filled with the good Spirit of God.

A well filled table was spread at noon both Friday and Saturday.

Saturday at the eleven o'clock service, one girl was gloriously saved. Saturday night another one prayed her way through and came up shouting praises because of a new found hope. There was much shouting and praising God.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Happy Hill church.

Bro. Bailey stayed over and held a few day's meeting at the Sunny View church. Several souls were saved, some reclaimed, and a number added to the church that was organized there, a short time ago, by Eld. Curtis Wilson.

Now for our own report of Cross Roads church. Saturday, July 13, was the time to call a pastor and have our regular meeting. A good number was present. There were no sinners there. It seemed that the good Spirit filled the house and flowed from heart to heart until some cups ran over and God's praises rang through the house. Our faithful pastor, smilingly, humbly accepted the church again for the fifth time. There has been only a few times Bro. Curtis has been absent in the four years, and then his excuse was sickness. Never has he mentioned money for himself, nor has he once complained; always paying his part for the up-keep of the church and all other expenses. There were no other nominations for pastor. A standing vote was taken and it was unanimous.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Eld. Arthur Baily this month, and are looking forward to his return the second Sunday in August. Also we are expecting the Elders Will and Melvin Bingham and also a daughter of Bro. Will, who also is a minister, to be here for the association at Cross Roads, beginning Thursday, August 15. We are looking forward to a great time in the Lord. We hope to see many of you readers and covet the prayers of those who can't come.

Yours In Jesus' Name,

— Alpha Jane Wilson.

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Mt. Zion Church Report Springdale, Arkansas

Eld. Bruce Phillips, Pastor

Mabel Phillips, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Bro. Bruce Phillips filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday. His subject was "Tithing," which everyone enjoyed.

We held our annual election, and elected Bro. Bruce Phillips for pastor and Bro. Berry Puryear as clerk. Delegates elected to attend our association are Floy Ingram, Charley Bagwell, and Robert Puryear.

We are all looking forward to our association; hoping we will have good spiritual meetings.

Our Sunday school and prayer meeting services are still going good. Rev. J. H. Roberts led our prayer meeting last Sunday night.

Our revival will begin August 11, conducted by our pastor, Bro. Bruce Phillips, and Bro. Cecil Garrison. We are all praying for a wonderful revival.

Pray for me that I might always be true to the Lord.

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First Free Will Baptist Church TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor

T. J. Cope, Reporter

Today we are still rejoicing; yea, our souls are still tingling with the power of God, fresh from the throne, because He has seen fit to pour out a blessing direct from heaven in the form of the biggest and best revival that the Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa has ever experienced.

On June 23, at one of Bro. Bingham's regular Sunday night messages, three precious souls were saved, and the spirit of a revival seemed to prevail throughout the entire audience. It

was decided to have a week's prayer meeting, each night, in advance of a revival. The Lord, however, saw fit to commence the revival at the first night's prayer service. An altar call was made and souls fell in the altar; a good number being saved. Such co-operation was never before experienced by the praying fathers and mothers of our church.

We were very fortunate in securing Bro. Zinn, of Bristow, who preached alternately with Bro. Bingham during the two weeks meeting.

We attribute the success of this revival largely to our daily prayer meetings each afternoon at 2:00 p. m. in which a great interest was shown.

There were 70 conversions during the 14 nights' meeting, 35 additions to the church, and something near 40 were baptized. A very beautiful scene, one night, was souls at the altar pouring out their hearts to God, the Saints praying with them, some singing, and with this, Bro. Bingham was baptizing a goodly number. Everyone felt like shouting and some did.

We are very proud of Bro. Bingham's record at the Tulsa church for the past eleven years. Who would not be with such a wonderful service at the closing week of his eleven years' labor with us?

We want to thank the Lord for our wonderful Sunday school. Under the direction of Bro. Bill Day, our worthy superintendent, a great work is going on. We are staying close to, and sometimes past, the 200 mark in attendance. No doubt, we will make a marked improvement in attendance when the weather cools down and vacation season is past.

Bro. Bingham and family are spending about 10 days at Paintsville, Ky., attending the National Association. Also several members of our church are taking advantage of the vacation period and joining him there later.

In the absence of our pastor our regular Sunday evening radio program was on the air as usual. We are thanking the Lord we have in our own young people's league, young ministers who can and will carry on the work in the absence of our pastor. There were 80 in the KOME studio last Sunday singing God's praises.

We are happy to report three new subscriptions to the *Gem* this month so far.

Well, dear readers, I suppose I have just about used the allotted space reserved for Tulsa, so pray for us that we may keep the revival spirit forever.

Bear Point Church Report Sesser, Illinois

W. R. Spurlock, Pastor

Geraldine Lewis, Reporter

Greetings! Gem Readers:

As it has been some time since I've sent a report from our little church here in Illinois, I would like to tell you of the victory that our Saviour has given us over Satan.

Just about two months ago Sister Elsie Curtis came to pay a visit to our Sunday School and was invited to bring us a message at eleven o'clock, also to stay and have church services after our young people's meeting that night. She did so, and a revival broke out; fifteen being saved that night. She then held a three weeks meeting. There were some where near sixty (60) saved and reclaimed, and fifty-one (51) additions to the church. We had our baptizing services the first Sunday in June. There were forty-one (41) baptized, and we are to have another one just as soon as the candidates can all be ready. There are six or more to be baptized then.

The Lord is surely blessing us in a mighty way. We have watched our Sunday School grow from 40 to 140 and have had 160 present.

We have been having some wonderful prayer meetings, and we have been seeing souls saved in our cottage prayer meetings. We are praising God for the Spirit and fellowship we have with one another in our prayer meetings and church services. Our prayer meetings are mostly made up of young people and young converts. We have a few older soldiers of the cross to help lead us on, and one, especially, I want to make mention of is Eld. Charlie Curry or Grandpa Curry, to us young people of Bear Point. We are praying to God if it be His Holy will that He will leave Grandpa Curry with us a few years longer to help lead us young folks. I tell you, it is really wonderful to help in prayer meetings and other church works and we are certainly praising God for him.

Our church has called for its pastor, the coming year, Rev. W. R. Spurlock for the second and fourth Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night of each month. We also thank God for that, as Bro. Spurlock is a wonderful help to us young people. It seems that when we are bothered about any thing we can go to him and talk it over, and he can explain things in such a clear light that our hearts and

minds are made to rejoice. We ask that all praying people pray that we will always be worthy of Brother Spurlock's leadership and the blessings the Lord is bestowing on us.

The next Franklin County Quarterly Meeting is to be held at our church, and we want to invite everyone that can to come and be with us. It will convene on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in September.

I attended the last Quarterly Meeting in June, which was at the Oak Grove Church, and certainly enjoyed a wonderful message Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Miller of Flat River, Missouri. I also enjoyed meeting the many friends that were with him. Bro. and Sister McAdams and Sister Woods were there. We want to invite all these good people to Bear Point to be with us during the next quarterly meeting.

I again ask the praying people to pray for our church that it will continue to grow and prosper in the work of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and also pray for the health of our pastor. I ask it as a sister in Christ.

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Fourth Cave Springs Fifth Sunday Meeting Cane Hill Church

As the moderator was not present, Eld. E. E. Simpson, assistant moderator, took charge. The meeting opened by singing, reading 128th. Psalms by the clerk, and prayer by Eld. T. J. Dunkin. Moderator appointed Brothers Albert Pingleton, Will Jewel and Hayden Williams for Pulpit Committee. Eld. Harry Beatty, moderator, arrived and carried on the meeting.

At the eleven o'clock service Elders T. J. Dunkin and H. C. Crase, with 1 John 5:7 as a text, gave striking messages on conversion. The king of Nineveh, under conviction, came down off of his throne, sitting in sack cloth and mourning for the sins of his nation. National mourning and repentance could bring our country back to the high spiritual standards that used to prevail long ago.

Nineteen of our twenty-one churches were represented, and verbal reports shows the others doing well. Three young men were licensed to preach; giving much encouragement for the future. Walnut Grove, in Arkansas near Myrtle, Missouri, was closed as the place of our next meeting.

At the night service, Elders L. R. Wheeler and E. E. Simpson, with Job's questioning about life and its vicissitudes, asked us what we were doing and why, and gave timely suggestions that we should be about our Father's business now and here. Everyone's prayer should be for wisdom to rightly walk in the way of all of God's commandments and help others along the way.

Some claim they are not fit to partake of the Lord's supper, and at every time of its observance we wonder when professing Christians will commence, as many do not, and what will happen to us if we utterly disregard the most solemn memorial of our Lord's sacrifice for us. In 1 Cor. 13:23 Paul certainly makes it plain that every believer should observe this memorial, and the warning against doing it unworthy surely could not apply to any true believer. If any of us are not worthy, right now is surely the time to repent of our unfaithfulness and obey the command, lest something happen that would prevent us ever again having another opportunity to partake of the Lord's supper. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

On Sunday we held our Ministers' Meeting. Elders Elmer Hodges and Harry Beatty told us something of the terrible influence of demons if we permit them to affect our living or thinking. Only by the indwelling Holy Spirit can their power be prevented from harming our usefulness. The only reason for the troublesome times we are experiencing in this country now, and for years back, is the lack of a continuing closer walk with God. Jesus overcame every temptation by quoting the scripture, and that is only the safe way yet; only we need to read, study and talk about the scriptures in order to use it right. If you are slack on it, begin now and stay with it for victory.

Elders J. H. Tally and Billie Rogers preached on the dangers of disregarding the esteeming of others better than ourselves, with Prov. 20:6 as a text, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" A splendid timely message we all needed.

After dinner, Elder J. E. Rolan told us about what 2 Kings 4:3 and on, shows us. The widow and her two sons were in want and in a serious quandary as to what to do next. The Lord sent Elisha to tell her to use what she had; and that is our greatest need here and now, when perplexity

and doubt are on every hand. Whatever we are and have, if put to the proper use through God's leading, will bring you and me, our country and the whole world, right along where we should be in prosperous condition; both temporally and spiritually. Try it and report results.

Bro. Tally told us 1 Chron. 14 shows that if we have God in our lives and homes we can be really successful in our living. Right now, if we as faithful citizens, obey the call from the White House to call upon God and repent of our sins and really commit our ways unto the Lord, there would very soon come such a wave of real prosperity in all good ways as has not been known for many long years.

Hezekiah and Josiah led their people in repentance, reform and prosperity. Why can't we do so all together with God to direct? In all past ages our God has really prospered every individual and every nation that sought Him with their whole heart. Especially now, as we are nearing the time of our Lord's return, when so many signs of His near advent are being fulfilled before our eyes, let us thank God and take courage in spreading the good news of salvation far and wide, so we can share the joys of our Lord.

—Ralph T. Hoyt.

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MT. VERNON, MISSOURI State Sanatorium July 10, 1940

Dear Gem Family:

I will again endeavor to write a few lines to the *Gem* to let you know Ruth and I are still coming along fine.

We each had x-rays taken recently and Ruth shows that her lung still looks good, and mine shows that I am still improving right along. I feel so thankful that God is still blessing us.

The staff of doctors here conferenced Ruth's case not long ago and decided to keep her here under observation for awhile longer. They also feel that since I still have to be here, that we can both be better contented, which is true. Also it is very convenient for her to attend school here. She is in school every school day. They have school here the year around. Of course, she only attends school two hours each day.

Well, here is hoping this finds all of the dear brothers and sisters enjoying the best of health.

I enjoy the *Gem* from cover to cover, and I would feel almost lost without it. I do, so much, enjoy reading of the good revivals around over the country and of souls being saved. When we read of so much good being done among the different churches, we are led to believe that our dear old denomination is really going over the top, yet.

I am hoping and praying that our National Association, which is to be

held at Paintsville, Kentucky, in this month, will be a great blessing and that much future good may be derived from it.

We had a very nice letter recently from Mrs. Raymond Hawkins of Gower, Missouri, whom we have never met; but, just the same, I feel that we are sisters in Christ. I enjoyed her letter very much.

We also had a nice visit the third Sunday in May from Rev. Ollie Ennis

and wife, and Miss Otha Campbell of Cassville, Missouri. We were indeed very glad to have them, and hope they may be privileged to visit us again in the future. We are always glad to have any of our friends visit us. Our visiting hours here are from 8:00 a. m. to 9:00 a. m.; from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.; and from 4:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.

Please pray for us when you pray.
—Mrs. Opal Frazier.

The Death of Esther Apple Our Loss, Her Gain

Esther had just returned from attending the National Association in Paintsville, Kentucky, which was a rather strenuous week on her as she wasn't feeling well when she started on the trip. On Tuesday after she returned she became seriously ill, and was taken, on Thursday, to the hospital at Verona, Missouri, where she passed away on the following Saturday.

All who knew her, and that includes many through Southwest Missouri, are at this time overwhelmed with sadness at her passing. Esther was a loving girl, and had so very many friends. She was always so active in the church work, and never refused duty anywhere she was called. At the time of her death, she was secretary and treasurer of our Missouri State Home Mission Organization. She had recently been elected teacher of the children's class in Sunday School, and had taught them but one Sunday. She has, in the past, held many other important positions in various departments of the work, and was very able in facing the public in our different religious gatherings. I am sure her many friends over the state of Missouri, and even in the ranks of our National work will read these words with much sorrow of heart. Certainly we will miss Esther in this part of the field more than words can possibly express. But she has gone to her sweet reward.

As I viewed her body in such sweet appearing rest, I was at once reminded of the scripture in the fourth chapter of Hebrews which says, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by Esther's present pastor, Rev. Virgil Greenway, in the Free Will Baptist church in Aurora in the presence of an extremely large audience

in which was represented many different churches and communities, and some of them from a distance. Many of our churches remembered her with beautiful floral offerings and also with love offerings to help the dear sisters; so commonly referred to as the Apple girls, in their hours of sorrow and burden.

Little did we think when we were

Esther Unita Apple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Apple, was born September 3, 1917, in Aurora, Missouri, and departed this life, July 27, 1940 at 2:40 p. m., in the Verona hospital; being at the time of her passing, 22 years, 10 months, and 24 days old.

Besides one half brother, Emmett, who preceded her in death, the surviving are her father and mother of Aurora; six sisters, namely: Mrs. Lloyd Pettit of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Albert Meadows, Mrs. Sam Peake, Nola, Margaret, Mrs. Joe Stuart, and one brother, J. B., all of Aurora; one half sister, Mrs. True Pigg of Baxter Springs, Kans. and many other relatives and a host of friends.

She was converted to Christ, in October, 1933, in a revival which was being held here at this location, and has lived a consistent Christian life until the end, always being very active in the church work. She held a number of important positions in the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination, which was the church of her choice.

She will be sadly and widely missed, not only by those of her immediate family and community, but by people in various sections of the country, as she had acquired many friends by means of her church and Christian work.

attending the National Association with Esther that, so very soon, we would be seeing her body put away. But, thanks to the dear Lord, she has gone to attend a far greater Association, and one that will never break up.

Her body was laid to rest in the beautifully shaded Maple Park cemetery just at the south edge of the town of Aurora. All that human power could do was done, and she was put away so beautifully that I am sure the dear family have nothing to regret along that line. The flower girls and pall bearers were selected from among her many friends of the churches where she had labored so faithfully for the Lord. The singing and music was furnished by the Macedonia quartet.

We might, too, explain that one serving as pall bearer was Esther's employer, Mr. Charles Kennedy of Aurora. He and his wife were always so very kind to Esther and took a great interest in her, and did all possible for her during her illness.

We will not be seeing Esther in our many church gatherings here any more; but if we live true to the Christ she loved and served we will meet her in a better world than this. I am sure her life, and almost sudden passing, has made a profound impression upon many. Among the last words she said to her sisters, Nola and Margaret, were, "I will see you in the morning." Now then as the dear Lord has taken her home, that morning will be the glorious morning of all mornings, when Jesus comes for his own.

The family has lost a precious daughter and sister; the Free Will Baptist Church has lost a valuable member; our rank of young people have lost a very dear associate; but our loss is the gain of Heaven. It seems utterly impossible that Esther is gone, and we are not going to say that she is gone — she is just away.

Written by a true friend, brother, and former pastor.

—Rev. Winford Davis

Obituaries --- Memorials

JORDAN—Heads were bowed and hearts were made to bleed when the death angel silently came into the home and took away from our midst, Sister Myrtle Whitlock Jordan.

Sister Jordan was born September 21, 1896 in Crawford County, near Mulberry, Arkansas. She departed this life June 1, 1940 at her home in the Lone Elm Community near Mulberry, Arkansas.

While young, she was united in marriage to Bryan Jordan. To this union one child was born; a daughter.

Sister Myrtle, as she was lovingly called by all, accepted Christ as her Saviour. She was baptized and united with the Free Will Baptist church. She was faithful to her God and her church to the end.

Sister Myrtle's body had been afflicted for several years. She was confined to her bed for six months before death came. Her suffering was intense, but she bore it without a complaint and always greeted her friends with a smile. A few weeks before death came she told her loved ones she had not long to stay here, but she was ready to go. God bless her sweet soul. It is hard for us to understand why she had to leave us, but God in all of His mighty power and wisdom knows best. To know Sister Myrtle was to love her.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her devoted husband, Bryan Jordan; one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Warner of the home; one granddaughter; two brothers, Fred and Dick Whitlock of near Mulberry, Ark.; also a host of other relatives and friends.

Bro. Charlie Graham, pastor of our Free Will Baptist church, assisted by Rev. J. A. Boweland, officiated at the funeral service which was held at the church. The body was laid to rest in the Rankin cemetery to await the resurrection.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" Rev. 14:13.

We loved her, yes we loved her,

But Jesus loved her more:

She has gone to be at home,

Upon the golden shore.

ROBISON — John Kary Robison, commonly called "Uncle Kay," was born near Batesville, Panola County, Mississippi, January 8, 1874. He departed this life on April 15, 1940 at Okemah, Oklahoma at the age of 66 years, 4 months, and 7 days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Maud Killer on January 8, 1892. To this union was born three children, one of whom has passed on before him.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife and two children, Archie of Okemah, Oklahoma, and Edith White of Okemah; four brothers, R. P. Robison of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Watson and Keith of Charleston, Ark., and one sister, Mrs. G. W. Williams of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; also a host of other relatives and friends.

"Uncle Kay" was converted while a young man, united with the Free Will Baptist church at Branch, Ark., and served his church faithful as a deacon. The memorial service was held at the Free Will Baptist church at Branch, with his faithful pastor, Eld. J. S. Lovett, in charge. Interment was made at Hampton Cemetery.

To know "Uncle Kay" was to love him. We miss him here, yet we know he rests with the saints. We hope to meet him where there are no more farewells.

Written by a friend.

MOORE — Lydia Ann Moore was born February 17, 1857 and passed away from this life June 22, 1940, being 83 years, 4 months, and 5 days of age. She has resided in this community all of her life.

Lydia Ann married at the age of 14 years to James Alfred Moore, who preceded her in death 64 years ago.

She is survived by three children, Harve, Charles and Lowe Moore. She was preceded in death by three children, Betty Mayab, Johnnie and Harry Moore.

There are 27 surviving grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She gave her heart to God at an early age and has lived a faithful and Christian life to the end. Rev. Homer Smith conducted the funeral services at the Moore cemetery.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of Gordon Lee Suttles, who died July 29, 1939.

A loved one gone, a voice is stilled,
A vacant place that can't be filled.
He is not dead but just away,
He rests in peace throughout the day.

Sleep on, dear Gordon, day by day,
We are so sad since you've gone away
All our lives, they seem so empty,
Everything so sad and still.

But we'll meet some day in Heaven
Where there'll be no sad farewells;
We miss you oh, we miss you, but
we'll try not to weep,
For in that heavenly mansion we
hope some day to meet.

We'll try not to grieve for him
As he sleeps in the silent tomb;
We just think of him as a little bud,
Someday in Heaven will bloom.

— Daddy, Mother and Robert.

Third Free Will Baptist Church ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Eld. Mark Lewis, Pastor
Francis McCauley, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

I am writing to let you know how we are getting along. We are coming along fine.

We had our election of a pastor some time ago, and Bro. Lewis was elected for this year. Bro. Johnson was elected as pastor for the Berkley church. Bro. Johnson was a member of the Third Free Will Baptist church. We are looking for great things this year for we have a lot of good, live Christians who are wide awake and serving the Lord.

Our attendance is good this warm weather. Sunday School attendance is holding up fine, and we are having fine lesson discussions. We are going to have our Sunday School picnic next month but we have not set a date yet.

Our league held their business meeting and elected officers for this coming year. They are, Bro. Leonard White, President; Dorothy Miller, First Vice President; Clode Grey, Second Vice President; Junior Langley, Third Vice President; Sister Beers, Secretary; Bro. Price, Assistant Secretary; Bro. Carver, Treasurer; Bro. Esler, Pianoist; F. McCauley, Reporter.

Our league is working for the salvation of souls, for that is their aim; to get sinners saved.

Announcements of the Associations

ZION HOPE NO. 2. ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mountain View Church, seven miles north of Charleston, Arkansas, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1940.

Elder T. J. Robertson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Roy Rose, alternate.

HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of this Association will be held with the Murray Hill Church, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1940.

Elder J. J. Lackey is to preach the Introductory Sermon.

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

This Association will be held with the Hopewell Church, eighteen miles north of Buffalo, Missouri, on highway 73, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1940.

Eld. Frank Linton is to preach the Introductory Sermon.

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Cottage Hill Church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m., on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1940.

Elder George Been to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. H. M. Knox, alternate.

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of this Association will be held with Cross Roads Church, in Laclede County Missouri, beginning at three o'clock p. m., on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1940.

Elder Roy Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder T. J. Peterson, alternate.

CENTER ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Center Association will convene with the Stratford Church at Stratford, Oklahoma, on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August.

Rev. Earling Haskins, Moderator,
Rev. Geo. W. McLain, Ass't. Mod.

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

This annual Association will be held with Bailey Chapel Church near Alton, Missouri, beginning Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August.

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The Thirteenth Annual Session of this Association will be held at Old Ministers' Home and Camp Ground site on Drumright-Sapulpa road, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1940.
Eld. H. E. Staires, Mod.; Drumright, Ok.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Third Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mt. Zion No. 3 Church, near Grovespring, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1940.

Elder Tona Jinks to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. E. E. Vestal, alternate.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of this Association will be held with Fair View Church, near Chetopa, Kansas, beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1940.

Elder Ronea Thomas to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder W. K. Weston as alternate.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mt. Olivet Church, Blue Eye, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1940.

Monday night and Tuesday will be given to the Ministers' Conference. Everybody invited.

Elder Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Mo., to preach the Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night, Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo., alternate.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASS'N.

This Association will convene on August 29 to September 1, at the Stahl Church, with Rev. C. A. Phillips bringing the introductory sermon; Rev. Cecil Horner, alternate.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-Second Annual Session of this Association will convene with Mulberry Church, at Gravelly, Yell County, Arkansas, on highway 28, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1940.

J. S. Lovett to preach the Opening Sermon.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASS'N.

The Sixty-Second Annual Session of this Association will be held with Mt. Zion Church, Langley, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the first Sunday in September, 1940.

Elder E. J. Oneel, Mod., New Hope, Ark.

DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Third Annual Session of this Association will convene with Hawkins Church, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1940.

C. L. Hudson, Mod., Blanchard, Okla.

ROBERTS-McGEE ASSOCIATION

The Fortieth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Salonia Church, three miles north of Leflore, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1940.

Eld. D. O. Scroggins, Moderator.

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of this Association will be held with Pirtle Church, Peach Orchard, Ark., beginning on Thursday evening before the third Sunday in September, 1940.

Elder Charles Staten is to preach the Introductory Sermon.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Seventh Annual Session of this Association will be held with Friendship Church of Pell City, Alabama, beginning on Friday Morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1940.

Eld. J. G. Roberts, Moderator.

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of this Association will be held with Niangua Church, Niangua, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the fourth Sunday in September, 1940.

Mission sermon on Monday night, September 23rd, by John B. Rollins of Monett, Missouri.

League sermon on Tuesday at 11:00 a. m., September 24th, by Damon C. Dodd of Desloge, Missouri, Melba White of Plattsburg, Mo., alternate.

The Introductory Sermon for the Association will be preached on Tuesday night, September 24th, by O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri, W. R. Rush of Weatherby, Mo., alternate.

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of this Association will be held with the Dibble Church, beginning on Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1940.

W. E. Dearmore, Mod., Wanette, Okla.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASS'N.

This Association will convene with the Union Third Fork Church near St. Joseph, Missouri, on Thursday night, August 22, 1940.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. Mary Welbaum, Rev. Melba White, alternate, Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

NOTE—We will be glad to print the announcement of your Association, Yearly Meeting, or Special Conference on this page. If your announcement does not appear on this page, and you would like to have your meeting announced, please send it in for the August issue. These announcements, excepting two, were taken from our file of minutes that we printed last winter.

—Editor.

He is a good preacher who follows his own preaching. An English proverb says, "An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching."

Gregory the Great said, "Every preacher should give forth a sound more by his deeds than by his word, and rather by good living imprint footsteps for men to follow, than by speaking show them the way to walk."

In ministers, nothing is seen more quickly than their faults. A preacher may have a hundred virtues, yet they may all be obscured by a single defect. Most all of you who read this have pastors. They might be good pastors, poor pastors, or indifferent pastors. Probably the faults of your pastor has become magnified so that you cannot see his virtues. Of course, it is the devils business to do this.

One in defence of the preacher, gives us a summary of the preacher and his faults. "Here to the preacher, who is like him? His critics are many, his defenders few and mild in voice; but could we get along without him? He is not perfect, but he is closer to perfection than his critics. While they find fault with the English of his last Sunday's sermon, he is out visiting the sick; when they spend an evening at the club (or show and bridge or maybe bingo) he is conducting a prayer meeting; while they damn him with faint phrases or furious infectiousness, he is comforting the broken hearted and consoling the sorrowful. His critics may produce material wealth, but he produces something infinitely more noble—character. We criticize his sermons, his pastoral work, but in the supreme moments of life—when life is born, when the nuptial bells ring gladly, when the somber angel appears at the door—we cannot do without him. If a physician be a good physician, an attorney a good attorney, the world is satisfied, and if a preacher be a good preacher, is that enough? Not by any means. He must be a good preacher, certainly, that is only a fraction. He must be a model of virtue, tact and common sense. He must be wise as Socrates, as patient as Job, as harmless as a dove, as diplomatic as a metternich, as business like as Charles M. Schwab, as eloquent as Webster, as subtle as Emerson, as practical as Westinghouse, a super man in truth; in addition to this, many expect him to be a hired man for the Ladies Aid, office boy for the official board and perpetual peace-

maker between church factions and members who cannot agree. If he fails in any of these things he is accounted a failure to the degree of being a FLOP."

The preacher spends more time and money in getting his education than any man I know, still he gets less pay than anybody else who has prepared in a similar way. He strives for years to acquire the knowledge which will permit him to appreciate good books, but when he has acquired this art of appreciation he can seldom afford the book fresh from the press. Following years of preparation, many times he is given a post in a rural district paying a puny salary. As a recipient of unmerited criticism, he is a champion.

If he uses slang he is sensational, if he uses good English he is a high-brow. If he attracts present day evils he is a demagogue, if he doesn't he is a spineless coward. If his political opinions are liberal he is a red; if he is conservative he is the tool of the capitalist. If he believes in a personal devil he is narrow and medieval; if he doesn't he is a higher critic. If his church progresses financially he is dubbed an expert beggar; if it doesn't he is an incompetent administrator. If he dresses well he is extravagant and stuck up; if he doesn't he is untidy. If his audiences are small he is a poor preacher; if he fills the building each Sunday he is a seeker after notoriety. If he preaches about the sins of the Old Testament he is not up to date; if he preaches about the sins of his

own congregation the wealthy contributors and politicians refuse their support. If he has intimate friends he is playing in favorites; if he has no friends he is cold and distant. No matter what he does or says somebody is going to join the anvil chorus.

The following poem was discovered in the *Episcopal Weekly*:

Wanted—A Perfect Rector

Our wardens have gone traveling;
they're on a mission bent,
To pick us out a rector—one with
whom we'll be content.
He must not be too high, and he must
not be too low;
We'd like him, very plastic, a man
made out of dough.
He must not be too short, he must
not be too tall.
And he must not have opinions what
will clash with ours at all.
He must not be too young, and he
must not be too old;
And he must be very humble and
never speak out bold.
He must please the rich and haughty,
and the poor and humble too;
He must praise us all for every
thing we do.
He must be very tackful, and have
pleasant things to say;
And when we disobey him, he must
look the other way.
Our wardens seem to think they can
find the very man;
But do you know, I'm doubtful if
they ever really can.

