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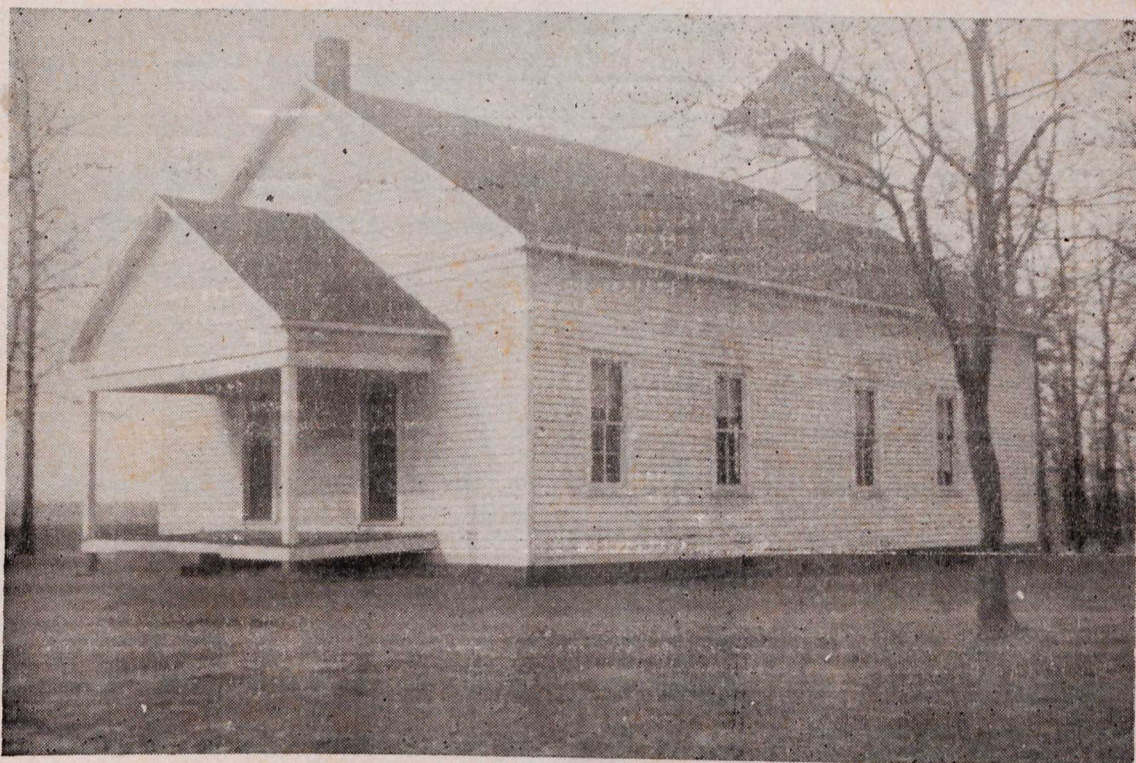
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## NOTICE

Any one reading this who have  
Free Will Baptist relatives or friends  
living in or around the city of Chicago,  
Illinois, please notify Mrs. George  
Morowe, 5925 South Normal Blvd.,  
Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Morowe is  
interested in getting a Free Will  
Baptist church started in that great  
city, and by your co-operation, no  
doubt, this could be accomplished.

What a tragedy that we do not have  
a church in this great city, as well  
as many more like places.

In notifying Sister Morowe, don't  
fail to give her the complete name  
and address of such relatives or  
friends. If able to do so state the  
telephone number, also.

— Rev. Winford Davis

# As I See It

By the Editor

## TO MISSOURI DONORS

All persons in Missouri who may give an offering to any phase of our denomination program, state or national, are to send it to our Missouri State Treasurer, Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, specifying the cause for which it is given.

Bro. Davis reports an itemized list in the Gem each month, and sends the money on to its destination in one sum. This eliminates much work from the office of the National Treasurer and makes reporting easier.

Our state organization is ignored when contributions are sent directly to the National Treasurer, and Bro. Davis is unable to give a complete annual report.

Let's keep our state organization going strong, for the National Association cannot exist without state organizations. We do not boast, but Missouri has one of the best, if not the best state organization in the National Association.

Winford Davis is honest and is active and alive and is also under a bond, so you need not fear to send him money, but be sure you tell him the cause for which you are sending him money.

## NEW EQUIPMENT NEEDS

The Gem Office needs some new equipment, and the Missouri State Association is striving to supply that need. A little less than \$300.00 is now in the treasury, with about \$1,000.00 more in sight which will be in within thirty days.

For a matter of information, we give our readers an idea of what is needed in the line of equipment:

1. An automatic cylinder press, something like a Michle, two revolution, with a variable speed motor. We can get one of these machines for \$2,000.00 and one for \$3,000.00.

2. A 30 inch paper cutter, about \$350.00

3. A power stitcher, \$200.00 to \$400.00

4. A folding machine, about \$500.00

We are expecting to grace our office with these machines during December and January. May the Lord help us that we may better serve Him.

## GIFT FOR NEW PRESS

We received an out-of-state gift for the purchasing of new equipment for the Gem Office. It was \$5.00 given by A. J. Lamar and sent in by W. D. Phillips, both members of the New Salem Free Will Baptist Church near Decatur, Texas. Several members of that church are readers of the Gem and Bro. Phillips expresses their appreciation for it.

We thank these brethren and their church, with their good pastor, Tiff Covington, for their interest shown.

## ABOUT THE HISTORY

In this issue, we have the third in a series of historical articles, and this third article gives Free Will Baptist history in the state of Ohio. We do not know who are reading these historical articles nor who may be able to appreciate them.

We are now giving our readers the

privilege of requesting us to give the history in your state. Ohio is the first state history we have attempted. Which state will be next?

Please bear in mind that my source of information in printed records closes at the year 1888. From that time until now, I have made an extended research which is incomplete, of course, and any facts anyone can furnish with reference to recent history and present standing will be appreciated.

## AN ERROR CORRECTED

In the second chapter of our historical series, we made an error with reference to the amount paid to foreign missions during the first fifty years of missionary endeavor by our denomination. The figure given is "three billions, nine hundred thirty seven millions of dollars" and that figure is an error.

As a matter of fact, our denomination began its foreign mission activities in 1835, and here is the correction:

Average Annual Receipts	
for 1st decade (1835-1845)....	\$2,424.48
for 2nd decade (1845-1855)....	4,537.58
for 3rd decade (1855-1865)....	6,042.99
for 4th decade (1865-1875)....	12,234.34
for 5th decade (1875-1885)....	13,698.32
for three years .....	14,429.05
Grand total (53 years)....	\$432,664.25

This figure is less than half a million and it is a commendable contribution. The error was very gross, indeed, and it makes me feel like a terrible sinner. I shall press forward however, in my course of factual analysis until I have completed a successful work.

## A LINOTYPE SCHOOL

Your editor, a certified teacher in the Missouri Department of Trades and Industrial Education, is conducting a night school in the office of the Free Will Baptist Gem on a special course of Linotype operation.

The school began on October 20 and the class sessions are from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock on Monday and Wednesday nights.

There are eleven students in the class and marked interest is quiet evident.





# Free Will Baptist History

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.



## Chapter III In the Ohio Valley

IN the previous chapters, we learned that three independent groups arose independently of one another's influence and building their activities upon the Bible doctrine now known as Free Will Baptist faith and practice. These three groups were:

Benjamin Randall's Freewillers of New Hampshire from whose influence the denomination aggregate was formed which was of national significance with inter-national activity.

Benajah Carpe's Free Baptists of New York which became extinct as such in 1841 when they united with the General Conference (national) of the Freewill Baptists.

Paul Palmer's "Original" Free Will Baptists of North Carolina who have had only brief connection with the denomination at large until comparative recently, and in 1936, they helped to form, and became a constituent member of, the present National Association of Free Will Baptists.

In this chapter, we are to learn of the westward movement of the denomination, down the Ohio river valley, and particularly into the state of Ohio.

The development of the denomination in Ohio is, in part, the results of the consecrated endeavor of the Home Mission Society who labored "from Nova Scotia to the Mississippi valley" and whose printed record shows an expenditure of \$294,564.42 during the first 50 years of service.

The work of the denomination in Ohio was begun by Eli Stedman, who organized a church at Rutland, Meigs County, in 1810. Other churches were formed which composed the Athens Quarterly Meeting.

**MEIGS QUARTERLY MEETING**—The Athens Quarterly Meeting became extinct and the Meigs Quarterly Meeting took its place. This quarterly meeting had as many as 28 churches at one time, including first, second, and third Kyger churches; first, second, and third Ruthland churches; first and second Carthage; first and second Alexander; Chester; Cheschire; Bedford; Orange; Salisbury; Columbia; etc. The Meigs Quarterly Meeting was noted for its strong churches; the First Kyger and Second Ruthland



maintained more than 200 members each for many years. Second Kyger, Campaign, and Middleport exceeded more than 100 members each, and the Canaan, Cheschire, and the First Ruthland churches had memberships which would be considered large.

**LITTLE SCIOTO QUARTERLY MEETING** had its origin in the labors of Rev. Rufus Cheney, from New York, who settled a few miles east of Portsmouth on the Ohio river and organized the Porter Church in 1817. This church is one of the strongest in Ohio today, standing in a new brick building, but there are bricks in the walls which have been used in three brick Porter church buildings on the same foundation. A picture of this church is to appear in the *Gem* soon.

The Porter church did belong to the Meigs Quarterly Meeting, but withdrew to help form the Little Scioto Quarterly Meeting in 1833. This quarterly meeting grew to a membership of 29 churches, some of whom came from the Meigs Quarterly Meeting.

**PINE CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING** was formed in 1879 when Mt. Zion, Union, Green, Mt. Hope, Chaffin's Mill, Buffalo and Cross Roads Churches of the Little Scioto Quarterly Meeting went together to form a closer union. This quarterly meeting was strong on Home Missions and employed its clerk as home missionary for several years.

**JACKSON QUARTERLY MEETING** was organized about 1873, and having as many as 10 churches.

**OHIO RIVER YEARLY MEETING** was organized in 1833 with Meigs and Little Scioto Quarterly Meetings. This yearly meeting grew to include John-

son Quarterly Meeting in Kentucky, Raleigh Quarterly Meeting in West Virginia, and the West Virginia Association.

**OHIO AND KENTUCKY YEARLY MEETING.** In 1879, the Little Scioto Quarterly Meeting and Pine Creek Quarterly Meeting formed this yearly meeting with the Lewis Quarterly Meeting in Kentucky uniting.

**OTHER QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND YEARLY MEETINGS.** There were a host of quarterly meetings and yearly meetings in Ohio which are now extinct, but are listed here with date of organization:

Athen Quarterly Meeting No. 2.	1844
Gallia Quarterly Meeting	1882
Hocking Valley Quarterly Meeting	1880
Shiloh Quarterly Meeting	1869
Miami Quarterly Meeting	1824
Warren and Clinton Q. M.	1849
Marion Quarterly Meeting	1826
Harmony Quarterly Meeting	1833
Delaware Quarterly Meeting	1839
Licking Quarterly Meeting	1845
Richland Quarterly Meeting	1845
Huron Quarterly Meeting	1822
Strongville Quarterly Meeting	1827
Medina Quarterly Meeting	1839
Lake Erie Quarterly Meeting	1841
Lorain Quarterly Meeting	1839
Seneca Quarterly Meeting	1846
Ashtabula Quarterly Meeting	1833
Geauga Quarterly Meeting	1838
Cleveland Quarterly Meeting	1869
Geauga and Portage Q. M.	1874
Lake Count Quarterly Meeting	1845
Stark County Quarterly Meeting	1846
Ohio Yearly Meeting	1824
Ohio Northern Yearly Meeting	1836
Marion Yearly Meeting	1844
Central Ohio Yearly Meeting	1870
Ohio and Pennsylvania Y. M.	1833

The present organization of Free Will Baptists in Ohio is in accordance with the polity of the National Association: namely, an Ohio State Association.

The Ohio State Association is composed of two yearly meetings and each yearly meeting has three quarterly meetings:

- I. Scioto Yearly Meeting
  1. Porter Q. M. . . . 11 churches
  2. Pine Creek Q. M. 18 churches
  3. Lawrence Q. M. . . 5 churches
- II. Ohio River Yearly Meeting
  1. Jackson Q. M. . . . 7 churches
  2. Vinton Q. M. . . . 4 churches
  3. Meigs Q. M. . . . . 2 churches



# The Missouri State Association



## Mrs. John B. Rollins



**T**he Missouri State Association met in its twenty-eighth annual session with the Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri, on September 30, 1941.

The sweet spirit of Christian fellowship was prominent throughout the entire setting of the Association. To this fact we give credit for the glorious achievements that were accomplished. "In unity there is strength."

On Monday night, prior to the Association proper, Sister Elsie Curtis of Herrin, Illinois, brought an introductory sermon to the Home Mission Organization, which was directly from off the altar, kindled by the Holy Spirit. She used Rev. 6:17 "The Great Day" for a subject.

The Mission work created quite an interest. The Woman's Auxiliary work was endorsed, which is destined to eventually succeed the Home Mission organization. According to Free Will Baptist polity, state organizations are composed of district organizations. Because there was only one district Woman's Auxiliary organization represented, namely Indian Creek, we could not organize into a state convention. However, Sister Marie Thomas was elected field worker, and by the help and co-operation of each local organization we anticipate a step farther in advance at our next State Association.

Kenneth Turner very ably delivered the message introducing the League work, using for his subject, "Going a Step Farther". The League service was a blessing to all those present and certainly an inspiration to any one interested in the League work for our young people.

W. K. Weston presided over the meeting and had the hearty co-operation of those on the program, which consisted of interesting topics followed by discussions from each district association represented.

Miss Helen Young from the Niangua League gave a very impressive reading which was full of meaning and sentiment.

The introductory message to the Association was delivered by Cecil Campbell of Cartersville, Missouri. He used Rev. 3:20 for his text and very

forcibly brought to our minds the conditions as they exist today.

Delegates were present from Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri. It reminded us somewhat of our National Association, with the exception of the larger delegation.

Winford Davis brought a missionary message at 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday from Rev. 7:9. Undoubtedly, every heart in the audience was touched and we were brought face to face with the opportunities to do good which lay ahead for those who are mission-minded.

Bro. B. F. Rogers of Wewoka, Okla., brought us a very timely message from Psalm 8 "The Greatness of God" on Wednesday afternoon.

An effort was made on Wednesday night to raise funds to send Kenneth Turner to Cuba with his motion picture camera to take pictures and present them to us that we might be better able to understand the needs and conditions of the mission fields. This resulted in a collection of \$55.50.

Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Oklahoma, brought an arousing and soul stirring message from Rev. 1:17. Only those who are acquainted with Bro. Bingham and have heard him preach can appreciate his sermons to the fullest extent.

After Bro. Bingham's message, Bro. Turner showed some of his pictures which proved quite interesting to those who enjoyed clean wholesome entertainment.

On Thursday, the report of the

Business Committee was read and adopted. To us, the most interesting item was that of raising money to better equip our Gem Office. Pledges and cash were taken to the amount of \$712.50, and don't forget, if any one has anything to donate on our new fixtures Bro. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., will be happy to write you a receipt for that amount. (See treasurer's report.)

Another item of interest was the cancellation of the one-dollar (\$1.00) registration fee. This simply means that our associations will be financed as before, by contributions from local churches.

At eleven o'clock Thursday, John B. Rollins preached on "Wrinkles" Eph. 5:27. This was very logical and those sitting under the sound of his voice took it in the right spirit.

A letter was read from Bro. and Sister Willey and Sister Laura B. Barnard, our missionaries, who were with us in spirit but absent in body.

Bro. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo., preached Thursday night and used Rom. 8:28 for a text. Bro. Beatty brought a very interesting message and all those present were benefited by the same.

Friday morning time was devoted to the work of the Sunday School Convention, followed at 11:00 o'clock by a sermon from O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri. He brought a spiritual message from John 4:35 "Vision and Commission".

Friday afternoon the Six Point Record System for Sunday Schools was demonstrated, which proved quite successful.

Friday night F. C. Zinn, Bristow, Oklahoma, preached from John 11:28, 29. Bro. Zinn very ably addressed his audience with a powerful sermon. At the close of this service several came to the altar for a re-consecration of their lives to God.

Much good singing and several musical numbers were enjoyed at each service. The Missouri State Association can proudly boast of its singers and musicians of which we are all justly proud.

The next session of the Missouri State Association will meet two weeks

early, next year, with the Myrtle church near Thayer, Mo., in Oregon county of Cave Springs Association of which Harry Beatty is pastor. Frank Linton is to bring the introductory message.

Our Association was a perfect success with praise for all accomplishments going to God.

We would be doing Brother and Sis

ter Dodd and their good people an injustice if we neglected giving mention of the way we were so royally entertained, which goes to prove they were aware of the fact that they were to entertain the Missouri State Association.

May we look forward and work for a better and greater association next year than we have ever had.

committee previously named by the executive board for incorporating the state work be authorized to re-insure the equipment of the publishing house on the five year plan if possible, and that we raise the first premium here and now.

Item 7—Be it Resolved, That bond be provided for the treasurer of the State Association.

Item 8—Be it Resolved, That beginning next year the association begin on Monday night after the second Sunday in September, rather than after the fourth Sunday as now.

Item 9—We recommend that all money for state and national work be sent through the state treasurer.

Item 10—We recommend that the state adopt the unified program of giving as adopted by the National Association.

Item 11—Be it Resolved, That we extend a standing vote of thanks to the Flat River Church, the people of Flat River, and the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting for their splendid hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of this body.

Committee {  
Cecil Campbell,  
J. O. Filkins,  
Frank Linton,  
Lloyd T. Jeffreys,  
C. B. Dees.

## Work of Business Committee Adopted

Item 1—Be it Resolved, That a permanent committee of five (5) be appointed to pass upon questionable manuscript received for publication in the *Gem*. We suggest the following: O. T. Allred (chairman), Kenneth Turner, B. F. Brown, W. K. Weston, and Winford Davis.

Item 2—We recommend that the next session of the Missouri State Association convene with the Myrtle church of the Cave Springs Association.

Item 3—First, Be it Resolved, That this body now in session raise all the cash possible for the purpose of more fully equipping the Gem Office by donations from any person in the amount of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars more or less.

Second, Be it further Resolved, That the plan adopted by this body be presented to the several churches and associations by the pastors or other intrusted persons until the state has been thoroughly worked. Let this plan be worked and consummated by December 1, 1941.

Item 4—Be it Resolved, That we grant the Sunday School Convention time on Wednesday afternoon each year to transact their business.

Item 5—Inasmuch as the one (\$1.) dollar registration plan has proven unsatisfactory, we recommend that the churches and local associations adopt the original plan of contributing to the entertainment of this association.

Item 6—Be it Resolved, That the

## Work of Mission Committee Adopted

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

We are indeed grateful and thankful to the Lord for the way our people of Missouri have responded in the past year to our missionary work. This we feel is the reason the Lord has opened up a new and vast field of work for us in India.

We urge our people to *definitely* pray to the Lord to provide the much needed helpers.

We recommend and *urge* that every church give *monthly* to the foreign mission fund, and further that every pastor feel a personal responsibility in keeping this matter before their churches.

We recommend that every church have a bulletin board in the church displaying reading matter and pictures of our missionaries and their work.

We recommend that every auxiliary

of the church (the League, Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School) give due consideration to our missionary cause.

We recommend that every Mission Circle or Woman's Auxiliary give a separate offering to our mission field worker when she visits the churches.

We recommend that our people

throughout the state use the penny-a-day plan, as set forth by the National Association, to raise money for the unified program fund.

We recommend further that an explanation of this plan be given at the association.

We recommend that all money collected through the penny-a-day plan be sent to our state treasurer.

Committee {  
Mrs. Jewell Campbell  
Mrs. Eunice Miller,  
Melba White.

## Report of Committee on Education Adopted

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following:

First, Inasmuch as our National Executive Secretary, L. R. Ennis, has recently been authorized by our National Board of Education to plan and conduct an extensive financial campaign for the purpose of liquidating the unpaid balance on the school property recently purchased in Nash-

ville, Tennessee, be it therefore resolved,

That we, the Missouri State Association, pledge our local support to whatever plan he may present to our people.

Second, Inasmuch as pictures of our property in Nashville are soon to be available, therefore we recommend that our churches secure the pictures and place them on a placard in the church.

thereby showing the members of the church and the general public the appearance of our school property.

Third, Inasmuch as the National Board of Education is staging Christian Workers' Institutes in various parts of the country, we recommend that our people avail themselves of

these outstanding opportunities when at all possible.

Committee { Winford Davis,  
Alice Dickey,  
Ora George.

Associate Members: Melvin Bingham,  
Bert F. Rogers.

## The Treasurer's Annual Report

### Foreign Mission Fund

Amt. brought forward .....	\$89.83
Amt. received past year .....	724.09
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$813.92</b>
Amt. paid out past year .....	767.64
<b>Balance in treasury .....</b>	<b>\$46.28</b>

### Educational Fund

Amt. brought forward .....	\$103.46
Amt. received past year .....	454.98
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$558.44</b>
Amt. paid out past year .....	444.03
<b>Balance in treasury .....</b>	<b>\$114.41</b>

### Budget Fund

Amt. brought forward .....	\$57.60
Amt. received past year ....	129.33
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$187.13</b>
<i>Paid out past year for:</i>	
State minutes .....	\$40.00
Receipt books .....	1.00
Postage .....	7.26
E. F. Brown on note ....	15.50
Insurance at Gem Office ..	20.86
Annual dues to Nat'l Ass'n	10.00

Clerk hire .....	5.00
Statistician hire .....	10.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>103.72</b>
<b>Balance in treasury .....</b>	<b>\$77.41</b>

### New Machinery Fund

Amt. brought forward .....	\$1.00
Amt. received past year .....	108.00
<b>Total in treasury .....</b>	<b>\$109.00</b>

### Publishing House Maintenance

Amt. received past year ....	\$104.33
Amt. paid out past year .....	104.33

### Penny-a-Day

Amt. received past year ....	\$288.84
Amt. paid out past year ....	275.00
<b>Balance in treasury .....</b>	<b>\$13.84</b>

### Totals On All Funds

Amt. brought forward .....	\$252.09
Amt. received past year ....	1,809.57
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,061.66</b>
Amt. paid out past year ....	1,700.72
<b>Balance in treasury (all funds)</b>	<b>\$360.94</b>

finance would let you. So hear the call of your would be brothers in Christ and go help them. I know of no better way to get a young boy or girl to Christ than through the Sunday school. Then let's make our Sunday school a soul saving station.

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

The emergency call has sounded. The call for help is ringing in our ears. Our boys and girls are being drawn away from us, from our Sunday schools, and from God. That old serpent, the Devil, has placed oh so many places of amusement, of sin, of attraction upon this earth. It is so hard to keep our youth going to church and Sunday school. The youth of today are differently minded to such an extent that they just don't have any desire to go to Sunday school and church and do the same old routine every Sunday. We must get them interested, and we must organize ourselves and get closer to God if we expect them to come. We can make our Sunday school interesting to them.

Now some are going to criticize me for this and say our Sunday school is alright; we have good attendance, good offering, and good preaching. But look all around you and you will see boys and girls who don't come, some don't even know the story of Jesus Christ—how He lived and died for them.

Free Will Baptists, let's look outside of our church, get a vision of the whitened harvest fields, and go out to win them and bring them to Sunday school and to Christ.

The officers of the Missouri State Sunday School Convention are:

President... George La Shum, Monett  
Vice President,

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## Message of State Sunday School President

Eld. Geo. La Shum, Pres. Missouri State S. S. Convention, Monett, Mo

AS the Missouri State Sunday School Convention President for 1942, I would like to visit all the district conventions that are now organized and Bro. John B. Rollins will come with me and explain the Six-Point Record System. We will also explain the book on the Standard of Efficiency.

If the secretaries of the convention will write to me and let me know when and where you meet, we will be glad to come. Also to the Sunday Schools who have not organized as yet into a District Convention, if it would be possible for three or more Sunday Schools to assemble together at any one point, some time soon, and let me know, we would be there if at all possible.

The Free Will Baptists are speedily building up, and we want the Sunday Schools to be up with the church, so let's all work harder this year than ever before and bring a good report to the State Convention in 1942, "For God's work is our work."

Look at some weaker Sunday school or church. For all you or I know, our children, some day, may live close to that church, and if we don't help them now so they can become better prepared, both spiritual and in membership, whose fault is it, our youths or ours?

Let's throw out our chests and roll up our sleeves and work harder. If you were to get a call that your earthly brother was sick and needed you, you would go as far as your

## Publication Committee Offers Ultimatum

After investigation, we learn that there are goodly profits derived from well-managed, well-patronized publishing house, and believing our Gem Office is and is to be fully capable of this prestige, we recommend the following precepts for adoption:

That money be secured for immediate negotiations for the necessary equipment to make our publications a first class business.

That the said money be secured by loans from our people at 4% per annum until such time when the accrued profits from our publications shall repay every loan.

That the said necessary equipment be purchased for cash, and thus unincumbered shall stand as security to our people in the name of The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

That a limit be placed on the salaries of the editors which shall not exceed \$2500.00 annually until such loans as we seek are paid.

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# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



## Stages of Development

### In the National Educational Program

By J. R. Davidson, Chairman National Board of Education, Bryan, Texas

IT was in the month of June, 1938, at Smithville, Mississippi, that the very first plans were laid for a National Educational Program. During the 1938 session of the body, known as the Eastern General Association, a board composed of three members was selected with a view of co-operation with the Western General Association. Mrs. J. R. Bennett, now of Goldsboro, North Carolina, Mr. W. E. Coville of Nashville, Tennessee, and J. R. Davidson of Bryan, Texas, were the ones selected for this work. Before leaving Smithville, this group got together and drew a few simple plans for raising some money. The small amount of ten cents per capita was asked for, and the plan drew quite a bit of criticism, but it proved successful enough to create a financial nucleus; so whatever has, or may be done, this will go down in history as the beginning. I thank our God for it, and especially appreciate the part played by Sister Bennett and Brother Coville in making this possible.

In November, 1938, the National Association convened in Nashville,

Tennessee, and during the sitting of this body a board of five was named as National Board of Education. Those composing the board were: Rev. J. R. Bennett of North Carolina, Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar of Tennessee, Rev. D. Self Jones of Missouri, Rev. Melvin Bingham of Oklahoma and Rev. J. R. Davidson of Texas. The board met before leaving Nashville to organize and Rev. George D. Dunbar was named secretary and J. R. Davidson as chairman-treasurer. It was agreed that we should go forward with the plans started by the three above mentioned, so we thus launched forth, though greatly handicapped, for a full year.

July, 1939, found us in session in Bryan, Texas, in the capacity of the National Association, and it was there that Rev. D. S. Jones tendered his resignation as a member of the board, and Rev. Winford Davis of Missouri was named in his stead. At this time we were able to report a bit over one

thousand dollars collected, and were charged with the responsibility of beginning a search for some suitable property for a Bible school. Early in the month of August, accompanied by Bro. J. L. Edge who has gone on to his reward, the board took an across-the-country search. Property was investigated in several states, including two sites in the state of Tennessee, but God did not so direct that any deal was negotiated. We have been constantly on the alert for the very thing that God would have us have since that day.

We continued to make some interesting history until the National Association convened in Paintsville, Kentucky, 1940. It was while there that the board prayed and communed together until God came in manifestation with great revival power, and out of this revival was born the plan under which we are now operating. It was agreed that wisdom called for conference with representative brethren, and several were called in counsel. We were greatly encouraged when it was known that "all were of the same mind". When our report, with some recommendations, was made, the Association enthusiastically approved everything, with a unanimous vote. The General Board was then elected, and after the Association adjourned it organized, including the naming of its executive



committee. It became the responsibility of the executive committee to endeavor to carry out the plans for the National Association, which included the employment of an Executive Secretary. Rev. L. R. Ennis was approached and offered the position, after his having been fully recommended by the brethren in attendance from the state of North Carolina; but he was not able to give an immediate answer. The matter of endeavoring to complete the contract with Brother Ennis was committed to Rev. Henry Melvin, Chairman of the Board and Executive Committee. All plans were fully completed and Bro. Ennis resumed the work September 15, 1940. The Executive Committee had arranged with the Board Education for a loan with which to meet the initial expenses of the work of the Executive Secretary, but in a called session of the Board and the Executive Committee in May, 1941, it was agreed that the work of the Executive Secretary had proved such a potent factor educationally for all phases of the work that the funds which were to have represented a loan should be allocated. And although Bro. Ennis suggested the discontinuation of the office for certain reasons, these two boards were in full accord of the mind that we could not successfully function without the office, hence a motion was passed to allocate a sufficiency of funds to perpetuate the office of Executive Secretary until

the 1941 session of the National Association. When our report was made the National Association said, with a unanimous vote, that it was of the same mind with us.

During the sitting of the 1941 session of the Association the Board of Education was granted trusteeship authority and was authorized to proceed with the purchase of suitable property in which to operate a Bible school in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. It was further authorized that institute work should be the vogue for the associational year 1941 and 1942, and one thousand dollars was allocated to be used in the prosecution of the program. The first session of this work was held in Monett, Missouri, and plans are in the making for many additional sessions in the different states during the year. So fruitful was the first one that no one could have grounds to question that this is the very best fore-runner possible to a good Bible school. In fact God has so blessed until fruits are being borne in several different states in the salvation of the lost, and the advancement of His great cause. We are convinced that we will never be able to spend any of the Lord's money that could be more fruitful than that which we shall use in institute work.

The final stage of our history, so far, revolves around the dates of

September 23 and 24, 1941, when the Board of Education was called in session to consider certain property which had been previously investigated and believed to be ideal for our use. On the above dates, the Board negotiated a purchase from Mr. W. O. Tirrill of the city of Nashville, near West End, of property most adaptable for Bible School purposes for the consideration of \$15,000.00. And this Christian man, a devout Presbyterian, in turn donated a check for \$1,000.00 toward the retirement of the debt. This represents the first cash donation of this amount since our beginning in this great endeavor. God bless this noble man, and may many Free Will Baptists catch the same spirit, for such men make real history. We arranged for annual payments of \$3,000.00, and the rate of interest is to be only 4½%. Five thousand dollars having been paid down leaves an incumbrance of only ten thousand dollars.

To be sure the Lord has gone ahead of us in this matter, hence here is the answer to our prayers. The question now is, What shall we do with that which God has given us? I feel sure that we will do nothing less than to execute his will.

Very soon full descriptions, including pictures, will be furnished the *Baptist* and the *Gem*, and many will be looking upon the materilization of one of their fondest dreams.

**The World  
For Christ**



**Woman's Auxiliary Department**

**"Be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." John 16:33**

**Overcoming  
With Christ**



**Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Tennessee, Editor**

**For the Glory of God**

Again, our attention is called to the vital truth of tithing in our Woman's Auxiliary program for November.

As a body, Free Will Baptists have often had their attention called to the tithe, and though Woman's Auxiliary has put much emphasis on this subject, yet how well have we learned our lesson? If we judge by appearance, I am afraid not so well. Many, though not so many when compared to the whole membership, do recognize that one-tenth of our wealth belongs to God, and they are rendering that to Him. Have we given enough thought to the other nine-tenths? To



whom does that belong? In answering to whom the nine-tenths belongs, we as servants of Him must say, to Him also. Everything we have is truly His. Then has He given any direction as to how we should use the nine-tenths? Yes, to be sure He has—all shall be for His glory! "Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

For whose glory have our coins served? This question brings conviction for our sins, brings us to confession and shame. Lord, may it lead us to repentance. May it teach us that, while we have helped with the one-tenth, we have shamefully hindered with the nine-tenths. May

we know that the force of the power of our wealth should not be divided. It is only rightly used when wholly used for Thy glory.

Shall we then, as a group of His children, prove to Him and to the world about us that from this day forth our wealth is consecrated to Him?

Our joy in heaven will be increased or diminished according to the way we have used the nine-tenths, as truly as to what disposition we have made of the one-tenth which is holy to the Lord, for *ALL IS HIS* one-tenth for the sending of the Gospel, nine-tenths with which we express our loyalty in gifts of love-offerings of obedience—meeting every opportunity to invest in everlasting values that fade not away, while we are "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord".

### A Message to All Fourth Vice Presidents from the National Fourth Vice President

"Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" said Paul in 1 Cor. 6:19-20. And oh, the joy it brings to our hearts as we see the women of our denomination accepting and teaching this great truth.

Sacrifices have been made and prayers have been answered, but the field is still white to harvest and the laborers are few—God is willing to use us if we are willing to be used. Whatever the individual talent or possession, if used for Jesus' sake, it will make many hearts happy. Therefore, I'm asking that in this year we rededicate our lives to Him that many others may recognize their stewardship.

Our people must be taught to accept God's plan to carry on His work. He expects us to honor Him with our substances and with the first fruits of all our increase. Are we setting aside one-tenth of our income for His holy use? I'm praying that we may have many more tithers when our next report is made.

May we study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed because we rightly divide the word of truth. A good steward will use his best intelligence in finding out the will of God. I trust that we may conduct more stewardship reading circles and study classes than ever before in the history of this organization.

I have been asked to suggest books to be used for study classes but that is rather hard to do, not knowing what you have used before, you will find, however, a list recommended in your 1941-42 Year Book. May we study them prayerfully.

Will each state fourth vice president please send me your name and address? If you have no state organization you may send from your district. Some have already done this. Thank you.

### Stewardship Suggestions

In the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention plan of work, November is stewardship month. This means we formulate stewardship plans for our years' work. Begin stewardship activities. Plan our stewardship reading circles and study course. In the new 1942 Year Book of Programs it suggests that our stewardship activities begin with a Church Night of Stewardship. This is a splendid idea. It is also a fine program to have for a Sunday evening service early in the new year of the church. The stewardship chairman in the local church auxiliary working with Sunday school teachers should plan the program. Here is a suggested outline for the service which I trust every auxiliary will sponsor in your church as heartily as we once did the Stewardship Declamation Contest. To my mind this idea, if planned, prepared, and carried out in our churches will not only put this matter of stewardship before our auxiliary members but the entire church membership, and we pray produce a greater number of Bible stewards and especially tithers.

Pray, plan, and prepare that the coming months may be used wisely and well to train our fine Free Will Baptist people to work and witness for Christ with substance and with self.

The suggested program outline is as follows:

### Stewardship Church Night Program

1. Opening Hymn, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".
2. Scripture, Psalm 65.
3. Prayer, Stewardship Chairman of Woman's Auxiliary.
4. Devotional Talk, "Faithful Stewardship"—a young person from the senior department.
5. Quartette, "We Give Thee but thine Own."
6. Primary Demonstration—primary boys and girls.  
(Have children learn scripture

verses about stewardship and recite them. They could carry letters spelling out "Stewards" or "Tithes and offerings" or "Stewardship Band" and recite verses for whatever letters are used; for example, S—Serve the Lord with gladness, Psalm 100:2.)

7. Junior Presentation—Junior boys and girls.

(A "Professor Quiz" affair would interest this age and could be arranged by having a junior boy fix up as Professor Quiz and read the first line of a stewardship hymn stanza, and the contestant will complete the stanza. For example, "Take my silver and my gold," (read by Professor Quiz and then the contestant completes the verses from "Take My Life".) Of course this would be rehearsed before the program is presented to the church.)

8. Hymn, "Trust, Try, and Prove Me."
9. Intermediate Girls' Presentation—"The Gift of Self"—a declamation (an article in the November Gem).
10. Intermediate Boys' Presentation—"William and His Soap". Tell the story of William Colgate, being sure to make the tithing point clear.)
11. Young Peoples' Presentation—"The Co-operating Dollar".  
(This should be a monologue given by a young woman holding in her hand a dollar bill and speaking as if the dollar were relating its own experiences. As the causes among which the dollar is divided are described, women carrying placards, on which are printed these words (home missions, foreign missions, orphanages, old ministers' relief, Christian education) enter as the work is described and form a semicircle back of the woman holding the dollar. The Auxiliary literature department will furnish copies of this speech to all who will send a 3c stamp to the National First Vice President.)
12. Pastor's Remarks—(If impossible for pastor to be present, auxiliary president responds. See page 23 in the 1942 Year Book.)
13. Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated".
14. Benediction.

—Lola Johnson, Alma, Ga.

### The Gift of Self

"First they gave their own selves to the Lord". The gift of self is the basis of stewardship. If Free Will Baptists would follow the example of

the Macedonian Christians and first give their own selves to the Lord there would be no trouble about enlarged gifts to the *UNITED PROGRAM* of our National Association.

We have only to examine our own hearts to realize how few of us have given ourselves wholly, unselfishly to the Lord. We give to Him only spare time, our spare cash, our spare talents, our divided loyalties.

"We live for ourselves, we think for ourselves,

For ourselves and for none beside;  
Just as if Jesus had never lived,  
As if He had never died."

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift". Because of this unspeakable gift of God in Christ Jesus, we ought to give ourselves with all that we are and all that we *HAVE* to His service. When we put our gift of self on the altar, gifts of substance will pour into the *UNITED PROGRAM* in large measure.

Missions waits on the United Program,

The United Program waits on stewardship,

Stewardship waits on personal consecration,

Personal consecration waits on you and me.

So, "Stir me, oh, Stir me Lord, I care not how

But stir my heart in passion for the world.

Stir me to give, to go—but most to pray;

Stir till the blood-red Banner be unfurled

O'er lands where no cross is lifted high.

"Stir me, oh, stir me Lord, Thy heart was stirred

By love's intensest fires, till Thou didst give

Thine only Son, Thy best loved One, Even to the dreadful Cross that I might live.

Stir me to give myself so back to Thee

That thou canst give Thyself again through me!"

day of thanksgiving. We should appreciate all of the blessing while we have them, and not wait for their absence to impress them upon us. I wonder if we thank God for our church, our homes, our family, our friends, our health, our food, our clothing, the sunshine, the rain, and all of the other necessities of life, or do we take them as something that just happened. All of these are blessings from our heavenly Father and we cannot get along without any of them

We, as Free Will Baptists, have much for which to be thankful. For the past few years God has so wonderfully blessed our denomination, and led us out into greater fields of service for Him. He has brought us together in one great body so that there is no longer an eastern division and western division, but we are one great body. He has given us the privilege of sending His gospel to regions beyond, and just recently He has given us property for a national educational institute. Oh, the blessings are so numerous that we can't begin to name them.

I believe that we should use "the hour of prayer for November in thanks giving to our Almighty God for all of His blessings of the past, and then I believe He will be more obligated to give us other blessings. Let us thank Him for our denomination; for our sweet doctrine; for our National Association; for our consecrated leaders; for our missionaries; for our ministers; for the leaders among our youth; for our National Sunday School Convention; for our League work and workers; for our Woman's Auxiliary work; for an educational institution; for our aged ministers who have led the way for us.

## The Hour of Prayer

*Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Third Vice President Woman's Auxiliary, Cardova, Ala.*

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God"—Phil. 4:6.

**W**ITH the return of the thanksgiving season, we should lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord for all His goodness and blessings to us during the past year. Let us look back over the year and try with our finite minds to count

the blessings that God has given us, and then with thankful hearts offer up our praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

Many of us are too prone to stay on the begging list all of the time, but never stop to thank God for the countless blessings He bestows upon us. We are taught in the sacred scriptures to give thanks in everything. Every day of our lives should be a



## GENERAL ARTICLES



## The Arkansas State Association

*By Mrs. O. V. Tadlock, Batesville, Arkansas*

**T**HE Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met with Allen Chapel Church, Wednesday night, October 1, and continued until Sunday, October 5. Despite the fact that it rained every day, large crowds were

in attendance at every meeting. More than 200 delegates, deacons, ministers and other visitors were registered. This did not include people from the local community. A splendid spirit of love and friendship prevailed

throughout the meeting.

Splendid sermons were delivered each day and night. The league services were very interesting. Members of our league here at Allen Chapel rendered a program Thursday morning. The junior league had prepared a nice program, but due to severe rains the night their program was to have been rendered, a number of the little folks were unable to be present so we did not have their program.

They were so disappointed about missing their part in the state association. I shall give their names so readers of the *Gem* may know who the fine group of junior leaguers at Allen Chapel are: John Paul Long, Coy Vaughn Staggs, Paul Tadlock, Billy Wayne Leonard, Jackie Owens, Billy Ray Owens, Doris Tadlock, Geraldine Ward, Lena Lee Cartwright, Maggie Louise Hughes, Rebecca Ward, Helen Ruth Cartwright, Helen Ward and Jimmy Leonard.

The noon and evening meals were served free on the grounds each day of the association. If everyone did not have plenty to eat he had no one to blame except himself. Meal time was a jolly, friendly and enjoyable period for everyone including those who cooked and served the food. The senior leaguers of our church worked untiringly, helping the cooks prepare and serve meals. May we mention the names of these leaguers? Opal Staggs, Eloise Richardson, Alverta Staggs, Marie Varnell, Geraldine Johnston, Hazel Dene, Roy Tadlock, Ernestine Hightower, Noma Manuel, Calvin McFloy, B. F. Owens, Ross Tadlock, Cleo Manuel, Leamon Richardson, Mallie Richardson and Merle Cole.

The members of our church are so gratified at the way the surrounding community helped us in caring for the delegates. Nazarenes, Methodists and people who were not church members threw open the doors of their homes to welcome the visitors. We are indeed thankful for this splendid spirit of Christian brotherhood and we hope and pray that it never ceases to prevail in our community.

We learned to love the Christian sisters and brothers of the many churches who attended the association and hope to meet each of them again. We shall never forget some of the splendid talks and sermons and the beautiful singing. We did everything in our power to make the visitors pleasant and comfortable, and we hope they enjoyed it as much as we did. We, the people of Allen Chapel church and community are thankful that we had the privilege of entertaining the state association and of meeting so many splendid Christian people.

One important movement that was started at this association was that of raising a fund to buy a new tent for the use of these state associations. We are glad our church was able to donate the first ten dollars to this fund. The tent is needed badly and we hope it is bought before next

year's association. Plans were also made to form a Ladies' Auxiliary of the State Association.

The only thing that happened to cast a shadow over the meeting was the serious illness of Rev. D. C. Jones of Portia, who suffered a heart attack just before lunch Friday. A doctor was summoned and a special prayer by the entire congregation was sent up for him immediately after noon. He was taken to his home after service that night and we have not heard from him since that time, but we hope that he has recovered before now.

Thirty-five ministers attended the Association and 53 churches were represented. A number of people were present from Missouri and Oklahoma as well as from our own state.

We should like to mention every one who helped in the association but that being impossible we will say we greatly appreciate their help and encouragement. We had a fine meeting and hope that we can all meet again at the state association, which will be with the Free Will Baptist Church near Pochontas, Arkansas.

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## The Value of Our League And What it Should Mean to Us

This article was given at Arkansas State League Program at Batesville, Arkansas, by Miss Verdell Bowden.

ONE value of our League work should be a guiding influence during our years of trials and temptations. We have a chance of forming friendships which will add a great inspiration to our lives and encouragement to our work, also a help and uplift in our exchange of ideas.

It gives us an opportunity to try to interest those of our age who perhaps are careless or indifferent about the church work.

If we put into the work what we

should we will receive more lasting joy from our work. In 1 Cor. 15th chapter, last verse, we read, "Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

"We must not hope to be mowers,  
And to gather the ripe golden ears,  
Unless we have first been sowers,  
And watered the furrows with tears."

There is nothing more pathetic,  
nothing more heroic than the faith-

ful doing of the small amount one can do to make the world more kind and better. Probably the most specific value is creating a faith in God. Youth is for faith so "Remember the Creator in the days of our youth." We need young people that will build so their structure will abide. Those that rest not on customs and human inventions which change with time place and environment, but rather stands upon the immovable rock of God. We need more earnest Christian young people who understand and appreciate the life and teachings of Christ who seek to discover the "mind

of God" for this generation, who witness for Christ through aggressive Christian living and service and those willing to sacrifice and suffer. Would to God that every member of our leagues and Sunday schools thus lived.

We must have a love for God's word before we will really understand and be blessed by reading it. It is not the amount we read but the meaning we get of that which we do read. "Butterflies cover more ground, but bees gather more honey, therefore imitate the bees." Studying and meditating go deeper than mere reading. The best of the gold is under-

neath, it takes time and labor to secure it. "As the smallest dew drops on the meadow at night has a star in its bosom," so the most insignificant passage of scripture has in it a shining truth. God's word is divine and can be read and re-read without exhausting its full meaning. Men who know the Bible best find it ever new.

If enough effort is put forth into league work it should give us joy worth having and striving for, and to afford more pleasure than the pleasures of the world can give.

Let the world have its diamonds, its silver and gold,

I am richer by far with the title I hold;  
I am heir to the Kingdom, a crown  
and a home

That shall stand when earth's kingdoms  
are all overthrown.

Let the world dive for pearls 'neath  
the ocean's blue deep,

All its treasures and diamonds and  
pearls it may keep;

I've a mansion prepared in the city  
of gold,

Where the gates are of pearl and its  
wealth is untold.

## Establishment of a National Free Will Baptist School

Article on Pages 8 and 9



## West Virginia State Association

By D. V. Shaffer, Clerk West Virginia State Association, Chesapeake, W. Va.

I wish to give you a partial report of our West Virginia State Association which was held with my home church in Chesapeake, beginning on Friday morning, September 26, 1941. I wish to report that this was just our third meeting of our state association. Although there is yet some opposition to the unified program as outlined by our National Association, I was able to see that the efforts of Rev. John Henson and myself and also the clerk of our Kanawha Quarterly Meeting, Rev. James Herral, who was with us at Drumright, to evangelize our people to the entire pro-

gram of the National Association was beginning to show results.

The word went back to all quarterly meetings of the wonderful unity and successful work accomplished at this session. We had three quarterly meetings reported by letter and the rest of the old West Virginia Yearly Meeting reported as a body except the Kanawha Quarterly Meeting. Their letter was received with their letter of dismission from the West Virginia Yearly Meeting. We are earnestly hoping by the next session we can report that this yearly meeting has dissolved and all quarterly meetings

reporting directly into the state body. I will give you more statistics later on, but I want space for this as it will be read by our people: Rev. Herral has been very active for the *Gem*.

Now back to our association. Imagine, after all our good reports and wonderful preaching, what a grand and glorious surprise to look to the door and see coming to visit us here in the little mountain state, Brother and Sister McAdams who had noticed in the *Gem* the announcement of our association. They had side stepped from their home mission work in Kentucky to pay us a visit. They sure did arrive at the right moment to put added power behind our efforts for the national work, especially since we had already notified our churches to send delegates from our local auxiliaries to be organized into a state work. Sister McAdams will tell you more about that, suffice us to say that they fell so in love with our "hill billies" they are coming back to Chesapeake to fully organize our state auxiliary at 2:00 o'clock p.m., November 16, 1941 (third Sunday). We had them in our home and enjoyed their fellowship, and did our best to help send them on in their work.

# Union F. W. B. Church

## See Picture on Front Cover

By Miss Opal McClerren, Thompsonville, Illinois

**T**he Union Free Will Baptist Church was organized in the spring of 1896. Rev. W. T. Smart was elected as the first pastor and Bro. John Baxter as the first clerk. Services were held at the Thompsonville M. E. Church for about one year before the church building was erected. It is about three miles southwest of Thompsonville, Illinois. There are six of the charter members left. They are: Rev. Marshall Jones, Mae Jones, his wife, Rev. Henry Jones, Charley Gettings, now a deacon of the church, Jack Gettings and Mrs. Alice Haggard.

On the 6th day of January, 1924, the church burned. It caused much sorrow among the members, as the little church that the Lord's faithful few loved so well had been destroyed. But, thank the Lord, they did not let this discourage them and cause them to quit. They went to work, and after much hard labor and planning the new church was dedicated the second Sunday of June in the same year. The old church has found it a battle as she has faced the fierce and chilly winds of the world, but she has always been a soul-saving station for the lost. Many have found Christ



Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones

precious to their souls under the cover of her roof.

At present, we have a good Sunday school, have services twice a month, the second and fourth Sundays as church days, have a good spiritual

prayer service every Sunday evening, and we also have a Woman's Auxiliary which the Lord is blessing. We have about 135 members. The deacons of the church are Brothers Charley Gettings, Arthur Jones and Guy Moore.

I am sending along a picture of my grandparents. They are Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Jones. He has pastored the church for the last four years. He has been preaching for 32 years and out of that period of time he, at different times, has pastored the church about 15 years. He and grandma, as well as other good loyal men and women of the church, have been a great stay to their church, home, family and community. May the dear Lord bless them in their last days and make their remaining days their brightest and most glorious time to stay here.

It is my prayer that I can live just where the Lord would have me so that when it comes my time to cross the chilly waters of Jordan I can meet them with my blessed savior and many other loved ones and friends on the happy golden shore to live forever and ever. My other grandparents are already over there waiting for me.

May the Lord bless every church every where and help them to do more for Him in these dark and trying times. May the Lord bless everyone is my prayer. Pray for us at Union Church.



## GOSPEL SERMONS



### Repentance

By Emma Moore, Springfield, Illinois

Acts 17:30, "But now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

**T**HIS was part of Paul's sermon on Mars Hill. If Jesus was present here in the flesh again, in these days, I believe he would preach the same message because you can not receive the gospel until you have met and obeyed this commandment.

John the Baptist came with one text, "Repent Ye!" Then he could point them to Christ. Jesus took up the same message, Matt. 4:17, when He sent out His disciples, it was

always with the same message, Mark 6:12; Matt. 11:20.

After Jesus had raised from the dead and gone into heaven and the Holy Ghost came down, we find Peter on the day of Pentecost with the same message, Repent!

Then in Acts 17:30, Paul went to Athens and uttered the same cry, "God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

Let us find out, if we can, what repentance is. If God has commanded it we want to know.

Let us look first at what repentance is not: Repentance is not fear, and it is not feeling. Repentance is not conviction of sin. Repentance is not fasting and afflicting the body. Praying is not repentance.

Let us look into fear: Many who are very profane, when danger comes grow very quiet, call on God for mercy, as in a terrible storm, yet when the storm was over went on swearing as before. You could not say they repented.

You might think the King of Egypt repented when God allowed judgments upon him and his land. But this was not repentance at all. The minute the plagues were removed, Pharaoh's heart was harder than ever. He did not turn from sin. He was the same man. Not true repentance, it was

fear.

Death coming into a family looks as if it would bring conversion to all the family, but this is not true. When the trial is on, the sorrow is great, and it looks as if they were going to repent. But afterward the impression is all gone.

Some think they cannot turn to God unless some certain kind of feeling comes. In a penitentiary people have feeling enough, some of them at least, to cry when they are first imprisoned, but if released, go back to the same old ways. This crying and feeling was only sorrow because they were caught—not because they had sinned nor because their conscience tells them they have done evil in the sight of God.

Repentance is not fasting and afflicting the body. One might do without food and not repent of one single sin. Repentance is not remorse. Judas had enough remorse to make him go and hang himself, but that was not repentance. If he had gone to Jesus and confessed his sin, asked forgiveness, I believe it would have been granted. Instead he went to the priests, and then put an end to his own life.

A person may do all sorts of penance but there is no true repentance. You cannot meet the claims of God by offering your body for the sins of your soul. Such delusion!

Repentance is not conviction of sin. This may sound strange. Some have been so convicted of sin, they were miserable, could not eat for a time, nor sleep well for weeks. They were not converted. They did not truly repent.

Praying is not repentance and that may sound stranger than ever to some. Some become concerned about their souls and say "I will pray and read the Bible". You can pray, cry, and read your Bible and yet not repent.

Another thing, it is not the breaking off of some bad habit. A man who has been a drunkard may sign, and pledge, and stop drinking, yet breaking off one sin is not repentance.

Stopping one vice is like breaking one dead limb from a tree, when the whole tree is dead and has to come down. A profane man may stop swearing but if he does not break off from every sin it is not repentance. It is not the work of God in the soul. He wants us to turn from every sin.

If a ship I am in leaks in many places and I stop one leak, it will fill and go down just the same. True repentance is not quitting this or that

particular sin.

What is repentance? A good definition is a "right about face". It implies that one who has been walking in one direction is faced about in exactly the opposite direction, when before he was satan's victim faced toward perdition. He leaves the old life behind him, and can do it instantly. It does not take months to repent. Instantly, anyone can say, "By the grace of God I will go no further towards death and ruin. I repent; I turn away from my sins." The instant you make up your mind toward God, God gives you power to do what you have not the power to do.

There is no one but himself to blame if one will not repent. God has called and commanded all men everywhere to repent, and God is not going to save you whether you repent or not. He will meet and bless the soul where there is a turning away from sin. "The goodness of God leadeth you to repentance." God so good, gave Jesus his Son to be delivered, nailed to the cross, suffer, bleed for our offences—raised, thank God, for our justification.

No one can say they have no need for repentance. "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God" Rom. 3:10. A poor contrite heart went into the temple and asked God's mercy and mercy came to him. He went out, through the mercy and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, justified. In contrast with the Pharisee who prayed about his own goodness, the goodness of God is the ground for repentance for we have none of our own.

If we have known God and lost communion with Him because of sin, we must not excuse ourselves but instead, repent and turn back to God. As Peter after he had denied his Lord, His heart left unguarded for a few moments. He had gone to sleep when Jesus had commanded prayer. Haven't we? He had become self-confident and said "Though all forsake Thee, I will not." "I will go with thee even unto death." He followed, but far away. How close do we follow?

Maybe you are staying away from God's house or maybe you are in company with His enemies. Look the Bible through. You will not find one harsh word for the backslider. Look in the prophets. Jeremiah, in his lamentations, invites "Return, return, return". There are just two words in the Bible for the backslider—*come back*. The door has not been closed since you went away.

If we, who know Jesus as a Savior, are not concerned about others finding the way of life as we were at first after we were saved, we have left our first love, and God's message to us is repent for we have backslid. Have you? Faith can not come without true repentance.

Help us, O Father, to search our own hearts, that we may recognize the failures in our own hearts. Give us the courage to think of all our sins in the light of the life of Jesus. Forgive us of our blindness in not being able to see the opportunities offered to us in the common place experience of every day. Help us to see in every person the soul that our precious Master gave His life to redeem. Amen.

## Today

By Eld. J. E. Phillips, Beggs, Oklahoma

No loving words were ever spoken, no good deed was ever done tomorrow. We cannot act in the unborne future, nor in the dead past—only in the living present.

That is why every day is a "doomsday," for today holds life and death, character and destiny in its hands.

Opportunity says with Jesus, "Me you have not always." We say, "I will take my chances, there is plenty of time." Ah how often do we say "Some other time" to find that there is no other time. Some things we

can do "not always". How shall we find out what things can be done any time, and what things now or never? Only by living in the faith that today is the only day we have and challenging every opportunity for its meaning.

Esau filled his life with regret for trifling one day. Esther was full of glory for one day's courage. Peter slept one hour and lost a matchless opportunity. Mary's name is fragrant forever for the loving deed of a day. Do your best NOW.

# The Coming Anti-Christ

By Eld. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Springs, Missouri

As we feel more and more the affect of an unseen war, we are in suspense and horror of what tomorrow may bring. It has been laid on my heart to write as I see it in the scriptures and realism.

There seems to be a world-wide fear that some one will come and rule the world. When Benito Mussolini rose to power, the world with amazement watched his maneuvers as he defied the League of Nations and march his troops into Ethiopia. Some people thought certainly Mussolini was the man spoken of in the Book of Daniel 11:36-38.

When Hitler went on his rampant, some people took him to be the Anti-Christ. Nations are fearing such a one will arise and rule the world.

Now as we are in the preparation of His coming, the fear and looking for the coming of a human being who may rule the nations seems eminent to some in this day in which we live. I have studied and observed more the characteristics of the power or form of rulership of the Anti-Christ than the person that shall head such universal rulership. What shall take place before such power can be universal? Matt. 24:8-13 gives us a plain description of the condition upon which the Anti-Christ shall ride into power. "For nation shall rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famine and pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations for my names sake."

I am persuaded that this terrible, terrible war, and the many accrue destructions are taking place as never before. Destruction from the insect to the hurricane and earthquake. Then as we think of the war, destruction to homes, children, as well as soldiers, certainly this is the beginning of sorrow. And this will end up in power of the Anti-Christ. No doubt the communist power of today is described in Dan. 7:25, "And he shall speak great words against the most High

and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change time and laws." This can not be applied to Catholicism for they believe in God. The apostle John said he is Anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son, 1 John 2:22. No doubt the Anti-Christ spirit was here in the days of the apostles but in the end time he shall be manifested in power. Apostle Paul, speaking of the end of time, said, "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition who opposeth God" 2 Thess. 2:3-4. This present war will bring a new world order. Communism is sweeping the world in rapid pace. After the nations are united under the syckle and hammer emblem, it will be impossible to conduct religious services. Catholicism is prophesied to rise as recorded in 2 Cor. 11-13. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

Now the Catholic priests claim that they are as the apostles having the key to the kingdom of Heaven, as was given to Peter by Jesus, as recorded in Matt. 16:19.

Notice Rev. 12:3 speaks of the dragon as the red dragon. Rev. 13:4 reads, "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" Now we call your attention to Daniel 8:23-24, ".....When the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power....."

As we see Communism striving for power in practically every nation we hear some rumor that the Pope is demanding of Russia free worship for the Catholics. So it seems quite enviable for Catholicism.

May we not be sad but rather rejoice, for our redemption draweth nigh. We certainly need to do our best while we have so great a privilege to serve the Lord.

## TO YOURSELF

No matter who your friends may be,  
It's you, my boy, that counts;  
Though you may cross the widest sea  
Or climb the highest mounts.

No man should influence your life,  
Or alter plans you've drawn;  
If you seek Christ, in times of strife,  
Forge onward to the dawn.

Be not dismayed, though man may dim  
Your faith, your hope, your joy;  
Cling closer to the hand of Him  
Who died for you, my boy.

Lift high your head, and proudly meet  
The sunrise of tomorrow;  
Today may be one of defeat,  
But linger not to sorrow.

Instead, repent, and try again,  
Though all is dark about you,  
God's love will soothe the sharpest  
pain,

And Christ will never doubt you.

— From *Moody Monthly*

## HE CHANGES NOT

I hear the words of love,  
I gaze upon the Blood;  
I see the mighty Sacrifice,  
And I have peace with God.

'Tis everlasting peace,  
Sure as Jehovah's Name;  
'Tis stable as His steadfast throne,  
Forevermore the same.

My love is oft-times low,  
My joy still ebbs and flows;  
But peace with Him remains the same,  
No change Jehovah knows.

I change, He changes not,  
God's Christ can never die;  
His love, not mine, the resting place.  
His truth, not mine, the tie.

— Selected.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists meets with Salem Free Will Baptist Church, about four miles west of Colquitt, Georgia, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after second Sunday in November, 1941.

Hope you will be there.

— K. V. Shutes, Moderator,  
Cardova, Alabama

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# Reports From Church and Field

## Third Free Will Baptist Church St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It is a pleasure for me to write a few lines to the Gem paper and all its subscribers, reporting the wonderful progress our church has been making the past few months.

We just closed a few nights meetings a few days ago, which was conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. There was great interest and one soul professed a hope in Christ. We are looking forward to having Rev. Riggs and wife back with us soon, as we learned to love them and we are praying that God may prosper them in their work. Rev. Riggs and his wife are also wonderful singers and brought us many wonderful messages in song.

We had baptizing Sunday, October 12, with three being baptized.

Our church is in better condition in every department now than it has been for a long time. We have a wonderful pastor in Eld. Mark Lewis and we love him and God is blessing his work here.

We also have a large number of young people who are very much alive in Christ and are working hard for the progress of our church and denomination, and most of all for our great Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Pray for us that we may continue to make progress in the Lord's work, and pray for me when it goes well with you as I have just enlisted in the ministry and need your prayers that I may ever be in the center of God's will at all times, preaching the Gospel wherever God may lead.

—Rev. Harvey E. Hill.

## Sandy City F. W. B. Church

Catlettsburg, Kentucky

L. E. Colliver, Pastor

Gertrude Bouce, Reporter

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

How we wish that we could master words to tell our readers how wonderful God has been blessing the church at Sandy City since we last reported. We covenanted to pray for an old-fashioned revival, and we've been asking God to remove any and all obstacles and let this revival begin down in the heart of each Christian. The signs of a real revival have been manifested in all our services in the

last few weeks. We have been experiencing some real old-fashioned shouting and testifying in our prayer services. People haven't been waiting until the leader gave them an opportunity to testify, but just as the Spirit moves them they take the floor to tell of God's goodness.

This morning in our Sunday School services, God pulled back the windows of heaven and showered wonderful blessings down upon us. There was testifying and rejoicing, and even after the teachers had taken charge of their classes people were still shouting and praising God.

Our revival is scheduled to begin on Sunday evening, November 2, with Rev. Herbert French assisting Bro. Colliver. You will probably read this report shortly after this revival begins, and we're asking God's people everywhere to remember us in prayer.

We began a new year in Sunday school this morning with new officers and teachers taking charge as follows:

Superintendent.....Bro. Allie Hicks  
Secretary.....Bro. Wm. Ramsdell  
Girls' Card Class, Sister Thelma Copley  
Boys' Card Class, Bro. Kenneth Russell Jr.  
Girl's Class....Sister Isaac Jordan Jr.  
Boys' Class.....Bro. Walter Hale  
Young Ladies' Bible Class,

Sister Earnest Griffith  
Young Men's Bible Class,

Bro. Isaac Jordan  
Ladies' Bible Class, Sister Zella Brown  
Men's Bible Class..Rev. L. E. Colliver

We wish that all you readers could have been present and seen the Spirit in which Brother Hicks accepted the position as superintendent. Since the Sunday morning over three years ago when we saw him come to an altar of prayer and surrender his life to God, he has proven himself a real Christian. With him as leader and the splendid group of teachers we're expecting this to be a great year in Sunday school.

Since we last reported, the church here has completed a very important piece of business, which is a big step towards building a new church. In the August business meeting Brother Colliver pointed out that it would not be wise to come back and build a new church on the old lot, since history had proven that every twenty-five years there is a major flood. Twice in the thirty-one years of this church's existence the flood waters have risen

into the church. He asked the church to consider buying a lot out of the flood district, yet close enough that it would still be the Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church. It was decided that Bro. Colliver should appoint a committee to look into the matter.

Rev. Henry Geyer, Brother Earnest Griffith, and Brother James Gambill were appointed on the committee. Two weeks later a special business meeting was called, at which time the committee presented to the church the information they had obtained. It was voted by a majority of the members present to accept the committee's report and recommendations, and to use the money in the building fund to go on the lot.

The lot cost one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars, and there was four hundred ninety-eight (\$498.00) dollars in the building fund. By asking the church for one hundred eighty-five (\$185.00) dollars from their treasury, and the Sunday school for one hundred (\$100.) dollars from their treasury, there was a total of seven hundred eighty-three (\$783.00) dollars. By the time all business concerning closing the deal was finished, enough money had been received from the fifth Sunday offering and personal donations that only eighty (\$80.00) dollars had to be borrowed from the bank. We're expecting to pay this off as soon as possible, and then the building fund will be continued right on until the church is ready to build — and we're not expecting that to be as long as it has been since starting the project.

This new lot is on the opposite side of the railroad about one block above where the church is now standing. This is an ideal location on U. S. Routes 23 and 60. We are thanking and praising God that He has made this possible. It is an answer to prayer and a dream come true.

In our September business meeting Brother Colliver was chosen as pastor here for another year. Tonight (October 5) he is continuing with the revival at the Westwood enterprize Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky. This revival was discontinued last April, after three weeks with 26 conversions. Until their auditorium should be completed, they have been holding services in the basement of their new church, but now the auditorium is

ready and from all reports they are expecting a real revival.

We are expecting this to be a great year in God's service, and we solicit your prayers in behalf of the people at Sandy City, that we will continue to stay humble where God can use us. Especially, dear readers, do we want you to remember your humble reporter. After much prayer I have given up our Sunday school class at Sandy City in order to work elsewhere. For some time I have felt the burden and God has heard and answered my prayers. Pray that I will continue to stay under the great protecting hand of God, and go wherever He sees fit to lead. We know that without God we can do nothing, but if we let Him have charge He will bless our efforts—that has been proven more than once in my own life in the last year.

### A Visit To The Saline Association in Arkansas

Dear Editor:

It has been several months since our *Gem* has come to our home. It seemed that we were compelled to stop taking it, because we could not get our city mail carriers to deliver it, and we would miss more copies than we would get. But now we have a carrier that I believe will deliver it, so I am sending my sub again.

I want to tell you about my recent visit to the Saline Association. For the third time the moderator of that association and others sent me a real cordial invitation to visit them at this session, which I gladly accepted. To say the least, it is indeed a treat for me to visit in the homes in the various communities I have visited over there, and an unbounded joy to meet with them in their religious services. There I find a people who have, to a great degree, escaped the pollution and fastness that permeates the society of our large towns and cities, and there I find a people who have never deviated from the original faith of our founders, men and women who are standing as firm as the rock of Gibraltar upon the ordinances of the church as instituted by our Savior and taught and practiced by our founders.

Let I should forget, the Saline Association comprises some three counties in the state of Arkansas, which territory is about evenly divided by the beautiful, clear Saline river, and this territory is traveled by some very fine highways. But aside from the

cordiality of the homes in which I was entertained, the most noticeable condition to me was the good Spirit that prevailed in the audiences as they mixed and mingled on the ground and in divine services. Not a note of discord was heard in the business sessions. I witnessed the ordination of five fine young men to the gospel ministry. These young men are the products of some of the best homes of that country, and I am praying to God that His richest blessings may attend their efforts.

Now Bro. Rollins, or any of you readers, if you wish to verify these statements of mine, or get some of the rich blessings I got over there, the best thing I can advise is that you pay them a visit.

—Eld. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas

### Union F. W. B. Church Thompsonville, Illinois

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It is again I'm writing to you in the name of our wonderful Friend and Savior. Day by day I find Him a greater Savior to me as I meet trials and temptations of the unrestful, storm beaten world in which we live.

I am glad to report that we have had good services, with the Lord blessing, in the past month. The Woman's Auxiliary re-organized again for another year. During this service the work that had been done was discussed and the new work to be done in the coming year. We are glad to report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our feeble efforts in the past year. It is our desire to be more under His divine leadership in the coming year than we have in the past.

We have just had a wonderful Bible study with Rev. Claude Childers as teacher, which proved a great blessing to all that attended.

I am glad to report the wonderful revival that I was privileged to be in at the Arnold View Free Will Baptist Church at Creal Springs, Illinois. I will say truthfully that I never found a more pleasant and spiritual group to work with. The women and girls of the community met every afternoon for a week in prayer for that revival, and I believe with all my heart that old time conviction was prayed down through those prayers. Two souls were saved and one was reclaimed. Old time conviction was felt by the lost, but yet they didn't yield themselves. The preaching was done by the pastor, Rev. Everett Albright, and my grandfather, Rev. W. M. Jones.

The women of that church fell in line with the Woman's Auxiliary work. They have some real talent there that God can use wonderfully in this work. This is a group of women that are really interested in God's service, and seem to have this work at heart. Readers, pray for them.

I am still praying for an old time revival at Union church. Please, brothers and sisters in Christ, pray that God will break through the ranks of the Devil and that souls will become convicted and saved by that wonderful salvation that is free to every one that believeth on Him.

I was made to wonder when I heard Sister Barnard tell of the anxiety of those people in India to hear of Christ, why people here in the United States won't heed the convictions of sin when they have lived in a land where the blood-stained banner of Christ has been waving to every one.

Please continue to pray for us as a church, and pastor, Rev. Jake McAnally.

Yours in Jesus' Love,

Miss Opal McClarren.

### New Hope F. W. B. Church Weatherford, Texas

Rev. Brooks, Pastor

Tommye Rae Brooks, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

We had a fine revival meeting at New Hope church this summer with one conversion. The church is gaining since the meeting for we are having better crowds. We also have a good Sunday school. During the meeting we had a young folks prayer service. There were from 25 to 43 present every night.

Bro. Brooks, the pastor, held the meeting. Bro. Covington and Bro. Perry from the Pleasant Mount church visited the meeting.

Bro. Brooks was called pastor for the New Hope church for another year; also for three other churches. Comanche, Dot, and Long Branch.

We are leaving this county and going to Falls county. We hate to leave the church and good people, but have other fields to go to.

I will send in the news of our church at Dot. I hope they will keep sending the news from New Hope. I want you all to know, who made it possible for me to write the news from the New Hope church to the *Gem*, that a dear old saint, who is the only charter member of the church, Mrs. R. L. White, and the church will soon be 50 years old.

**Report From  
H. M. and Lizzie McAdams**

Dear Co-workers:

The month has passed so quickly, and here we are in good old Kentucky working with some of the finest people in the world. It would do you good to be in some of the old-time services that we are having.

After we left Monett, Missouri, in Sept., we visited Hannon, Wagoner, Fredricktown, Mine La Motte, and Flat River. It would take too long to write about these places separately. But all these precious pastors and people received us gladly and was very much interested in our national program. Every place has accepted both the chest and penny bank plans.

We have organized seven new Auxiliaries here in Kentucky. The Pikeville church was the first place in Kentucky that we put on the national plan and organized our women into the Auxiliary according to our Manual of Methods. We made our home with Bro. G. E. Ratliff, one of the deacons, and we can truly say that Bro. Ratliff, along with Bro. Owens, another deacon, are real. They want to carry out our unified program. Bro. Jackson, the pastor, is a wonderful man too and has his heart in the work.

It has taken about three services at each place to get the work through. This is new work to our people here, but they are anxious to progress and learn more about our missionary work.

We visited Betsy Lane and Lackey next and organized these churches with auxiliaries. Both the pastors, Bro. Belmany and Bro. Batton, received us gladly. We found a good friend in Sister Prater, who has had the work at heart for years and she will be a great blessing to our women. The Betsy Lane people have some fine people too. The first service the auxiliary had after they were organized, we had the privilege of being with them. It would have made you shout to see Bro. Carl Lane walk over and hand the secretary \$2.00 and said he was a tither from now on. Oh, praise God for such victory.

We then came to our dear old Paintsville church where we are at this writing. It would make you feel happy to just enter and walk down the isle and see dear Bro. Conley's picture hanging behind the stand on the wall looking at you with that deep, sweet look that he could look at you with when God was preaching through him. We were glad to meet

Bro. Scott Castle, the dear pastor, and also our dear Bro. F. S. Vanhoose, who is right at his post of duty as our National Treasurer. Our dear women here were glad to be organized and no doubt will become a leading factor some time in our national work.

The Prestonburg and Lancer churches are not so far apart and it was our privilege to visit both of them and organize. Bro. Vanhoose is pastor at Prestonburg and Bro. Patton at Lancer. Both of these churches gladly accepted our national plan, and, the good part, they are so sweet and spiritual and anxious to learn about our missionary work.

We have churches all along the Big Sandy River. The mountains are beautiful but are a little hard for us as we have been in level country, but the longer we stay the better we like it.

Last night we went 13 miles from Paintsville away up in the mountains to Bro. Provinces' church, where we met the largest crowd yet and they were full of fire for the Lord and so friendly. A number came and wanted us to spend the night with them. We can certainly say the pastor never lets a visitor go away without seeing they have a nice place to spend the night.

We went over in West Virginia to visit their state association and found another splendid group of loyal Free Will Baptists anxious to fall in line with our national program. We were invited by the association to take as much time as we liked to explain the work. We were with them Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28.

We visited Bro. John Henson's church Sunday night at Cabin Creek, a coal mining town. We had a wonderful service and one conversion. We also organized an auxiliary for the women.

We came back to Bro. and Sister D. V. Shaffer's and had supper. Bro. Shaffer went with us to Davis Creek not far from Charleston. Bro. J. M. Herrald is pastor, and also at Chesapeake where the association met. Bro. Herrald indeed is a splendid man of God. The church on Davis Creek sets upon the mountain side and looks high up to us. We thank God for those precious people. We also organized an auxiliary with that church. The pastor there has some wonderful people to work with. We stayed with one of the deacons, Bro. Job Comer, another wonderful man of God. His

good wife is the daughter of one of our dear preachers, Bro. Dunlap, who has been faithful to the cause.

We then visited Brother Henson's church where he had been pastor. We can't remember the pastor's name. It rained that night and only a few were out. We are going back. The people are fine at Guyan Dot. God bless them.

We expect to return to West Virginia the third Sunday in November to organize a district convention for the women. We have organized eleven new local auxiliaries since we came back on the field. We have seven in Kentucky and will meet soon to organize a district convention. Pray for us that God will help us get the work before our people as He would have it.

A word to our dear women: Fry to carry out the work as near as you can according to our Manual. And listen, when I went to organize our women in one place in West Virginia, as I came to the dues they said, "Why ten cents isn't enough in our aid. We have been giving twenty-five cents." So this is a fine spirit of giving, and if any one would object to ten cents think of that West Virginia auxiliary.

**HONOR ROLL**

	<i>Penny Banks</i>	<i>Chests</i>
North Carolina	832	109
Missouri	158	16
Oklahoma	88	7
Kentucky	56	7
West Virginia	38	6
South Carolina	34	4
Georgia	20	2
Texas	19	4
Illinois	11	8
Florida	6	1
Alabama	5	1

**Third Free Will Baptist Church,  
St. Louis, Missouri**

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. The church is coming along fine spiritually and financially, and the Lord is blessing the work. Last Sunday night the spirit of the Lord came in great power with great rejoicing among the church. Brother Lewis' daughter was saved. Four others united with the church and they will be baptized next Sunday.

Bro. Raymond Riggs and his wife held five nights services at our church on their way home from holding re-

vivals down in Arkansas. One soul was saved. So the Lord is blessing the work of the church. The Lord blesses in line of duty and condemns when we are in the wrong.

The church has sent a good delegation to Richwoods to the quarterly meeting. A few other also went. The quartet went along to sing for we are to have part in the program.

The church is gathering up money to build a church, but it is slow to get a few thousand dollars together.

Our league is coming along fine with good attendance and a fine teacher, Bro. Leonard White.

Sunday school is good. We have good lessons and our teachers all know the Lord, and that means a lot in Sunday school. The teachers must know how to teach the word of the Lord, for the Lord blesses His word to the hearts of the unsaved, and brings conviction.

—Francis McCauley

### First Mission Association of Oklahoma

Dear Gem Readers:

To those of you who have never been with us in one of our associational sessions, I prayerfully trust this article may bless you as the occasion for it has so marvelously blessed us who have been participants.

Following our wonderful First Youth Camp, Eld. Bert F. Rogers of Wewoka and Eld. F. C. Zinn of Bristow spiritually conducted a ten day camp meeting. The miraculous saving power of God was manifested in the conversion of 33 souls and the spiritual growth of the saints.

The camp ground site is owned by the First Mission Association. There are 39 acres that cover a large hill and gently slope downward into a green wooded dell. The tabernacle majestically crowns the peak of the knoll. There are ten privately owned cabins, the sexton's residence, a boys and girls dormitory and a cafe, to the west and north of the Tabernacle.

During the meetings tents dotted the lawn like huge flowers.

The daily schedule was:

- 6:00 a. m.—Sunrise Prayer Meeting.
- 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.
- 2:30 p. m.—Afternoon Worship.
- 7:30 p. m.—Grove Prayer Services.
- 8:00 p. m.—Evangelist Services.

It was a foretaste of heaven to dwell in the midst of such a zealous, steadfast, heaven bound assembly. The unity, love and thoughtfulness that

overshadowed the camp was a gift of God, and we so humbly praise Him for His love.

Just as the sun fell below the distant woodland, Sister Zinn and thirty, or more, young folks would go to the grove for their evening prayer services. Their sweet, sincere young voices as they mingled in hymn and prayer was like the echo of that great heavenly choir that sings praises unto the Lamb.

The women, under the leadership of Eld. Hattie Newman, and the men, directed by the evangelists, held evening prayer services in the dormitories.

Tuesday night, Aug. 19, Eld. Hattie Newman of Drumright delivered the introductory message, "Lift up a Standard For the People." The message was expedient in logical illustration and spiritual vision.

Wednesday morning, August 20, the initial business session convened.

#### Associational Officers Elected

Moderator.....Rev. Melvin Bingham  
Ass't. Mod.....Rev. John H. West  
Clerk.....Rev. Elnora Gilbert  
Ass't. Clerk.....Miss Lulu Moore

#### Executive Board

Eld. Harry E. Staires, Chairman,  
Eld. Bert F. Rogers, Clerk.  
Eld. John H. West,  
Eld. Melvin Bingham,  
Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Elders W. V. McPhail, W. H. Carter, Virgle Bradford, Melvin Bingham, Elva Tuttle, John H. West, Harry E. Staires, D. B. Hillow, and W. E. Easterly delivered wonderful sermons during the association.

Rev. W. H. Carter, one of our elder ministers, was elected sexton of the camp ground.

Rev. Sadie Fincher of Drumright efficiently managed the cafe during the three weeks' services, netting a profit of \$174.00 for the association.

Rev. Melvin Bingham and Rev. R. G. Lane were selected as evangelists for 1942 camp meeting. Rev. B. T. Kirby is to deliver the introductory message.

—Elnora Gilbert, Clerk

### First Free Will Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor  
Mrs. A. F. Fipps, Reporter

Dear Gem Readers:

Truly the Lord has been good to us. We are receiving new workers all the time, and every department of the church seems to be working harder than ever before.

The mission ladies met all day Thursday, October 9. Twenty-two were present to work on quilts and other items. At 2:00 o'clock everyone enjoyed the devotional service conducted by Sister Pruitt. The ladies have given \$191.00 to the building fund besides taking care of many other things.

We are happy to report good attendance at all services. Prayer meeting is still being conducted by our young people. The junior quartet—Betty Mickle, June Wagoner, Richard Day and Melvin Bingham Jr.—sang on the Singing Convention of the Air program over radio station KOME Sunday night. We thank God for the talent He has given our church through our young people.

Several from our church attended the mission rally held at Collinsville, Oklahoma, Friday, October 10. We were glad to have Rev. and Sister Stairs and Sister Newman from the west side visit with us. The Lord certainly did bless in the services. We enjoyed some very good preaching.

There are some of our good people failing in health and we ask the prayers of everyone for them. May the Lord continue to bless each of you is our prayer.

### Program of Council Meeting to be at Cottage Hill Church East of Springdale, Arkansas

The Old Mount Zion Association's Ministers, Deacons and Laymembers Council Meeting will be held with Cottage Hill Church, east of Springdale, Arkansas, on fifth Sunday in November, 1941, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

The formal opening will be followed by a devotional service. The eleven o'clock sermon is to be delivered by Eld. Elmer Lawson.

At the noon hour we are to enjoy a co-operative dinner.

After 30 minutes of gospel singing, a three point program will be given as follows:

Topic 1—"Scripture Qualification for the Minister and His Ordination." Twenty minutes by Eld. Geo. Been.

Topic 2—"The Scriptural Qualification of a Deacon and His Ordination." Twenty minutes by Eld. Horace Knox.

Topic 3—"The Scriptural Qualification for Church Membership and Their Baptism." Twenty minutes by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

Eld. Bill Oxford, Chairman.  
Eld. Bruce Phillips, Clerk.



Eld. George Been, Rt. 2, Springdale, Arkansas, Member of Old. Mt. Zion Association's Executive Committee and Chairman of the Ministers, Deacons and Laymembers Council Meeting.

### Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Cumberland Association in Tennessee

The twenty-first annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Cumberland Association met with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, August 20 and 21.

The session was opened by the congregation singing "Jesus Calls Us" led by Mrs. Gladys Jackson; prayer by Mrs. Fannie Polston. The devotional was conducted by Miss Marie Culwell of Mt. Zion, using as her topic, "The Master Is Come and Call-eth for Thee".

A hearty welcome was extended by Mrs. Johnny Mathews of the local church. The response was given by Mrs. George Vanhook of Ashland City. The business session opened with the president, Mrs. H. M. Christian presiding. After reading the minutes and the appointment of various committees, the president delivered her message, using "Our Accomplishments as Laborers together with God" as her theme. She reminded us that God gave each of us a kit of tools with which to work, and that we should not be satisfied with only the orphanage, though a great institution, but that we should use our tools of time, means and talents to do greater things for Christ at home and abroad.

The Wednesday afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Loyalty to Christ" led by Mrs. J. L. Welch, and prayer by Mrs. W. E. Felts. Miss Jean Welch conducted an inspiring devotional, "Fellowship With Christ" as the theme. After the reports of the second vice president, Mrs. Huey Gower, we were

favored by a special message in song by Mrs. Gladys Jackson, Miss Mildred Read, Miss Gertrude Felts. After the reports of the local societies, a discussion of the Manual and national plan of work was led by Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

Thursday's session began with a song "I Want to be a Worker" and prayer by Mrs. E. D. Parker, with the devotional led by Miss Mary Lou Ellis. The fifth vice president, Mrs. J. W. Maxey gave her report, after which a musical number was rendered by Miss Joyce Anderson and James Bennie Smith Jr.

After the reports of the various committees and delegates from the Cumberland, State and National Association, it was the privilege of our convention to visit, by motion picture, Tennessee's Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee with J. B. Parson as our guide.

The devotional for the afternoon session was brought by Rev. J. E. Hudgins admonishing us to continue in service for Christ and the promotion of God's kingdom here. The report of the first vice president, Mrs. J. L. Welch was followed by a solo by Miss Jean Welch.

The report of the third vice president, Miss Mary Patton, was read with the recommendation that our convention assume the responsibility of securing at least one of the items needed for Miss Bernard's return to India. An electric iron was given by Mrs. J. W. Maxey and pledges were made sufficient to purchase a pressure cooker.

After recognition of honor societies and election of officers, we adjourned to meet with Goodspring society next August.

Mrs. H. W. Christian, President  
Miss Rebecca Stewart, Ass't. Sec.

### Revival at Wagoner Church near Stockton, Missouri

We are glad to be able to send in a report of a good meeting at Wagoner church near Stockton, Missouri. The revival began on August 26 and continued through twenty (20) nights with good interest shown throughout the meeting. We feel that the church and community was greatly blessed and benefited by the meeting. There were five souls saved, five united with the church, and we plan to have baptizing service, with the help of Rev. Winford Davis, on the fourth Sunday with eight or more persons desiring baptism.

There was a spirit of unity and

co-operation expressed through all the meeting by people of all denominations. We especially appreciated the help of the dear people from Independence church, for there were some of them there every night of the revival. Our hearts were gladdened by the coming of Bro. and Sister McAdams for one service. We felt their visit meant much to the revival.

The people of Wagoner church and community have become very dear to us through the past year and we deeply appreciate the spirit of helpfulness and their mindfulness of us personally through this meeting.

The Wagoner church at one time was a large and active church, but the membership has been sadly depleted through death and the moving away of members. However, we feel God is blessing us there and we rejoice over the evidence of His blessings. The young people, of whom we justly feel proud, made plans the last night of the meeting to organize a league and we are hoping to see the weekly prayer meeting a regular service soon.

—Lowell Martin

### Revival News Cordova, Alabama

Dear Gem Readers:

It is hard for me to express how much I enjoy the *Gem* for it is truly a blessing to my soul.

We had Bro. Geo. D. Dunbar with us here in Cordova in May and we had a gracious revival. Many backsliders were reclaimed and many, who had never known the Lord, were saved. Bro. George is one of the greatest powers we have in the pulpit.

I had the opportunity of going back to Ebenezer church, near Glennville, Georgia, in June for a meeting. We had over 30 conversions and 16 additions to the church in that week. The Lord was good to us all. Bro. L. C. Johnson is the good pastor, and he is a fine pastor to work with.

I was at Liberty church, near Manning, South Carolina, the week following the first Sunday in September. The Lord blessed us and we had about 25 conversions, the best I remember. Bro. Louis A. Holliday is the good pastor. He is a real shepherd to the flock. I never saw a pastor more devoted to his flock.

Then Monday night after the second Sunday we started a revival at Mt. Elom church near Hyman, South Carolina. The meeting continued until the third Sunday night. The devil worked hard but the Lord did also.

There were 12 who confessed Christ there.

I had the privilege of attending the Sunday School Convention of the South Carolina Conference. Much inspiration was received that day and I had the blessing of speaking to the body. One young man was saved.

I went back by the Liberty church and spoke Wednesday night and the Lord blessed. One fine young man and one young lady came to the altar and were saved.

— K. V. Shutes.

**Free Will Baptist Church  
Pikeville, Kentucky**  
*Rev. Jackson, Pastor*  
*Mrs. Albert Webb, Reporter*

This is our first time to send a general report of our church and Sunday school to the *Gem* but we are planning on sending a report each month hereafter. I am happy to report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed our every effort in His work.

Our Sunday school is one year old now. We have an average attendance of forty-four. We are proud to say that we have several children in our Sunday school that had never gone to Sunday school before. Visitors are always surprised at the splendid conduct of our Sunday School and church services. We have taught them from the first day that the Lord's house is a house of reverence.

On October 5 a committee was appointed by the Sunday school board to visit the Pine Cone Free Will Baptist church of Tomahawk, Kentucky, to investigate the Province orphanage which is now under way. The Lord showered us with blessings all that day. We have planned to support this Kentucky orphanage with our birthday offerings and all that our Sunday school treasury can afford. We believe the Lord is pleased with our plans to help this great cause. Our earnest prayers are that other Kentucky Sunday schools will plan to help Bro. Province in his great work for the Lord.

We have a young people's league which has proven a blessing to our young people and the church. It is remarkable at the interest our young people show in the church work. Most of the young people meet at the church each Friday night for choir practice. We have several real good singers.

Brother and Sister McAdams visited our church in September and helped us to organize the Woman's Auxiliary. We have sixteen members and our work is going along nicely. Thank

God for two real workers like Brother and Sister McAdams.

We are having the cottage prayer meetings every Tuesday night and prayer at the church on Wednesday nights. We believe it is time for every Christian to pray.

We must not forget to make mention of our pastor. We feel that Bro. Jackson is a God sent man. He

preaches nothing except the old time religion—a heart-felt salvation that will take us all to heaven. We have preaching each Sunday morning and evening, and God never forgets to bless.

May God's blessing rest upon every one is our prayers. Christians, pray for us at the Pikeville Free Will Baptist Church.

## Missouri Treasurer's Monthly Report

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

True Blue Class Mt. Olive (Neola)	\$2.00
Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission Circle	2.00
Niangua Sunday School	3.00
Carterville League	4.28
Shibleys Point Church	1.57
Leadington Sunday School	1.38
Curtis Royce family, Laplata, Mo.	6.09
Mine La Motte Sunday School	5.82
New Harmony Mission Circle	2.00
Oak Grove Church	2.86
Merls Chapel	5.43
Monett Church	5.09
Rock Chapel	2.00
Amity Church	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ottis Martin, Greenfield	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hartfield, Gr'n'd	5.00
Black Oak Sunday School	5.13
Independance Church	3.50
Opal Williams, Carterville, Mo.	2.00
Mrs. A. J. McCoy, Stahl, Mo.	5.00
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek	4.00
Ralph Stout, Hannon, Missouri	5.00
Mt. Zion Church, Northwest Mo.	2.47
Leadington Church	3.53
Hazel Creek Union Church	17.91
Flat River Church	22.80
Wortham Church	2.81
Rock Chapel Church	2.00
River Mines Auxillary of Flat River Church	5.00
Verdella Church	3.00
Lizzie Turner, Carterville, Mo.	1.00
Merls Chapel Church	11.79

### CUBAN PICTURE FUND

(To send Rev. Kenneth Turner to Cuba with his motion picture machine.)

Received State Association	\$43.50
Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.	3.00
Letha Sikes, Flat River, Mo.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Noel Greenway	1.00

### EDUCATIONAL FUND

Okla Union Church	\$1.55
Leadington Sunday School	3.32
Mine La Motte League	3.00
Sublette Church	7.00
State Home Mission Organization	20.00
Hannon Church	7.20
Independance Church	22.00
Hazel Creek Union Church	14.80
Shibleys Point Church	5.00
Missouri State League Ass'n.	5.00
Desloge Church	12.49
Wortham Church	5.80
Turned in by Rev. D. Selph Jones	3.00

### NEW MACHINERY FUND

W. E. Presnell, Stella, Mo.	\$5.00
Mrs. Vera Fordham	
Highland Park, Michigan	1.00
State Home Mission Organization	25.00
State League Association	5.00
A. J. Lamiar, Decatur, Texas	5.00
Monett Church	10.00
Rev. Cecil Horner, Stahl, Mo.	3.00
Ross Thomas, Arcadia, Kansas	15.00
Rev. and Mrs. Sam Marcum	12.50
C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.	25.00
Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.	25.00
Raymond Dickey, Liberal, Mo.	2.00
Gladys Filmer, Niangua, Mo.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Elsea, Novinger	5.00
Mrs. Bill Newcomer, Greentop, Mo.	5.00
Leroy Miller, Novinger, Mo.	5.00
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.	5.00
Emma Thomas, Hannon, Mo.	2.00
Geo. Hamblin, Flat River, Mo.	1.00
Maggie Turner, Granby, Mo.	2.00
Ministers of Indian Creek Ass'n.	50.00

### ALLOCATION FUND (or Penny-a-Day Fund)

Carterville Church	\$2.70
Merls Chapel Church	13.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Church	4.64
Aurora Church	5.74
Hannon Church	1.18
Amount sent direct to National Treasurer from the state of Missouri during past year	275.00
Carterville Church	1.00
Flat River Church	26.45

### JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Verdella Church	1.00
Hannon Church	1.00
Macedonia Church	1.00

### BUDGET FUND (or General Fund)

C. W. Mo. & S. E. Kan, Ass'n.	\$16.78
Verdella Church	1.60
Niangua Association	1.00
Sublette Church	5.49
Liberty Association	8.80
Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting	3.10
Flat River Church	17.00
Indian Creek Association	26.73
Northwest Missouri Association	2.00
Collection at State Association to pay statistician	10.10
Collection at State Association for insurance at Gem Office	29.00

### BENEVOLENT FUND

Mt. Olive Sunday School, Neosho, Mo. for Tennessee orphanage	.73
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## OBITUARIES

**DORTON**—God, in His infinite goodness, saw fit on September 16, 1941, to call Mrs. Mary Magdalene Dorton to her eternal rest. She was born January 17, 1868, being 73 years, 7 months, and 29 days old at the time of her death. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Russell Gibson, Mrs. Walter Trent, Mrs. Carl Derifield, Mrs. Yancey Melvin, all of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and Mrs. Howard Grubb of Ashland, Ky.; two sons, James Dorton of Catlettsburg, Ky. and Hiram Dorton of Ashland, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Isabelle Bailey of Olive Hill, Ky.; three brothers, John, George, and Oliver Barnett, all of Boyd County, Ky.; also 35 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

She had been a member of the Sandy City Free Will Baptist Church since February 14, 1922, and lived a devoted Christian life until the end.

Death is hard to understand,  
Altho' it's about on every hand;  
It has slipped into another home,  
And caused our aching hearts to yearn  
For the clasp of hands we cannot feel,  
For a smiling face we cannot see.  
And yet while as we feel the loss  
Of mother dear in our life today,  
We know that beyond this veil  
Of tears, we can see her again some  
day!

**CROOKS**—Mrs. Fannie Crooks, a daughter of William and Lucy Overton, was born March 15, 1878, and departed this life October 1, 1941 at the age of 63 years, 6 months and 16 days. Her parents preceded her in death.

She was married to Elmer McQuerry November 6, 1896, who also preceded her in death. To this union one child was born, Earl of Kirksville, Mo.

She was married to Silas Crooks December 3, 1905. To this marriage six children were born, Kenneth and Noah of Livonia, Mo., Kermit of Worthington, Mo., Forest L. of Eugene, Mo., Lois Lawson of Kirksville, Mo., and Retha Mullenix of Kansas City, Missouri.

She is also survived by the following sisters: Mrs. Alice Cowan, Elysian, Minn., Mrs. Nellie Keller, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Wilma Gregory, Labelle, Mo.; one brother, Oliver Overton of Worthington, Mo. One sister, Minnie and one brother, Frank, preceded her in death. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

She confessed faith in Christ at

an early age and was a faithful follower to the end. All who knew her (Aunt Fanny, as she was called) loved to hear her testify of her Savior. She was never too busy to help those in need, and never too selfish to sacrifice for the happiness of others.

She was a loving wife, devoted mother, and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The funeral was held Thursday, October 2, in the Baptist Church at Martinstown with Rev. Archie Cooper in charge of the services. Interment was made in the Martinstown cemetery.

**MCCULLOUGH**—Eliza Ann (Turley) McCullough, age 72 years, 11 months, 25 days, was born in Douglas county, Mo., October 28, 1868, and passed away September 2 at the home of her daughter in West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She was married to George W. McCullough in 1886. To this Union was born 10 children, 9 of whom survive. They are: Ben of Tulsa, Okla., Steve of Stroud, Okla., Britt of Glenpool, Okla., Jim of Sapula, Okla., Newt of Evansville, Ind., Dock of Oklahoma City, Okla., Hannah Forest of West Tulsa, Okla., Eva Smith of West Tulsa, Okla., and Margaret Powers of Idaho Springs, Colo. A son, Grant, died when an infant.

She also leaves 40 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren, and a host of friends who mourns her departure.

She has attended the Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa for eight years.

Funeral service was held at the Free Will Baptist church in Tulsa, September 3, conducted by Rev. Melvin Bingham, the pastor. The body was taken to Isabella, Mo., for burial.

There was also a funeral held there at the church, Sept. 4, conducted by Rev. Susie Pruitt of Tulsa, Okla. She was placed by her husband, Geo. W. McCullough, in Isabella cemetery.

The pall bearers were her grandsons: Dale Sanders, Hershel McCullough, Herman McCullough, Warnie McCullough, Wayne Forest, and Delbert Smith.

Her granddaughters were flower girls. They were: Jewel Dean McCullough, Bonnie Jean McCullough, Anna Bell McCullough, Maxine McCullough, Deloris Keith, and Lucille Shockley.

There were many friends and relatives from Oklahoma and Missouri who attended the funeral. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

**KEMPT**—Nellie R. Bruton, daughter of C. B. and Mahalia Bruton, was born in Wright County, near Norwood, Mo., March 1, 1872. She departed this life October 10, 1941, at the age of 69 years, 7 months, 10 days.

She was united in marriage to John (Gus) Kempt, October 30, 1887. To this union seven children were born of which three died in infancy. The surviving children are Walter R. Kempt, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, Wm. F. Kempt, and Mrs. Ernestean Barnett all of Norwood.

She was converted at the age of 12 years and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. In later years she united with the Free Will Baptist church at Union Grove. She lived a faithful Christian life until death.

She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Two sons and their wives, two daughters and their husbands, ten grandchildren, three great grandchildren, seven sisters, three brothers, a host of friends and relatives.

She was a loving, kind patient, mother and companion. She bore her hours of suffering very patiently and told the family many times before passing that she was prepared and ready to go to her home of rest. Her place on earth is vacant. 'Tis sweet to know mother is at rest.

Sister Kempt certainly passed to her rest in the triumph of faith. She suffered much and was deprived of ending church services which she loved so much. She would speak often of her real heart's desire and longing to be with the neighbors and folks in the services.

She liked singing, prayed an earnest consistent prayer, and was always a ready, convincing witness for her wonderful Lord when the privilege of testimony was given. Who wouldn't die gladly who had lived such a life? Certainly there would be no fear to die. How much she will be missed by all! But she is realizing the things she loved: singing, not by human discordant voices, but glorious singing by a heavenly choir; prayer, not the prayer of anguish of soul with its crushing burden, but of endless praise.

Mothers in Israel are passing with their mother love, Godliness and consecration. God give us daughters, and sons that will "awake to righteousness" in these perilous times.

Funeral services were conducted October 12, in Union Grove (Caudle) church by the pastor, John C. Swaffar.

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