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## INDIA

Traveling from northern to southern India you will pass through three distinct geographical regions. The north is a mountainous region, including the Himalayas, the tallest mountains in the world. Then there is the north central valley plain, which produces three fourths of India's wheat, the most densely populated region in India. In the south, there is the low plain region, which occupies most of the peninsular portion of India. India is a land of vivid contrasts. The climate varies from low-lying, torrid tropics to frigid, snow-covered mountains. You will find arid deserts and rain-drenched jungles.



*Winter scene in Landour, India.*

You will see fabulously-rich rajahs and critically-poor multitudes. You will discover the absolute monotheism (worship of one god) of the Moslems and the extravagant polytheism (worship of many gods) of the Hindus. You will meet world-renown philosophers and illiterate masses. It is a land of many bloods, colors, languages, manners, and types. India has no God in her religion. With all of her evident needs her greatest need is Christ. Even objects such as stones are adored and worshipped. Plants and trees become objects of worship and because of the Hindu belief in transmigration, animal worship is popular. Animals are, therefore, considered sacred. The cow is worshipped and revered above all. Free Will Baptists are making a contribution to India's crying need and we have plans for an immediate stepping up of our activity in that vast and needy land.



*Some of India's farming land.*

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issue will not be published. After  
prayerful consideration, I am  
sending a copy of the Free Will  
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terial that would have come to you  
through the columns of the Land-  
mark. The Gem is a much larger  
edition and meets the needs of our  
brotherhood in a much better way.  
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exchange. If any of you are al-  
ready subscribers to the Gem, I  
shall move your time up on the  
Landmark.

I have many reasons for hav-  
ing been compelled to take this  
step of action. For the past few  
months the editor has been doing  
work against the advice of physi-  
cians. As a student in the college  
here at the airbase, full time pas-  
toral duties and the health of the  
remainder of the family, I'm hav-  
ing to postpone the publication of  
the Landmark for a while. I know  
that you will bear with me pa-  
tiently in this matter. I may re-  
sort to the same action for the  
March issue. Those of you who  
have manuscript in my files may  
have it returned to you or I shall  
send it to the Gem for the issues  
to follow.

The Pocahontas Church, where  
I do pastoral work, is to enter-  
tain the next annual session of the  
National Association. This will  
devolve many more duties for the  
pastor.

I shall be glad to hear from any  
of the Landmark subscribers re-  
lative to this action.





## CHRIST CROWDED OUT

Message Delivered Over Radio Station W M B L Sunday Jan. 4, 1948

By J. R. Davidson,

Pastor of Davis Church  
Davis, N. C.

*Text: Luke 2:7 "And she brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn". . . . .*

Men were going about their affairs in a normal way as God made visible His love gift to the world. I doubt not the good intentions of the inn keepers. I do not feel they purposely discriminated against Mary and Joseph; and, surely not against an innocent babe. No one could imagine their giving preference to others, when, had they known the significance of this event, their names would have gone down in history as having rendered special courtesy to the born King of Kings and Lord of Lords. These were taking the roll of average business men in using the occasion to swell their coffers.

The average politician would feel compelled to commend Herod for attempting to avoid in fringement upon his rights as ruler of his country. I can hardly conceive of any man being so cruel as to wilfully cause sufferings and premature deaths upon innocent children. No doubt he had advisers who pointed out illegitimacy in the birth of Christ

as an attempt to overthrow a perfectly regular government. The thing I wish we might see in this message is the world of mankind as it goes on in a similar way: They gave no room for Christ at His birth and in His infancy; so, men carry on in like manner today. Things which seem to be perfectly legitimate flood the soul of man so as to render a verdict of, "NO ROOM FOR CHRIST".

### AS REVEALED IN HISTORY

Our record in Matthew 2:13,14 reveals a lack of room for Him even in His humble birth-place. "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt". So, politics denied Him a place in all Judea.

It is just as true, however, that He was given no place in Nazareth. Listen to Luke's record in chapter 4, verses 28 and 29. "And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong". In this case religion crowded Him out of the house of worship.

Again, a casual examination of the Scriptures reveals Him as finding no room in His own kingdom. Get this scene in Isaiah 5:1-7 and Matthew 21:37 to 39. "Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of My beloved touching my vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And He fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it and also made a winepress therein: and He looked that it bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and My vineyard. What could

have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: and I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant: And He looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry".

"Last of all He sent unto them His own Son, saying, they will reverence My Son! But when the husbandmen saw the Son, they said among themselves, this is the heir: come, let us kill Him, and let us seize on His inheritance. And they caught Him, and cast Him out of the vineyard, and slew Him." The theology of the Jew so filled his heart with prejudice as to allow no room there for Christ.

### AS REVEALED IN CURRENT AFFAIRS

As we take an introspective view for an application of this truth may we observe present-day life; socially, politically, educationally, and religiously. Mine is not the position of pessimist, but, rather one which obligates me to call attention to somethings which deny Christ His rightful place in the affairs of men. Grave difficulties are experienced by social workers as a fruit of laxity in the direction of youth and children. The permissive attitudes which allow the development of a complacent position concerning Christ and the things which associate the thinking with Him have crowded Him out of the thinking of our youngsters. A revival of attendance upon church services, together with a revival of gospel preaching and teaching in our churches is the best means of opening the doors of our homes

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## MAN: MANKIND: FREE AGENCY.

Rev. O. Stalcup  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

The generic term includes the whole human race as descended from Adam and Eve. That the race has a common origin, and all varieties of man have oneness of nature is taught in the following texts - Gen. 1:27,28; 2:7,18,21-24; 3:20; Mal. 2:10; Acts 17:26; Rom. 5:12; I Cor. 15:22,45.

Man is a compound being, having a mortal "Body" and a "Spirit" which is devoid of all material qualities, and is immortal, continuing to live after separation from the body in a state of conscious existence. Eccl. 3:21; I Kings 17:21,22; Luke 8:55; 16:22,23; 23:43; Matt. 10:28; 22:32; Acts 7:59; II Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23; Rev. 6:9-11; 14:13. The body is formed of the dust of the earth, with the senses of feeling, tasting, smelling, hearing, and seeing. The spirit is rational, having understanding, affections, and will. Gen. 2:7; Eccl. 12:7.

The Apostle, Paul, speaks of a third element, the soul. I Thes. 5:23. By this he means the "Psyche", the lower or animal soul, containing the passions and desires which we have in common with the brutes, Eccl. 3:19-21; but this in Christians is ennobled and spiritualized. The spirit is that part whereby we are receptive of the Holy Spirit. In the unbeliever it is crushed down and subordinated to the animal soul, and hence he is called a natural or merely animal man. I Cor. 2:14; Jude 19.

Man was made upright, Eccl. 7:29, that is, in a moral sense, by nature conformed to God, or moral rectitude; called the image of God, Gen. 1:27; as explained in Eph. 4:24. Yet a free responsible agent and probationer, placed under divine law, by breaking which, he incurred its death penalty, both temporal and spiritual. Gen. 2:16,17; Rom. 5:12; 6:23; Heb. 2:14.

The first sin of the first man changed his whole moral nature from a holy to a sinful state; which changed condition, being hereditary, has entered into all his descendants. Rom. 5:12; I Cor. 15:22; Eph. 2:3,5; Job 15:14;

Psa. 14:2,3; 51:5; 58:3. Yet everyone is responsible for his own sin. Deut. 24:16; II Kings 14:6; Prov. 11:19; Ezek. 18:4,20; Jer. 31:30; Rom. 1:20,21; John 3:19,20.

### FREE AGENCY

Though man is fallen and sadly depraved, so that there is in his nature a strong tendency toward sin, yet does he retain the God-like attribute of freedom. In every volition of a moral nature he is free to will the opposite. No decree of God, no combination of elements in his constitution, no chain of causation behind his will, compels his moral acts. The gracious aid of the Holy Spirit is only suasive, not necessitating. Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30; I Thess. 5:19. The free will is a self-determining, original cause, itself uncaused in its volitions. It is a new and responsible fount of causation in the universe.

### Proof—

1. Consciousness: "I know I am free".

2. Such freedom is involved in the feeling of moral obligation, and in the sense of guilt for our misdeeds.

"If man be punished in the future state, God must be the punisher".

"If God be the punisher, the punishment must be just".

"If the punishment be just, the punished might have done otherwise".

"If the punished might have done otherwise, they were free agents".

Therefore, if men are to be punished in the future world, they must be free in this".

3. The scriptures everywhere assume that men are free to obey God's law and to comply with the conditions of Salvation. Prov. 1:23-31; Matt. 23:37; John 7:17.

4. If men's moral acts are the effects of causes arranged by God, then God is either the author of sin, or, His own acts being the e-

ffects of some necessitating cause, such as the strongest motive, or the constitution of His nature, the universe is under the iron law of fate, and sin is an illusion and an impossibility.

## THE CROSS

Mrs. Sophia Ackerson  
Richwoods, Missouri

The Cross is the cause of faith. As we read in St. Matthew's Gospel about the Crucifixion of our Saviour, we can see Him dying for us upon the Cross by the power of the Holy Spirit until faith springs up in our hearts. There is no place like Mount Calvary to create faith. The air of that sacred hill brings health to that trembling faith. We find the cure of our troubles. We know our Savior was beaten with stripes. He was crowned with thornes. He was nailed to the Cross. He was spit upon and He was mocked and treated so badly, but He never complained as we do when we have to suffer a little. He looked to His sufferings and to the old rugged cross for the salvation of the world. Whosoever will may come and dip in the blood of Christ at the foot of the Cross and find the cure of trouble.

The meaning of the Cross is Christ with us. This means the Cross for us. Can you stand rejoicing with Christ at the very point of humiliation and crucifixion. Christ may be followed in two ways: victorious, and disgraced and ignored. We are called to follow forth, not Christ in all the royalty and glory, but a Christ humiliated, a Christ despised and hated, a Christ crucified. Before we stand with Christ on Mount Olive, we must stand with Him on Mount Calvary.

There are three crosses here: the one on the right showing unbelief and dying without Christ, the one on the left showing what it means to be pardoned of sin, then there is the central Cross, pouring upon your soul the sunburst of heaven, and we can hear the dying Saviour say "by all these wounds I plead for thine heart. I have loved thee with an ever-



lasting love." Rivers cannot quench it. The floods cannot drown it. Christ longed for the Cross because He looked to it as a goal of all his exertions. He could never have said on His throne "It is finished" but on His Cross He did cry it. He preferred the sufferings of Calvary to the honors of multitudes gathered about Him. Preaching as He might; blessing and healing them, still His work was undone. He had a baptism to be baptized with before He could fill the mission He was sent to do. It is the victory that crowns the warrior rather than the battle he fights. Christ longed for the suffering on the Cross that the plan of God would be plain and bring Salvation to a world of sinners. So when the battles are over, we who have endured to the end with Jesus our Lord will lay down the Cross and wear a crown. So let us all be faithful to the Lord.

The prayer of my heart is:

*"Jesus keep me near the Cross,  
There's a precious fountain  
Free to all a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's Mountain".*

## RISE UP AND WALK

As we make this appeal to you through the paper, I don't know when I will quit praising God for our Gem back in print.

In the book of Luke 5:23 we find these words, "Rise up and walk". Of course, Christ spoke to a sick man, but today we speak to, and of a world that is far more seriously sick than this man was, sick in sin and ungodliness, a world steeped in sin and rapidly traveling the downward road.

May we rise with new force as F. W. B. and throw a new challenge at old Satan, of love, co-operation, unity, in one mind and one accord, for the same goal, to bring salvation to the lost, both at home and on our foreign fields. Never before in our history has there been such great opportunities for church workers. Come on F. W. B., let's rise to higher heights and deeper depths. One time as an organization we trav-

eled slowly, but today the world is traveling more rapidly. So, F. W. B., let's rise and get a few more paces ahead of the devil.

Yes, we are going forward, but we must rise up still, with greater Holy Ghost power as at the day of Pentecost. Let them call us drunk or what-not, but thank God for a people who would rather be called drunk for God, as sober for Satan. "Rise up" was Christ's own command.

Yours in Christ,  
Chas. Moyers,  
Flat River, Mo.

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and churches to the Lord Jesus. Such revival is the only approach to the regulation of conduct in our world society.

No one has to draw on his imagination in taking a position that says Jesus has no place in the politics of the present day. From the assembly of the United Nations through our nations, states, counties, and local governments greed is so pronounced that Jesus is compelled to decline any invitation to take a seat.

Astonishment would shroud our faithful forebears were they able to look into our status educationally. It makes one shudder to read "Education For Death", in which the curtain is pulled back for a look into the program inaugurated by Hitler. More serious, however, so far as our nation is concerned, is our own system. All too often it denies any place for Christ by its fleshly program; in which the flesh is enthroned, and faith is undermined; in the authenticity of the Scriptures, the virgin birth of Christ, the atonement through His shed blood, the resurrection of the body through His resurrection-life, the miracles of the Scriptures and the realities of eternity awaiting the redeemed and unregenerate in a real heaven and hell. There must be a renovation of the system, and one of Christ-centered nature set in motion else there is to be constantly less room for Christ.

More lamentable than the foregone, however, is the fact that so

much of human ambition, and man's will, have crept into the program of the churches as to render Christ no room here. Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me", is an appeal to the constituency of the Laodicean Church. The apostate element of the church which bears the name of our Christ. Its condition is described as, neither cold nor hot", but, "lukewarm". Paul says it is a form of godliness in which the power is denied. A return to a teaching, preaching, and living ministry of the unadulterated Truth of God's Word will open the most conspicuous seats in our churches to the Christ. Thus it may be in a modern day as it was in the early history of Christianity - "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus".

But, Alas! there is only one secret to the opening unto Christ His rightful places in all phases of our modern life - **THE OPENING OF THE HEARTS OF MEN TO LET HIM.** Hear Him diagnose our trouble: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil". John 3:19. Ah, Dear Soul! I come to you now in this personal appeal; that you will open the door of your heart right where you are; this very moment. Make room for the blessed Savior. Move self out and let Him move in.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Indian Creek Association-  
al Executive Board will meet with the Aurora Church at Aurora, Mo. Saturday evening, Jan. 31 for the purpose of licensing a minister and ordaining some deacons.

The Carterville Church having requested the Executive Board to ordain a deacon has set the date for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 29 at the Monett Church. The League Rally will also be held there at that date.

Geo. LaShum  
Chairman



# EDITORIAL

## SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN

We are more than thankful for the subscriptions that continue to come in. Some of these days we are going to tell you exactly the number of subscriptions we have. Yes, I am sure many of you would like to know. However, I believe I will not tell just yet, but I will say this much, we have about three times as many as we had when we came into the office in September. You say, "Yes, but that isn't telling us anything". I realize it is nothing definite in the way of exact information; but to say the least it is surely a very encouraging statement; is it not? For myself, I am highly pleased; but the goal is ahead. Remember we have started on a run for 3,000. We MUST reach it. By His help and your cooperation we WILL reach it. We are getting closer every day. Just keep them coming.

## THIS IS A BUSY PLACE

The above statement is putting it mildly. This is indeed a busy place. When we say busy we mean just that. Roy and Donald are at it steady six days a week with very little time off. The same is true with the Editor. We have done a lot of job work, including many minute jobs, 6,000 copies of the Missionary Review, etc. Work does not lay around here long. When it comes in we get it out. If your minutes have not gotten around yet please don't blame the Gem office staff. We have printed every minute job that has come in excepting those of very recent arrival which we are on now. Before you blame us you might better check and see if your Associational Clerk has yet mailed in the manuscript. The delay might be there. We know it is not here. We are very grateful for all the Job work you are sending us. Such is the financial salvation of this place. Come on, let us have it.

## DO YOU WANT TO DO SOME ADVERTISING IN THE COLUMNS OF THE GEM?

If so then read the following: Several inquiries have come to us concerning the possibility and cost of advertising in the Gem. Having already given the matter some thought, we have, therefore, written out the following scale of measurements and prices covering advertising in the Gem. However, we shall be very particular as to the type of advertising we carry in our church paper. We prefer it to be purely of a religious nature. At any rate, it must be thoroughly wholesome and legitimate. Let us say further that we do not want you to get this

matter of advertising confused with the matter of reports, announcements, etc. To be sure there will be no charges on such as that. We WANT all the reports, announcements, letters, etc., that we can get as regular material for the columns of the Gem. What we are saying in this refers exclusively to that which belongs in the advertising class altogether. So please do not get the idea that we are going to charge for such as we have been carrying all along in the Gem.

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One full page	\$5.00 per month; or \$48.00 per year

## OUR MISSOURI STATE YOUTH FOR CHRIST PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM

The three departments of our work in the state of Missouri, namely: The Sunday School Convention, The League Convention, and the Youth Encampment Board have formed a very promising union in a promotional campaign which is to be identified by the heading, "Free Will Baptist Youth for Christ Promotional Program". We have just finished printing 1000 copies of a 16 page booklet for free distribution over the state which booklet sets forth the purposes and plans of this union. We want you to read this piece of work carefully because it carries much information which all our people should have.

It is very pleasing to note the revival of interest concerning our youth. We all very well know

that the youth of today are the church of tomorrow. Neglect of our youth will automatically, in due course of time, mean the extinction of the Free Will Baptist Church. Preserve the youth and you perpetuate the church.

The aim of this promotional program is, better Sunday Schools, better Leagues, and a well-equipped, well-disciplined Youth Camp. The officials of the three departments have placed Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett on the field as Promotional Secretary. In view of this position Rev. Allred has resigned as a member of the Youth Encampment Board; thus offsetting the fact that he, as a member of the Encampment Board, would become to be in that sense the employer of himself. Rev. Mark Lewis of Myrtle, Missouri was chosen to serve in his stead. We

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# CHURCH ACTIVITY & EVANGELISM

Richmond, California  
December 26, 1947

Dear Gem Readers:

I've just finished reading the December issue of the Gem, and it makes my heart rejoice to know that the Free Will Baptists are going on with an ever increasing army of Christian soldiers, fighting the battles against sin and its powers.

I've been living here in Richmond about a year. It's such a sinful place and so hard to keep the banner lifted up. Still I've a lot for which to be thankful. God has been so good to me. He has made my home a Christian home and I'm truly thanking and praising God for "where sin abounded grace did much more abound".

There's much to be done here in the city of Richmond. In fact, over the state of California for "the harvest is white and the laborers are few". We don't have a church here and my, how we do need one! There are so many people who say, "I'd go to church and Sunday School if there was a F. W. B. church here", or, "I'd like to be saved. I feel like I could live a Christian life but there is no place to go". Yes, I know we could attend other churches, but you know how we F. W. B. members like to attend an old fashioned church where we can worship God in our own way.

We need your prayers that God will send someone our way for a revival. My husband and I will do all we can to help anyone who comes. We have been planning on renting a building ourselves but since neither of us were ordained, we were afraid to tackle it. So we are asking you to help us pray that God will send a preacher our way with some good old fashioned Holy Ghost, spirit-filled messages for a sinful city.

Yours for Christ,  
Mignon Priest

Bristow, Oklahoma  
January, 1948

Dear Gem Reader:

From the Free Will Baptist Church I will now write again. I haven't seen anything in print from down here. We

have good attendance and good services at our church. Rev. Paul Pursell is our pastor. He and his wife are real Christians and they are a great help to us. We thank the Lord for sending them our way. We have good Sunday School and Prayer Meetings. In Sept. and Oct. we had a revival. Bro. Warner from Sapulpa came over and conducted two weeks. Bro. Paul conducted the first two weeks. We had a good revival. There were twelve saved. On October 12 we had Communion Service and Foot Washing and, oh, what a time of rejoicing it was! I want to do more in 1948 for the Lord than I have in the past year. I wonder sometimes if we were in the Lord's place if we would be as good to Him as He is to us. Pray for our little church that it will be a brighter light and shine out farther than it ever has. We have some praying young people in and around Bristow. We have prayer meeting at some of their houses every Friday night. I have seen several of them converted and it does my heart good to hear them testify and see them carry on in work to be done. We have Auxiliary every Monday night. Our attendance is very good. We have 19 members. Our officers are as follows:

President .....	Sis. Cleo Pursell
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2nd " " .....	Sis. Freda Hill
3rd " " ....	Sis. Willie Greer
4th " " ...	Sis. Pearl Kennedy
5th " " ...	Sis. Francis Taylor
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Pray for us that we will have more come out and do greater work and walk in the and not stumble that others can say they know they are Christians by their daily walk.

Free Will Baptist Church at Bristow,  
Linda Wiley, Sec.-Treas.

Myrtle, Missouri  
January 7, 1948

Dear Gem Readers:

I was not a regular reader of our paper until a few months ago when I subscribed for it, but I am realizing that I have missed a lot. I can't say how thankful I am for the Gem, nor can I tell how much I enjoy each

issue. The time seems so long after we get the paper until the time rolls around for another copy. I thank God for our wonderful editor, for his life, and the service he is rendering for the Master. There is nothing that gives me more strength and spurs me on to living a better life, than the lives of truly consecrated Christians. I feel that God is undertaking and many souls will be enriched through the Gem. May the Lord richly bless each one who is working so hard to make it a success.

We at the Myrtle Church are thankful for our new pastor, Rev. Mark Lewis. He is a marvelous worker for the Lord, and both he and sister Lewis have been a blessing to our community. Pray for us that we may support them with our unflinching efforts to help bring souls to the Lord. We miss our dear pastor and wife who answered God's call to other fields, and we remember them often in our prayers. May God bless them in their new work and give them health and the things they need most to serve the Lord.

In reading the Gem, we are made to realize just how much our prayers and financial help are needed by our missionaries abroad. The efforts and sacrifices they are making to be able to bring lost souls to God should make us ashamed that we do such a little and as Paul admonishes us to do in Eph. 5:14, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light". "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil". Eph. 5:16. Let us search our hearts and ask ourselves the question whether or not we are giving all that we can in prayer and financial help.

Christian friends, we have a shining New Year ahead of us in which to serve the Master or to spend idly, while the days fly by, just as we choose. Oh, let us pray constantly, one for another, that we will be true soldiers of the cross and fight the battle, winning for God and the right. Let us not look back on the past. Christ has shed His precious blood for the remission of our sins, praise His holy name! If His spirit dwells in our



hearts, then let us read Romans 8:38-39, and take new courage and go forth into the coming year with a great determination to do the things which are pleasing and acceptable in His sight.

May God bless you all,

Mrs. Fred Wisehart

Webb City, Missouri

January 9, 1948

Dear Editor:

I would like to turn in a report of the revival held with the Carterville Church conducted by Rev. Curtis Wilson and our Pastor, Rev. Paul Williams, beginning Nov. 30 and closing Dec. 21.

There were four converted, three baptized, two came into the church, and one young man dedicated his life unto the ministry. The church as a body was drawn closer together and all received spiritual strength from the word of God through Bro. Wilson.

We wish to pass the good news of God's work on to the Gem readers.

Lloyd Johnson  
Church Clerk

Rev. O. T. Allred

Reporting on the activity of our work for the Master since our last report to the Gem.

On the 4th Sunday in Nov. Bro. James F. Miller began a revival with our Merl's Chapel Church. God gave us a good revival in the church. Three united with the church during the meeting and much good was accomplished. Bro. Miller's work was greatly appreciated.

On Sunday night, the second Sunday in Dec. we went to Stott City, north of Monett, to be with Rev. Virgil Greenway in a revival. This meeting continued until Friday night, Dec. 26. After spending a few days at home, we are now with Rev. Archie Cooper in a Revival at our Sublette Church near Kirksville.

On Dec. 8 our Youth Encampment Board met at the camp ground and made some plans for the furtherance of our work. At this time our resignation from the Board was accepted and Rev. Mark M. Lewis of Myrtle was appointed to serve in our place until next Ass'n.

We accepted the position of Promotional Secretary for our Youth work, working under the auspices of

the Youth Encampment Board and the State Sunday School and League officers. We have prepared with the help of our Sunday School and League officers a catalog, and hope that you who read this will awake to the opportunity that is ours. We have made an effort to get this literature to every church in the State, but our mailing list is incomplete. Therefore, if anyone whom we have failed to reach will write us, we will be glad to furnish him with the number of books needed.

We have several improvements that are very necessary for us to make at the camp before time for the encampment this year. We mention some of them: grading road and clearing stumps from playground, putting concrete floor and windows in the main building, putting pump in the well. All this and much more can be easily done if we each do our part. Send all offerings on this work to Rev. William Reeves, Irondale, Mo.

Third F. W. B. Church  
Of St. Louis

December 29, 1947

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a word to report the wonderful way the Lord is blessing our church. Every service is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School is increasing. We had an increase of 18 scholars in the last quarter, for which we thank the Lord. The league is doing fine. We have a wonderful group of which we are all very proud. They are always ready to take part in any service where they are needed.

We are putting on a building fund drive and by the help of the Lord expect to build a new church in St. Louis in the near future. Pray for us that the Lord will have His way in every undertaking.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Hughes

Southside F. W. B. Ch.  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Reader:

Once again we want to report the progress of our church here in St. Louis.

We are thanking God for His blessings which we have been receiving from His bountiful supply. In November, 1947 Rev. O. T. Allred was here for a revival, and the revival spirit

has continued right on. There is hardly a week since then but what there has been great rejoicing. Souls are being saved right along; the church and Sunday School are growing; the league is good; and God has blessed us by giving us the needed down payment so that we could purchase the building in which we are worshipping.

On Sunday night Jan. 11th we had an old folks service with those over 30 years of age having charge of the services and, praise God, the power fell and such rejoicing I have never witnessed before in my Christian experience.

People began to testify and shout all over the house, and I never even got to preach. One man who was unsaved went home and couldn't sleep and prayed through at home. He came back praising God at the prayer meeting Wednesday night. Then last night his daughter was saved and again there was great rejoicing.

I ask your prayers that we may continue on in this same spirit and that other unsaved for whom we have been praying may be saved soon.

May the Lord bless each of you in my prayer.

Rev. Harvey Hill

January 15, 1948

Dear Editor:

We are sending a report from the Woman's Auxiliary of the New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. In our auxiliary we have nine active members, eight tithers. We have been in this work only about two years but we have gained knowledge and have been blessed in our efforts. Our aim is to be better stewards for the Lord. We pray others will join with us in this great work. Through this auxiliary work we feel we are growing in grace and favor with God.

Remember us in your prayers.

Helen Day, Pres.

Faye Rice, 4th Vice P.

#### ANOTHER MAN SET APART FOR GOD'S WORK

Sunday, Jan. 11, 1948 at Merl's Chapel near Cassville, Missouri.

The church requested the Indian Creek Association Executive Board to meet with them Sunday evening, Jan. 11 for the purpose of ordaining a deacon. Rev. Winford Davis who is a reg-

ular member of the Board could not be present as he had to fill his regular appointment. Brother J. T. Montgomery, another member, could not be reached by telephone as he had moved (according to his home phone office). Such being the case, Brother George LaShum was the only board member present. There being only one Board member present, Brother Allred, the pastor, called the church into conference and the church elected a three member Presbytery. O. T. Allred, J. B. Jefferson, and George LaShum were elected.

After a soul stirring message by Bro. Allred, the ordination service went forward. Brother Oliver Flaherty, the candidate and his wife, and the other deacons were called forward. After the prayer by Bro. Jefferson and the laying on of hands, Bro. Allred gave the charge to the newly ordained deacon, Bro. LaShum gave the charge to the church.

The Lord was truly present in the services as all who testified were truly joyful at heart.

May our Lord bless all who labor in his cause at Merl's Chapel.

Geo. LaShum

#### REV. M. M. MCKEE, SOPER OKLA. GOES HOME TO THE LORD

On November 14, 1947 Bro. M. M. McKee of Soper, Okla. passed beyond the portals of glory. We who are left to mourn our loss want to let the brotherhood know how much we miss him. He was pastor of our church in 1937 and 38 and was well loved by the members of our church. He did good work as pastor and has since held meetings here. The church passed resolutions of respect and condolence to his aged mother.

W. A. Hearron, Pastor  
Willis Dunlap, Minister  
G. Palmer, Corbut Higgins,  
D. E. Clark Deacons  
Free Will Baptist Church of  
Soper, Okla.

EDITOR'S NOTE — M. M. McKee was one of my good friends. I learned to love him many years ago. Together with the immediate family we mourn the passing of this good man.

## CHRIST IN THE HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

Rev. Mrs. Opal E. Jeffreys  
Lockwood, Mo.

...*"Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named". Eph. 3:15.*

The home is made very beautiful by Christ's presence in it. Where Christ lives there isn't any room for envy, hatred, and strife to clutter up the home. These things destroy love, peace, and harmony. They separate fathers and mothers and turn children into the cold, sinful world without the harmonious love and instructions of Godly parents. Paul admonishes husband and wife to love one another as Christ also loved the church. Eph. 5:24, 25.

God instituted marriage and the home in His creations, thus both are very sacred and should be treated as such. Many people rush into marriage without ever consulting God and live their home life in the same manner. Many children come to bless the home and are treated as a curse. The home was instituted before the church. Our homes make our churches and our nation. If the homes that make up our churches have sin in them, then our churches will have sin in them. Our nation is made up of our homes and no nation can rise above the home, just as the church can't rise above its pastor. The home is the seat of Christianity, where Godly teaching should always begin. With Christ in the home, it is a place of love, peace and understanding, with children obeying the parents in love.

The home is the place for the exercise of Christian grace. How true that those in our home know us best. Do we talk and live in our homes as we do when we are with other people? No better place than the home to let our lives be a real testimony for Christ. Is our home life a life of self-restraint and self-sacrifice? Mothers and fathers let's live Christ-like lives and exercise the graces of a beautiful Christian life before our children. Remembering the grace of thanksgiving around our tables as we gather to partake of the food God has given us. The grace of the old-time family altar where the open Bible is read and prayer is offered before the family retires for the night. These things are land marks in the lives of our children and will be cherished memories when they've grown older. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it". Prov. 22:6. Parents, if you are not exercising these Godly privileges, please let me constrain you in sincere love to begin now.

I cannot think of anything more wonderful than the young married couple's including God and a family altar in their plans as they establish their home and face the future uncertainties of this sinful world.

Rev. Opal Jeffreys  
Lockwood, Mo.

## SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Mo.

Scripture reading, Matt. 6:33.

A young man in the north part of the states had made up his mind to leave home and go into the Black Hills to seek a fortune. His parents were Christian people but the son had never given his heart to God. Always anxious for their only son to have the best in life they, therefore, wanted him to be a Christian. They wanted him to be saved before he left

home. When he was ready to go, the father said that they must have prayer before he left and pleaded with him to seek the Lord. He refused, saying that when he had made a fortune and returned home, he would get saved then. His mother then pleaded with him, saying that it would be better for him to have God in his life first. She read from Matt. 6:33. "But seek ye first the kingdom of



God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Again he refused and started on his way unsaved, but with the verse his mother had read ringing in his ears.

Not having much money, he traveled on foot and had only come to the first town at night. Here he spent the night with an uncle and aunt. He told them his story and said that he was going to the Black Hills to seek a fortune. The uncle and aunt were also Christian people, and they, too, pleaded with him to seek the Lord, quoting the same scripture verse, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Again the young man refused to accept the Lord and went on his way.

As he walked along the hot, dusty road, the verse kept ringing in his ears, but he was determined not to give up. As he came into the city that night, he was walking up the street looking for a place where he could spend the night. Seeing a mission door open, he entered the mission hall, thinking that here he could rest a while and inquire for a place to sleep. After the singing and testimony service, the minister arose to preach. The young man was not very much interested and probably would not have noticed until the text was announced. It was: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Being so determined to get away from God, he arose and quickly went out of the mission hall. He was very much troubled by this time, but still determined not to give up.

On Sunday night he had found lodging in a home where he was invited to attend church services. All went well until the minister announced his text, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Here the young man could stand it no longer. He arose and left the church cursing and swearing and repeating the text over and over. He was picked up by the officers on the street but all he could say

was, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". He was returned to his home a raving maniac. For years he sat on the front porch and pointing a bony finger at everyone passing the street or entering the yard, he would repeat over and over, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness".

Young people, remember that it doesn't pay to put off salvation. "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them". Eccl. 12:1. Give your heart to God and then there shall be added unto you all the things you need. Be not like this young man, for it is written, "He, that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy". Prov. 29:1.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF A SAINT WHO HAS GONE HOME

It is with gladness in our hearts that we can say that our dear friend and neighbor, Charlie Carpenter, has gone HOME! For we are sure the Gate of Pearl swung open on December 27, 1947 when Charlie's spirit took its flight to "that City of Gold, whose builder and maker is God". Although we have known him for years, we were not intimately acquainted until we moved here by him last spring. He was an old man and had never learned to love his Saviour. We had been praying for him and in a short time Bro. Cecil Garrison, our pastor, started a revival and Charlie was the only one converted in that meeting. TRULY, how wonderful is our God! We can say with power,

*"God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform.*

*He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.*

*Judge not the Lord by feeble  
sense,*

*But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence,  
He hides a smiling face".*

So Charlie learned to know this

wonderful Saviour and to trust Him in a way that was marvelous. He was baptized and united with the church in May, 1947 and lived a devoted Christian life. He read the New Testament through almost three times. He read it to know God's will. He came to our home often, and the Bible was the most discussed subject. He was the happiest man we ever knew, and his life has been a blessing to us. His shouts of praise have been an inspiration to all the Brethren and Sisters. We feel like his testimony he left behind will still speak to those who are still in sin and will cause them to come to know and love his Jesus.

He told us many things perhaps he never told to others. He planned to go and talk to some of his old associates he used to be with on the "White River". May God reach them, too. Among the last testimonies just before his fate struck he testified, "The only thing is that I am sorry I never got started in this way before". Just three weeks before his death he got so happy he shouted God's praise all over the church house. That was the day the ordination services were held, the first Sunday in December of 1947, when Bro. Lloyd Blevins and Garland Tharp were ordained Deacons by the Pres-betry.

Truly, Bro Charlie lived a glorified Christian life and died a triumphant death, yet lives. May we, too, when we shall have come to the end of the way, cross over the "mystic sea" and ever be with our Saviour and all those who have gone on before.

In sincere Christian love,  
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Tharp

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urge all, throughout the state, to give Bro. Alfred your full cooperation in this worthy work. We could do nothing better than give to our youth the blessings and benefits which are to be theirs as a result of the successful outcome of this Youth for Christ Promotional Program. We heartily commend this worthy work to the good people of Missouri State.

Antlers, Oklahoma  
Dec. 27, 1947

Dear Bro. Davis:

In this manuscript for publication I am sending you one dollar bill for my subscription to the paper. This article will complete a small book of sermons on God's plan for redemption of man as it is revealed in the Bible. However it is not a complete coverage. As printing has been high and uncertain, I am making the book small. In fact, it is a mere outline at present because of present needs. I have been requested by my older brethren in the ministry for some time to write a book of this kind for our younger preachers in this part of the country for Bible School work. It will contain about twelve (12) messages beginning with the Fall of Man in Eden and closing with his complete redemption. The other articles are now in print, having been published by the Gem. Will write you later.

J. A. D.

### THE RESURRECTION AND THE ETERNAL INHERITANCE

The Resurrection and Eternal Inheritance will be the last act and will complete God's plan for the Redemption of the human race. You must remember that they lost their eternal life in the fall. Gen. 2:17, "For on the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die". That is, they lost their eternal life, died a spiritual death. Now a corporal death was not the penalty for sin. It was the result of sin. Gen. 3:22-23, "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil, and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever: Therefore, the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken". You see, in loosing his eternal life he lost his eternal earthly inheritance, and since he was made an eternal being, he must exist somewhere. The Bible reveals that place in unmistakable terms. I Cor. 15:21-22, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection. For as in Adam all die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive". Job wrote by inspiration. Job 14:14, "If a man die shall he live again. All the days of my appointed

time will I wait till my change come". Yes, it is a change not only of our nature but also of our inheritance. The Apostle Peter wrote I Peter 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an Inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you".

Reader, I want you to notice that by the resurrection of our Lord we were begotten (begin) again. God began the human family in the beginning of the world and He also gave them an inheritance in this world. However, man lost it in the transgression, Gen. 3:19; then God began a new creation in Christ Jesus, Eph. 2:19, "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them". The new creature, if faithful unto the end, will possess a new inheritance. Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things". Yes, Peter wrote in I Peter 1:3 that we were begotten unto this hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Notice that it is a hope now. If we are faithful, it will materialize in the resurrection. Notice the nature of the inheritance. I Peter 1:4, "... incorruptible". Our inheritance here is a corrupt inheritance. This one is defiled; that one is undefiled. This one will not endure; that one "fadeth not away". No, thank God, it will never fade. It will become more beautiful with age, and notice for whom it is prepared. "Reserved in heaven for you". Yes, it is there. Jesus said it was there. John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you". Yes, thanks be unto God, that is where He is now and that is what He is doing.

Then, in verse 3, Jesus tells us, "... I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also". Notice that Jesus said there and

that does not mean here. Yes, it will be there where Jesus is. John saw the place. Rev. 21:1, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and was no more sea". Verse 2, "And I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband". Yes, thanks be to God, heaven and earth are going to be united again so that we can converse with God face to face. Let us study verse three. "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God".

Yes, this is the city for which Abraham was looking. Heb. 11:10, "For he looked for a city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God". Although Abraham died not having received the promise as we all must. Let us study Verse 13. "These all died in faith not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth". Yes, that is why I love the song titled, "This World is not My Home". But first, we as Abraham and all the Saints must put off mortality. The Apostle Peter called it "this, my tabernacle". II Peter 1:14, "Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me". Paul called it a house. II Cor. 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens". Yes, whatever it is called, house, tabernacle, or body, it is corrupt, but, Glory be to God, Jesus is coming to change it. Phil. 3:20-21, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body". Notice conversation referring to fellow-



ship. In fact, some translations use the word fellowship in preference to conversation. Yes, its a complete change. Job called it a change, Job 14:14. Paul called it a change, I Cor. 15:51, "We shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed". It is a change from corrupt to sinless. In the fall in Eden it was changed from a perfect to imperfect, but, thanks be to God, Jesus is going to make a complete redemption, not only unto eternal life but also of eternal inheritance. I Thess. 4:16 we read, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first". Now let us study the 17th verse, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord". The word "so" means in like manner. That is, we can look back and say with the Apostle Paul, I Cor. 15:55, "O death, where is thy sting? O, grave, where is thy victory?" Yes, it will be a wonderful Inheritance. Let us look at the wonderful landscape. Rev. 22:1, "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river was there the tree of life". In closing let me say, it is the same tree transplanted from Eden.

by J. A. Davidson

#### FELLOWSHIP CHURCH NEWS

Margaret Dodd, Reporter

At a recent election in Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church I was chosen church reporter to the Gem. Therefore, I shall give you the latest news from our church which is, perhaps, one of the youngest in the State.

Of late the progress has been marvelous. Our Sunday School is operating under the Six Point System and a great interest is being manifested. The average attendance for the past quarter was 98, and there are excellent prospects for a sizeable increase soon.

Our leagues are enlarging and good

interest is being shown by the good attendance. We have three leagues: Adult, Senior Junior, and also the Story Hour Group.

The Woman's Auxiliary is very active and is really doing some fine work. Twenty-three Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes were prepared and distributed as well as a number of boxes for our students in college. A substantial amount was also given to the church's building fund by this organization.

Each Sunday afternoon over our local radio station, K F M O (1240 on the dial) is heard for 30 minutes the "Fellowship Hour" sponsored by our church. We have had some gratifying response from this program and we are trusting for yet greater things.

Monday, January 12, was "moving day" for us at our church at which time we vacated the old hall where we had met for the past 21 months and moved into our newly-constructed church basement. As soon as spring opens up we have plans completed for finishing our church auditorium. Our pastor and family have been living in the new church parsonage for the past 2 months. It consists of 6 rooms and bath with a full size basement. It is heated with an automatic gas-fired furnace, a gift from one of our good members.

Recently we entertained the St. Francis Co. Quarterly Meeting, the delegation which was the largest in many sessions. Preparations are now underway for our spring revival and Easter Program.

The Fellowship Church will celebrate its second anniversary in March. The first pastor was Rev. Melviningham. Then back from Cuba came Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd and after a short while he accepted a pastorate. The blessings of the Lord have surely been upon us and we are more than grateful for what He has done. We wish your prayers that we might continue in this growth.

#### REPORT OF F. W. B. ORPHANAGE AT RINGLING OKLA.

(For Dec., 1947)

##### EXPENSES OF ORPHANS' HOME

12-1 Butane gas co. ....	\$ 16.10
12-12 Rev. & Mrs. Weatherman ..	75.00
12-16 O. K. Gas & E. Co. ....	5.65
12-24 Tyler & Simp. Co. ....	101.79
12-24 Schuler fruit Co. ....	21.29

12-24 Hamilton Sup. Co. ....	43.46
12-24 W. D. Bodenhamer ....	47.00
12-24 Ringling locker plant ..	30.00
12-24 Felbert Gro. & Mar. ....	46.32
12-24 Rex Weatherman .....	75.00
12-24 Roland's clothing store ..	15.38
12-31 Allen feed store .....	14.30
Total .....	\$492.19

##### EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF REV. REX WEATHERMAN

11-21 Laundry .....	\$ 1.50
11-21 Four girl's caps .....	2.00
11-25 Laundry .....	1.50
11-29 Hair cuts for 5 boys ....	3.25
12-1 Laundry .....	1.50
12-2 Sallie Stow - labor .....	10.00
12-2 Christmas tree decoration ..	.80
12-2 Plumbing Supply .....	8.20
12-8 Laundry .....	1.50
12-8 Children's allowance ..	2.25
12-9 Sallie Stow .....	10.00
12-9 Christmas gifts, etc. ....	3.20
12-9 Junior play at school ..	.90
12-9 Laundry .....	1.50
12-15 Each child \$1.00 for Christmas .....	10.00
12-26 Sallie Stow .....	10.00
12-26 Phone bills (Nov. & Dec.) ..	10.80
Total .....	\$87.90
Nov. 24 to Dec. 20 Eggs & Butter sale .....	9.95
Balance .....	\$77.95
Total paid out for Dec. ..	\$570.95

##### CONTRIBUTIONS TO F. W. B. HOME

12-1 M. L. Sutton Arlington, Tex. ....	\$ 2.00
12-1 Werk Ch. Arlington Tex. ....	8.00
12-1 Church Stradford, Okla. ....	3.00
12-4 Church Earlsboro, Okla. ....	3.00
12-4 Blue Bell Ch. Sapulpa ..	5.00
12-4 Goar Corner Ch. ....	5.00
12-4 Rev. Earlin Harkins ..	1.00
12-4 Church Healdton, Okla. ....	10.29
12-4 Healdton Thanksgiving ..	4.00
12-4 L. Rally Hopewell Ass'n. ....	2.00
9-30 Bridge Cr. C. of Dibble A. ....	8.00
10-5 Iron Chap. C. Dibble A. ....	5.00
10-26 Bridge Cr. C. Dibble A. ....	5.00
11-2 Iron Chap. C. Dibble A. ....	5.00
11-18 Cap. Hill L. Dibble A. ....	5.00
11-25 Bridge Cr. C. Dibble A. ....	5.00
11-25 Hawkins C. Dibble A. ....	6.94
11-30 Cap. Hill L. Dibble A. ....	5.00
11-30 Bryant C. Dibble A. ....	5.73
12-10 J. W. Kirk Arlington, T. ....	10.00
12-10 New H. Aux. Okla. City ..	10.00
12-10 Silver City S. S. ....	10.00
12-7 Iron Chap. C. ....	5.00
12-12 Ch. Ada, Okla. ....	28.31
12-12 Ch. Healdton, Okla. ....	8.00
12-12 Central Ave. C. Okla. City ..	15.00
12-12 Ch. Shawnee, Okla. ....	4.00
12-15 Ch. Wewoka, Okla. ....	23.00

12-16 Mission R. (B. Berdton)	39.71
12-16 Faden C. Paden, Okla.	1.75
12-17 Jas. Holliday Ft. Worth	1.00
12-17 Mis. Society C. Tecumseh	10.00
12-17 Ch. Tecumseh, Okla. . .	7.26
12-17 Cross R. C. Calvin Okla.	4.00
12-17 Canadian Ass'n of Okla.	5.00
12-17 Tulsa 1st. Ch. of Okla.	5.00
12-18 Lewis A. Aux. Xmas. Off.	12.29
12-23 G. A. Trout, Blanchard	1.00
12-22 Int. L. Cap. Hill Ch. . .	8.00
12-23 Wirt Ch. . . . .	30.56
12-23 Stradford C. of Okla. . .	4.75
12-24 Mis. Ladies of Drumright	5.00
12-27 T. C. Bradbury, Pheniz	5.00
12-27 Church Turley, Okla. . .	60.00
12-29 Dibble S. S. . . . .	10.00
12-30 New Home Ch. . . . .	10.00
12-30 N. C. Ballew . . . . .	20.00
12-31 Old Panter C. . . . .	5.00
12-31 First C. Wewoka, Okla	61.41
12-31 Cap. Hill League . . . .	5.00
Total for Dec., 1947 . . . .	\$539.75

Jack Hopkins, Treas.  
Rt. 2, Blanchard, Okla.

### THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH

I am the voice of the church. I stand for peace, love, purity, and the things that are right. Are you helping to keep me in your community, or do you care if I exist or not? If you are attending my services regularly and are doing all you can to keep me in your community, I know you want me and appreciate me. If you stay away from all my services and never enter my door, I'm sure you don't want me else you have just failed to stop and think what would happen should the churches of our land be taken out. There are a few faithful ones trying their best to keep my doors open. They attend my services regularly and honor and praise him for whom I stand (Jesus Christ). If you believe in Christ, don't you want His work to prosper? Don't you want others to believe in Him also? I fear if my doors are closed many will never know him who would have found Him precious to their souls. So why don't the people wake up and get on the firing line for God? If you are not doing all you can in service to Christ, you are hurting his cause. So my friend, which side are you on? The side of Satan and his evil works or Christ and His church which will build our communities with the things that are lovely? If you have gone to sleep and neglected your duty to

Christ and His church, I hope this message will awaken you and that you will get a vision of what this world would be without the churches. STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! There is danger ahead if these who are called by my name don't wake up to the reality of what is facing them. Suppose everyone failed to attend church then what would happen?

### FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST LADIES AUXILIARY OF FLAT RIVER, MO.

The Fellowship F. W. B. Auxiliary of Flat River is still doing work for the Lord. We have 24 members and the average attendance is 16. This Auxiliary meets one night a week and has an all day service once a month.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes and baskets were sent to the needy, also a money offering was sent to the orphanage.

In Dec. the Auxiliary gave a Bazaar which was a very good success. We are thanking the Lord for being so good to us; for without the Lord as our leader our work would be in vain.

Our lessons have been good throughout this year and, everyone is receiving blessings by doing her small part with the other work in our church.

The following is a list of our officers for the year:

President . . . . . Thelma Brooks  
1st Vice President . . . Edith Brooks  
2nd Vice President . . . Ida Wilfong  
3rd Vice President . . . Mace Pruitt  
4th Vice President . . . Mable Jordan  
Sec.-Treas. . . . . Minnie Burcham  
Cor. Sec. . . . . Aileen Moyers

We women enjoy our part in helping spread the gospel, and pray the Lord will give us a greater vision.

We request that you remember us in your prayer that our work may bring lost souls to Christ.

Cor. Sec., Aileen Moyers

### REPORT OF HOME MISSION CIRCLE OF AURORA F. W. B. CHURCH

Our year began July 9th and new officers were elected. We have nine members. The officers were:

President . . . . . Mrs. O. B. Hughes  
Sec.-Treas. . . . . Mrs. Arthur Edwards  
Lesson Teacher . . . Mrs. Cleo Talley

Meetings held monthly until Nov.; then each week thereafter we met to study "His Name Among All Nations". Amount on hand July 9 . . . . . \$18.17  
Sent to Orphanage Bldg. Fund 10.00  
Sent Lit. to Philippines & State Penitentiary.

Sent 59 jars fruit to Orphanage

Thanksgiving

Special Mis. Off. (Nov.) . . . . . 5.00

Christmas box for Orphanage

Delivered 7 Christmas baskets

to poor and needy

Total in Treasury . . . . . \$ 7.03

Adopted "Penny March" to buy

flowers for ill and deceased

friends. Amt. collected . . . . \$4.89

Reported by Mrs. O. B. Hughes

### YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

Dear Gem Reader:

As Chairman of our State Youth Encampment Board, I feel it is time once again to refresh the memories of our people over the State about the needs of our Youth Encampment.

Truly I'm glad that there have been a few of our people over the State who have responded to our appeals to such an extent that we were able to have our session last year with the help of a small loan which our board acquired.

We thank God and you for what you have done, but we are now facing another year. Are we going to have our encampment this year? Are you going to respond to our appeal once again? Are there going to be only a few faithful ones again who will respond? Come on, Free Will Baptists, let's get behind our Youth Encampment and put this work over. Send in your offerings for we can do only what you make possible for us to do.

This year or as soon as possible, we are hoping and praying for a joint session with our State Sunday School and League Conventions at our Youth Encampment. WILL YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE? There are possibly 100 Churches and Sunday Schools and leagues in our State, and with good cooperation from each we could soon reach our needs for this year.

At a recent session of our Triumphant S. S. Convention here in St. Louis, the needs of our Youth Encampment Work were discussed with much enthusiasm, and it was passed



by vote that each of the Sunday Schools in our convention (4) give \$25.00 towards the financial needs of our encampment which amount to about \$1,500.00 for this year's session; also an offering was taken which amounted to \$25.00 and we, as the Triumphant Sunday School Convention, challenge each church, Sunday School, or league to follow our example and send in your offering of \$25.00 or what ever it is possible for you to give, and let's show the Lord that we mean business. With 100 churches sending in \$25.00 we would be in grand shape for this year's session.

COME ON Sunday Schools, leagues, churches, conventions, etc., send in your offerings. Send them to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Missouri who is the Secretary-Treasurer of our Youth Encampment.

Also, for further information, on cabin, etc., write Bro. Reeves, and he will be glad to contact you by letter or in person.

May the Lord bless you in your giving,

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

#### REPORT OF REVIVAL AT SUBLETTE CHURCH

On January 12 we began a meeting with Rev. Archie Cooper with our Sublette Church, about 8 miles north of kirkville. We found this church ready to pay the price that they might have a revival. The weather turned cold the second day of the meeting but people came anyway. One night it was 15 below but we had about 30 people present in the service.

Yes, we had the old fashioned day service which proved a real blessing to all who could attend and as always happens when conditions are met, God gave a marvelous victory. The church was greatly revived. Six conversions and one renewal. Two had united with the church and others plan to unite next Sunday on their regular church day.

We had wonderful cooperation from the other churches of that vicinity; on the last night of the meeting, Jan. 25, Sis. Marie Hyatt dismissed her services at New Harmony and came over as did Bro. Cooper who dismissed and brought a goodly number from his Sunday night services at Refuge. There were also folk present from Ha-

zel Creek. The house was filled until all could not get seats for the closing service.

It was a real pleasure to work with Bro. Cooper and the fine folk of the Sublette Community, and we shall long remember this glorious revival.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. O. T. Allred

#### IMPORTANT NATIONAL REVIVAL MONTH FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rev. R. B. Crawford

March, 1948, has been designated as National Revival Month for Free Will Baptists. This is one of the most important endeavors ever made by Free Will Baptists. We hope every church and every pastor will take this matter very seriously. Why not engage some minister to help you for a week, or more in a real spiritual revival, or conduct your own revival. We trust many will be saved, others reclaimed to the Lord, and all the believers will be built up in the most holy faith. We want along with this spiritual revival, a revival of information, inspiration, and action among our people concerning the different phases of our denominational enterprises. I had so much hoped to get out a pamphlet for every church and pastor concerning this revival month, but I haven't for different reasons been able to do so. First, economically we aren't sufficient. Second, I haven't been able to get the names and addresses of the pastors from a key person in each state, they don't have them, so many of the 3,000 pamphlets and letters would never be used. (I know we need a revival of keeping records and giving reports. I have insisted or begged for records.) I am going to resort to the only means left, that is to use all of our church papers and pray that many many of our people will know of this noble move made by Free Will Baptists.

Please take this information to be given to the people, asking for them to pray much concerning it. We trust also that more than praying will be done, that our people will pay sacrificially to the denominational work. But how can our people give themselves to a cause of which they are not familiar. May we help you, that by our all taking the cross and cause of Christ seriously, His love will be known to men?

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. J. L. Welch

*"The Lord has done great things for us, wherefore we are glad".*

Our people can use these words when speaking of the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. All of the buildings and equipment, the faculty and students, and the financial records show that God has abundantly blessed this institution.

There are 57 students enrolled this year and the prospects for a greater student body next year are very encouraging. The president, Rev. L. C. Johnson, and all his co-workers are striving hard to make the institution what our people want.

The present facilities for taking care of the student needs are taxed to capacity, and we are facing the problem of providing additional room for dormitories, classrooms, dining hall, etc. to meet the growing needs of the college. This expansion can be made possible only through sacrificial giving of our people.

The Bible College is the ONE hope of our denomination to prepare Christian workers for service. The future of our denomination will depend largely on the success of the Bible College. Please work, pray, give, and make this institution grow.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Winford Davis

Our Foreign Mission work has made rapid progress in the past twelve years. Our denomination has grown as our mission work has been accomplished. It is true for the future of our denomination and Foreign Missions work. Plans are now set for the Foreign Mission offerings to be as much as \$60,000.00 per year by 1950. Our workers are ready to go, the fields are white already unto harvest but we haven't as a denomination met the call. We are doing some things toward carrying the Gospel. Bro. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, and Miss Bessie Yeley are carrying on for the Lord in Cuba and through the Cuban School of Missions. The school needs more space, for dormitories, class rooms, etc. Will you not pray and pay to help the situation? Miss Laura Belle Barnard of South India is much in need of help to carry on there. Pray for her health and for help to get to her. Bro. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey are in language

school in North India for one year. It is pathetic to report that our funds aren't sufficient to send Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk to India - they are anxious to answer the call of God to carry the message of Salvation to the heathen. There are others who are anxious to go, but we do not have the funds to send them. Please pray much and act as the Lord leads you.

#### HOME MISSIONS

*Rev. James F. Miller*

The National Home Missions Board recognizes that there has been too little done for Home Missions. An efficient Home Missions program must be set in order or else our Foreign Mission work will suffer as well as all the denomination. The following recommendation was passed at the last session of the National Association: That a joint meeting of the National Board with a representative from all the state boards of the denomination to work out a workable plan for the promotion of the home work. The time and place of this meeting will be announced through our church papers in time for elected ones to attend. There must be cooperation of the National Board with the State Boards. We are calling upon all the pastors to work and preach to build up our Home Mission cause. We are asking that a report of all Home Mission work be turned into the chairman of the National Board by June 30 so he can report to the National Association July, 1948.

#### SUPERANNUATION

*Rev. F. C. Zinn*

The National Association has been engaged in a workable plan of Superannuation for the denomination for five years. It is proctive Superannuation for those less than 50 years of age, through an endowment insurance policy. Those more than 50 years of age are cared for by the State Boards. Where a State Board cooperates with the National Board, the State Board sends 25% of its funds to the National Board, 75% stays in the State Board for carrying on the Superannuation work in the state. The National Board pays 50% of the premium of the policy for those who carry the insurance. Funds have come in real well, but the National Board wants every Free Will Baptist in the denomination to give one dollar this year to the State Board and from there will

go 25% to the National Board. "We are our brother's keeper". "We will bear one another's burden and fulfill the law of Christ".

#### BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

*Rev. J. C. Griffin*

This board was instituted in 1942, for the purpose of creating and publishing needed periodicals and cooperating with the printers and publishers of the Free Will Baptist Church and various departments thereof. Sections 4 and 5 of the By-Laws read as follows: "The work of this board shall embrace the publication, distribution, and sale of Christian literature, distinctly designed or created for the advancement of the general program of the National Association and its auxiliaries. It is provided that literature and periodicals now published by Free Will Baptist institutions shall not be competitively duplicated and that contracts which provide an equitable basis of cooperation shall be worked out with the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina and the Free Will Baptist Gem of Monett, Missouri. This board shall have authority to employ authors, editors, stenographers and typists; negotiate and execute contracts, appraise and commend manuscript, advertise and sell its publication, allocate and disburse funds, receive gifts and bequests, and perform all the functions for which it was constituted".

This board hasn't done much; it has published and sold a few booklets, it has others in the preparation of being published. The board owns, and by contract with the Gem Office, prints the "Six Point Record System and Standard Sunday School Supplies". Orders can be filled at the Free Will Baptist Press or the Free Will Baptist Gem. This board is expected to grow; will you cooperate to that end?

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

*Rev. C. F. Bowen*

##### OBJECTIVES--

1. Nation-wide League Conference, June 15-17, 1948, sponsored by the Cumberland League Convention at East Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee.
2. Standardization of all leagues by June, 1949.
3. Complete and accurate file on all leagues in denomination.

4. Solicitation of ten per cent of weekly offerings from all leagues each quarter with report.

5. Unified program themes for all departments of the FWBL.

6. Improved appearance of league quarterlies.

7. Monthly or quarterly magazine for leagues with inspirational messages, special programs, Bible quizzes, social suggestions, and other helps.

8. Study course certificates.

9. Standard of excellence certificates for A-1 leagues.

10. Publication of free helps in pamphlet form for officers and committeemen.

11. Organization of district and state league conventions.

12. Putting the Kingdom of God first in all leagues.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

*Rev. John H. West*

The 1947 session of the National Association created a National Sunday School Board. The board has met and planned much of its program of work. There will be a National Sunday School Convention August 10-12, 1948, at Glennville, Georgia. The program is already planned with minor details yet to be worked out. We plan:

1. A teacher training program for our schools.
2. Revising the booklet, "A Standard Sunday School".
3. Reviving the Sunday School movement in our denomination.
4. A manual or guide book for all out Sunday Schools.
5. Planning more attractive and complete Sunday School literature.
6. To work toward the use of the new "Uniform Bible Series Sunday School Lessons" outlines instead of use of international Council of Religious Education Outline Sunday School lessons.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Woman's Auxiliary of Indian Creek will hold their quarterly meeting February 11, 1948, at Aurora, Missouri. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sis. Opal Williams of Carterville will be in charge of the program.

# MISSOURI STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

(December, 1947)

## State Unified Fund

Carterville Church .....	\$ 20.43
Copper Mines Church .....	3.00
Leadington S. S. ....	2.08
Verdella Church .....	5.00
Monett Church .....	22.55
Mine LaMotte Church .....	5.11
Desloge Church .....	14.21
Total .....	\$ 72.38

## Jehoida Chest Fund

Copper Mines Church .....	\$ 1.00
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## Foreign Mission Fund

Flat River Church .....	\$ 81.34
Mrs. Jessie Thompson, Anderson, Mo. ....	10.06
Carterville Church .....	25.55
Copper Mines Church .....	20.00
Union Third Fork S. S. ....	5.00
Mine LaMotte League .....	5.00
Mine LaMotte Church .....	15.00
Twin Oak Church .....	8.00
Union Third Fork Church .....	12.00
Hannon Church .....	18.90
Monett Church .....	16.87
Aurora Church .....	5.00
Buffalo S. S. ....	8.25
C. W. Mo. & S. E. Kans. 5th Sunday Meeting .....	8.77
Niangua Quarterly Meeting .....	3.00
Leadington Church .....	16.00
St. Francis Co. S. S. Convention .....	17.96
St. Louis 3rd F. W. B. Church .....	157.87
Blue Eye Church .....	13.40
Amity Church .....	8.00
Neola Church .....	7.71
Jewell Church .....	19.49
Independence Church .....	58.53
Union Light S. S. ....	12.00
Total .....	\$594.85

## Cuban Student Support

Hazel Creek Union Church by J. A. Newcomer .....	\$ 15.00
Rev. Marie Hyatt, Treasurer	

## REVIVAL AT MACEDONIA

A two weeks revival has just closed at our Macedonia Church eight miles south east of Monett, conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Frank Linton, and assisted by the writer. I could only be in the services during the week nights as I had appointments to fill over each week end.

There were no manifest conversions; but the church was stirred to more active service, and all were greatly blessed. One good result of the meeting was the reviving of the weekly prayer meeting which had been discontinued for some time. It was thought to continue the meetings an-

other week; but at the end of the second week the very severe cold wave struck and it was deemed advisable to close. We were favored through the meeting with some very fine singing, led by the song director of the home church, Mr. Floyd Inman. We were also favored at intervals with some good quartet singing by the Merl's Chapel Quartet, some singers from Cassville, Mo., and the home quartet. On the last night of the meeting we enjoyed some very fine special music.

It was a pleasure to work again for this short duration with our old home church at Macedonia.

Winford Davis

## NATIONAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Mrs. Marie Hyatt

We, the women of the churches of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, recognizing that any service we contribute to the salvation of lost souls to an abiding faith in the Lord Jesus is missionary service. Realizing women have an important place to fill in the church and that there is much in the future to do, we give ourselves to the work of all the boards and purposes of the National Association. We will collect money, distribute funds, educate our women to the needs of the church and cooperate to the end that these aims be completed. There are different presidents to care for the different phases of work sponsored by Free Will Baptists.

1. Enlistment—to get all the women to be active in church work or service.
2. That proper literature is furnished for our churches and auxiliaries. tracts distributed, programs of study planned or written.
3. Missions president—directing the information and offerings to missions.
  1. Missionary messages of Bible to be studied.
  2. Free Will Baptist missions studied.
  3. World-wide missions.
4. Stewardship president.
  1. Stewardship study classes conducted.
  2. Stressing tithes and offerings.
  3. Actual contributing to the phases of work.
5. Benevolent Services.
  1. Contributing to orphanages.
  2. Helping aged ministers.
  3. Through soul-winning.
  - 4 Through social service efforts, aiming towards soul-winning.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF INDIAN CREEK ASS'N.

Upon invitation extended from the Carterville Church it was agreed that the 1948 session of the Indian Creek Association will be held at Carterville, Missouri. Rev. Paul Williams is pastor of this church. Thanks to the church and pastor.

Indian Creek Executive Board  
 George La Shum, President  
 J. B. Montgomery, Secretary  
 Winford Davis, Member



# REPORT ON TEXAS HOME MISSIONARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

At the State Association, the Home Mission Board voted for me to go on the field as the Missionary for the State of Texas. With much prayer I accepted.

Bro. Covington, Chairman of the board, asked me to start at home first with the West Fork Association. They granted me the privilege of pastoring the New Salem Church, Decatur, Texas half time and working on the field the rest of the time.

It was our happy privilege, and a day we will always remember, as my wife and I began our mission work at our quarterly meeting at New Salem Church Nov. 29, 1947. We had a wonderful quarterly meeting, and the people realized the need of Home Mission work. Unless we can build up our home churches, strengthen those that are weak, and try to organize others, we cannot help the other phases of our work to the fullest. They gave us a good send off by giving us an offering of \$50.00 and promising to stand behind us with their prayers and cooperate with us for which we were very grateful.

We left there at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and drove to Vernon, Texas about 140 miles to be in the North West Brazos Association. Rev. R. E. Gunn, pastor of the Vernon Church, along with all the people gave us a hearty welcome. They reported a good quarterly meeting. We had a good spiritual service, with people shouting the praises of God. They gave us a warm handshake, saying they were behind us with their prayers and support. An offering was taken amounting to \$17.10. This isn't a very large association, but it is a good field for Free Will Baptists. We hope to visit the individual churches in this Association soon.

After church there, we drove back home, and on to Dallas Sunday to be in the two churches there. We visited the First Free Will Church Sunday morning. We had pastored this church for the last five years, and it made our hearts rejoice to go back to be with those good people again. Rev. Zirl Cox is now their pastor. We're so happy to know the church has a good shepherd. I'm sure we're going to hear of his good work in Dallas. He urged the people to get the Home Mission work

on their hearts and support the plan we have each month. I believe they will. They had already sent \$10.00 to the quarterly meeting for Home Missions, and they gave us an offering of \$20.83.

Sunday night we went over to the Bonnie View Church for another good service. We had the privilege of holding a meeting and helping to organize this church last summer. Rev. T. W. Nelson is pastor there. He and his family have recently joined our denomination, coming from the Missionary Baptists. Bro. Nelson is doing a good work, souls are being saved and members added to the church. They are still worshipping under a tent, but the tent was full. We didn't have to sell them the Home Mission program, Bro. Nelson and his members are all for it. They had secured a lot, and with the help the Home Mission gave them, will soon have a building to worship in. They gave an offering of \$20.00. They said that they would have their offering each 1st Sunday for us. We're thankful for this new church and the good work they are doing. I also had the privilege of helping ordain two deacons after the message.

On Wednesday night Dec. 3, we went to Weatherford to be with Rev. A. F. Ferguson in his church. Due to bad weather and sickness, there were not many present. Bro. and Sis. Ferguson are doing a fine work. They have a nice auditorium under construction. It was remarkable the number of boys and girls present in the Wednesday night service. The church gave an offering of \$6.25.

We went to Comanche, Texas to visit the churches there. This is the first time we have had the privilege of visiting these churches. We were in the First Free Will Church on Tuesday night December 9 where Rev. M. R. Gaines is pastor. We appreciate Bro. Gaines sending an add to the paper, but the editor made a mistake in printing and got the people mixed up on the date. However, we had a fair crowd and a good service. They gave an offering of \$4.68.

We enjoyed the service at Gartsman View Church Wednesday night Dec. 10. They have a pretty rock church and are planning some class rooms soon. We certainly appreciated their pastor, Rev. J. L. Brandon, for after working on his job all day, he drove 80 miles to be in the service. That

proves that his heart is really in the work of the Lord. They gave an offering of \$15.00.

On Thursday night, Dec. 11 we went over to the South Side Church. They have a nice little church and a good interest. Rev. A. Hughes is doing a good work, and the church is growing. Some members of the other two church were there, and we had good singing, and a wonderful service. They gave us a hand shake and promised to pray for us and cooperate with us. Two men, under conviction, came by and asked us to pray for them. The offering was \$7.00.

Sunday, Dec. 14, we were at the Trinity Church in Ft. Worth. Rev. M. L. Sutton is pastor. They have one of the best, and perhaps the largest Sunday Schools of our denomination in Texas. They are planning on starting a new Sunday School Building soon. Bro. Sutton is really a good Sunday School builder, and any one needing his assistance will find him glad to help. He has been so much help to me in all my work. We had a good crowd, and the singing, led by Mr. Royce Riplette, one of the Stampsingers, was wonderful. After the message, the church gave an offering of \$50.00. Bro. Sutton told his people he hoped they would support our plan 100%. We certainly appreciated this and the good hand shake which showed their willingness to stand by us.

Sunday night, Dec. 14, we were with Rev. J. A. Brooks in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ft. Worth. Bro. Brooks just started his pastoral work with this church in Sept. They had some misfortune, losing their building by fire, but they have a nice parsonage almost completed, and they plan to convert the old parsonage into a church. We enjoyed visiting this church; it was the first time I have had the privilege of preaching there. They gave an offering of \$18.04.

On Wednesday night, Dec. 17, we visited the church at Waco. Some of the people were sick, but we had a fair crowd. Rev. F. O. Walters, pastor, came to our denomination from the Missionary Baptists. He seems very interested in our Home Mission work. He asked who would support our plan each month, and several hands were raised. We were very glad, and hope others that were not there will also support it. The offering was \$8.10.

On Sunday and Sunday night, Dec.



21, we were with our church at New Salem. Our church isn't so large, but it is a good one. I presented our monthly plan to them, and took an offering of \$25.00. Some had already helped in the offering at the quarterly meeting, but were still willing to give more.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, we were with the Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas for both services. Rev. Tiff Covington has been pastor here for 17 years. He is not only a blessing to his church, but the entire community as well. He has the Home Mission work on his heart, and he has really been a help and strength to us. This is our home church, and we always get a blessing when we go there. This is where we first joined the Free Will Baptists, and also where I was licensed and ordained. This is one of the best churches in Texas. They have a beautiful rock building, and recently built on class rooms. They gave us a warm hand shake, saying that they appreciate the work we are doing, and that they will be praying for us. We know some anyway that will support our plan, and we hope all will. The offering was \$25.24.

This ends our work for Dec. We realized this was a bad time to start our work, in the winter months and during Christmas time, but the Lord has blessed us more than we really expected. He always gives us more than we ask, if we only seek him first. We have driven through the rain and cold, and haven't missed an appointment yet for which we are thankful. We have enjoyed each church and home we visited.

We feel if each member will give 50c each month, bringing it to the church every first Sunday or sending it directly to us, we will have enough funds to carry on our Home Mission work. We really wasn't expecting any money on this monthly plan until January, but we're thankful that some have sent in for December. They are: Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Webster, Crowell  
Rev. & Mrs. A. M. Gibson, Dallas  
Rev. & Mrs. C. C. Lamb, Vernon, Rt. 5  
Each of the above sending in \$1.00.

The total amount collected for December was \$270.74. This fund goes to the Home Mission Treasury.

Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Conner  
Texas State Missionary  
Buffalo Springs, Texas

## OUR FRONT COVER

The scenes from India on the front cover were contributed by Rev. Paul Woolsey, who together with Miss Barnard is representing Christ and the Free Will Baptist Denomination in that country. These scenes are evidence of the fact there is a marvelously beautiful side to that great and interesting land, but when one turns to look upon the spiritual condition of India's masses, it is indeed a dark and undesirable picture. A scene that should cause us to fall prostrate before the throne of grace. There are said to be several areas of from two to five million people that do not have a single missionary. Each day approximately 27,000 people die without Christ.

## HONOR ROLL

The new honor roll which will run over a six month period closing April 30th, opened November 1st. Five subscriptions gets your name on the roll — one may be your own. These subs. may be either new or re-newal. At the close of the period the one having sent in the highest number of subscriptions will receive 1st prize, the second highest, 2nd prize and the third highest, 3rd prize. The prizes will be kept secret until the end of the period. Why not enter the honor roll by becoming a solicitor for the Gem. The honor roll stood as follows on January 31st.

Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo. ....	22
Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo. ....	18
Pelva Zinn, Flat River, Mo. ....	18
Mrs. Chas. Moyers, Flat River, Mo. ....	13
Mark Lewis, Myrtle, Mo. ....	12
Mary Lance, Waltonville, Ill. ....	12
Lewis Ave. Ch. by Mrs. Glenn Seaton, Tulsa, Okla. ....	11
J. R. Davidson, Davis, N. C. ....	10
Belle Coffey, Mill Creek, Mo. ....	10
Mrs. W. R. Burton, Whitington, Ill. ....	8
James Barker, Farmington, Mo. ....	7
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Our goal for the Gem is 3,000 subscribers. It can be met. By the help of the Lord and your co-operation we will reach it. Come on now and do your best. We are very grateful to all of you who are soliciting and sending in subs. Just keep the good work going.

## MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP

Dear Gem Readers:

The old year has gone and another is here bringing us new opportunities



Children playing at the Youth Camp.

for service. The year gone by has brought us many experiences, some of disappointment and sorrow, but in all of this there is always a silver lining to every cloud. No doubt our Heavenly Father may have been disappointed in our service at times.

I am indeed thankful I am able to work for Him here in 1948, and have the blessing of the Lord upon me. I wonder if we can say with the Apostle Paul, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6 There is much to be done in 1948 if the Lord delays His coming that long.

We, the Missouri State Association, have greater opportunities than ever





*Main Auditorium of the Youth Camp.*

before, with our youth ready and anxious to do something for their Christ. They continue to ask questions - Are we going to have the camp this year? Are you going to have the playground ready for the camp? - and other similar questions. They are anxious to know; for they are making plans to be there, and we cannot afford to disappoint them in this matter.

God is inspiring our youth about the camp. I just received a letter from Bro. Harvey Hill, President of the Triumphant Sunday School Convention, telling of the inspirational Sunday School Convention last Sunday, January 11, at St. Louis. They are sponsoring a financial program for our youth of which we are very proud. We plan to start personal contact with our Sunday Schools and leagues next Sunday, January 18, at the Southside Church, St. Louis; January 25, at Fellowship Church, Flat River, February 1, Golden Oak, and Mill Creek. That is as far as we have scheduled to date.

We are offering a financial plan to our young people of the leagues and Sunday Schools that we may have a system of constant and consistent support. This is the plan: organize a group known as The Youth Camp Club. Those sixteen years of age and over may pay \$1.00 per month and receive a subscription to the Gem as a medium of information on the activities of the camp program; this is to be supervised by the Youth Camp Board at present. Children twelve years of age and under will use the class banking system, with us furnishing the bank and stickers (pictures of our camp buildings or camp site plan). Each member giving regularly, automatically becomes a member

of the club. Ages from twelve to sixteen may become a member by a regular contribution to the banking system, or by giving \$1.00 per month as in the senior system. We feel this will meet the needs of our program, and that the youth, both children and young people, may all have a part in this important phase of our work.

I am sponsoring a radio program over K M F O Flat River, Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:00 o'clock, known as The Free Will Baptist Youth Hour. You will find this 1240 on your dial. Through this, I'm endeavoring to promote our camp program in this section. We now have eleven groups of singers taking part on our broadcast, only a part of which are Free Will Baptists, but we are interested in the talent of our young people, and God is wonderfully blessing our work. It is precious to see the eager eyes of the children as they take their place at the "mike", some only four years old, and they certainly do their best.

We are anxiously waiting and looking forward with much enthusiasm

to our Youth Camp Promotional Program which will soon be before our people, according to word received recently from our Field Secretary, Rev. C. T. Allred. Come on, young people, put this worthy plan over the top for Christ and His cause.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.  
Irontdale, Missouri

#### REV. M. M. MCKEE'S PASSING MOURNED

Rev. M. M. McKee of Soper, Okla. passed away November 14, 1947 at Paris, Texas. He had been a faithful preacher for the Free Will Baptist denomination for the past thirty years. He had just attended the Oklahoma State Association at Wewoka, Okla. before entering the Hospital at Paris. Bro. McKee really loved the Free Will Baptists and especially the Oklahoma State Association. It never seemed like the meetings of the Association were what they should be if he was not there. We always knew that something was really hindering when he was not present. At the last session he attended he was very ill but insisted on staying that the brethren he came with would not have to take him and miss the business. He was brought to the Auditorium on his cot for the worship service and really seemed to enjoy Rev. Melvin Bingham's message. Our hearts reach out with sympathy to the two daughters, Mrs. Irma Moore of Oakridge, Tenn. and Miss Naomi Ruth McKee of Antlers, Okla., his mother, three brothers, and three sisters. May the Lord bless you all is the prayer of the Oklahoma State Moderator.

Rev. John H. West



*Two of the cabins at the Youth Camp.*





## Missionary Department



Rev. Winford Davis, Promotional Secy.-Treas. National Board

### SOME OF THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE INDIAN CHRISTIAN

*Rev. Paul Woolsey*

The Master was tempted in every point as we are (without sin). Any Christian who does not have temptations should undergo a self examination immediately to see why the "Enemy" considers him harmless to his cause; for no earnest, hard-working Christian is long without temptations. However, it is hard for a Christian in the countries known as Christendom to fully comprehend the trials of an Indian Christian. It is hard for us to realize the compelling influence of habits, customs, thoughts, philosophy, and human relationship that have been part of their culture, education, economic life as well as their religion for not only centuries but for thousands of years.

The various religions of this country, down through the years, have been content to add to the religion or religions already held by the people. Many people, even missionaries, look upon Hinduism as a separate and distinct religion; while in reality, it is rather a convenient vehicle for various religions, ways of living, philosophies, cults, and even economic systems. We are familiar with the teaching - the correct one - that when one accepts Christianity: that when one becomes a Christian, he or she is a new person with a new heart, a new outlook on life, a new mind, different intentions, and a different viewpoint on the entire question of human relationship. He believes that former things are passed away and that all things are become new. Many Hindus upon professing Christianity are not expecting to have a "new experience" but to add to those they have already had.

Many Hindus are "free thinkers". They are ready to acknowledge that the teachings of Christ are ideal, willing to accept Him as a great teacher. At first glance one might be led to think that this would be a fertile field for the "sowing" of the "Word of Truth" but the exact opposite is true. Christianity has always thrived on opposi-

tion and persecution. There can be no compromise with the powers of darkness. No lie is half as dangerous as a half truth. No out and out false doctrine is half as great an enemy to the Gospel of the Son of God as that which permits lip service but denies true allegiance from the heart.

Since many times the acceptance of Christianity separates the convert from his former means of livelihood, the Indian Christian, too often, is apt to show a tendency to depend on the Missionary or the church to provide means for the necessities of life and sometimes is willing for the necessities to be alone (without the means). Many Indian Christians - on the oth-



*Independence Day in Landour*

er hand - have not only accepted Christ when they knew it meant a life of hardship and self-denial but have refused any financial aid for fear that it might hamper their activities as witnesses for Christ among their own people.

Many customs, habits, and manners of living as well as the relationship to others, both within and without the family circle, are abhorrent to the teachings of Christ. Some of these are almost universally regarded not only as things that are permissible but also things of virtue. These have been

practiced for time immorial. Some of these can scarcely be cast off at once without the breaking of pledges and sometimes involve the question of moral responsibility. All of this is more than enough to tax to the uttermost a tried and experienced Christian who is full of grace and the Holy Spirit. Needless to say, it is most trying for a young, faltering, and weak Christian. However, many are finding the grace of God more than sufficient.

One of the paramount questions before the Indian Christian and the Indian Church today, is that of keeping the Sabbath. Under the British, all government agencies recognized the "Lord's Day" as a holiday. One could hardly expect a democratic Government, whose duty it is to follow the wishes of the majority of its citizens, to legally declare a day, that is held to be sacred only by a small minority, as a government holiday or day of rest. On the other hand, it closes not only all government posts but a majority of the jobs in both business and industry to those Christians who cannot conscientiously work on the Lord's Day and who feel it their duty to attend the Divine Services on Sunday. As many Christians have been educated in mission schools and colleges and as there is a great demand for teachers, trained social workers, and all kinds of clerical workers, this condition will present a real problem to many.

### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION WORK IN ARKANSAS

Dear Free Will Baptists of Arkansas:

I wish to report to you, through our Church Paper, what has been received for our Foreign Mission Work since our State Association.

Pirtle F. W. B. Church	\$25.00
Eld. George Bean	5.00
Eld. Cecil Garrison	5.00
Central City Church (at Ass'n	5.00
Saline Association	48.30
Total received	\$88.30

We do thank all of you for what you have done and do pray the Lord's blessings upon you.



However, dear brethren, you can see that very few have responded to this great need. You can also see that Saline Association has done more than the intire state. We do not say this boastfully, but we pray that the Lord will lay this great work on our hearts and cause us to see and ask ourselves, "Have we, or are we, obeying the Great Commission, Matt. 28:19, 'Go ye therefore and teach all Nations'". Have we obeyed that command? Remember, if we don't obey this command, God will not bless at home. Remember, Jesus did not say just preach the Gospel at home only to our home folks, but He said in every nation, everyplace, everywhere.

Mark says preach the Gospel to every creature. Not just the creatures here in Arkansas, but to every creature. Remember the advice Paul gave on this subject. Listen to what he had to say. "How shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10:14.

Have we obeyed this scripture? Have we? Let us obey the commands Jesus gave to us and then we can have the blessings we are praying for at home.

Look what the Free Will Baptists in South Carolina have done. They were given a much higher quota than we were and in six months they have raised their entire amount of \$1800.00. "Well", you say, "how many members do they have?" Only 3,700. Not quite as much as we have and they raised this amount in six months.

Christians, pray and give to this worthy cause, and give in the name of the Lord. Then see if you don't get a blessing doing what the Lord said for us to do.

As the month of February had been set aside as Mission Month in Arkansas, will everyone send in something for this great cause? Bro. Preachers, will you take this up with your church or quarterly meeting and send in a nice offering for the Lord's work? I believe you will. Remember, the Lord loved us and died for us. Let us show our love for Him by obeying His command.

Yours in Christ,  
J. E. White

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## AN INDIAN MINISTER

Rev. Paul Woolsey

When I think of David Singh, the words of the Apostle Paul stand before me in bold relief: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty not many noble, are called: but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence". Our lives have been enriched by many things and we have been brought closer to the foot of the Cross in humility more than once since we left home, kindred, and the fields of



A sawmill in India.

our former labors but possibly, nothing has so moved, touched, and influenced us as our contacts with David Singh. Poor in this world's goods - his salary as head of the "Hill Mission" is \$12.00 a month and there are seven in the family four of whom are in school, his wife earns a small monthly pittance from the lowest and most menial tasks - but he is a multi-millionaire in the riches that are eternal and shall never fade away. He has a most wonderful knowledge of the Bible (his English is poor). His wife is a good woman but not as efficient in some ways as might be desired. Eight of them - a young nephew is

staying with them - live in two small rooms in a shaded hollow where the sun seldom penetrates. During the past twenty four hours, the thermometer has hovered between thirty and forty degrees Fahrenheit, and coal is not to be had and wood is from one to two dollars for every 82 pounds. Food is also a proposition indeed with potatoes 15c a lb., controlled flour 10c a lb., and black market flour many times that, onions 37c a lb., and other things accordingly. Yet, last Sunday the entire family, with the exception of the baby, gave his or her mite to the Sunday School.

Rev. Singh has been telling the glad tidings of great joy for twenty-five or more years. For two years he was the traveling and preaching companion of Sadhu Singh, who was not only known throughout India but throughout Christendom as well. The work of David Singh has never met with the marked public success or acclaim as has that of Sadhu Singh, but who can tell - until we shall know as we are known - whose labors have proven most beneficial to the cause of the Master? The "Hill Mission" is a small inter-denominational Faith Mission with three Indian workers. David Singh is the leader of this group. They work among the coolies here and in the nearby semi-independent "Hill State" which has never permitted Christian workers within its boundaries. About a year ago Bro. David and his helpers were imprisoned and finally turned loose minus their money and the few personal things they had with them. However, they have continued to preach the unsearchable riches of the Kingdom with unquenched zeal.

It is a heavenly benediction to listen either to him tell of the Christ he Master's Saving Grace in his presence. loves so dearly or bear witness of the Both have proven new experiences to me. Once a week his work brings him near our house. At such times, he makes it a point to "drop by" for two or three hours and we feast together on the things of the Kingdom.

Scattered throughout the length and breadth of this great country are humble followers of "The Lowly Carpenter of Nazareth" who count it all joy to lose all, to leave all, and to suffer all, that at least a few might be brought into a saving knowledge of the Son of God. They eat, drink, work, and talk all in the Name of Jesus



Christ and to the glory of God. If India is to be claimed for the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, I am satisfied that it will be done by and through those of India's own sons who have heard and answered the call to go into the high-ways and the low-ways, into the cities, the fertile plains, and the deserts and jungles and to proclaim the unsearchable riches of the kingdom and the acceptable year of the Lord. There is of course a vital part to be played by God-called and divinely set apart Missionaries in this land. However, I am personally convinced that in many cases at least God will use them to best advantage as "teachers" and "spiritual fathers" to prepare and encourage the Indian Christian. By "teachers" I am not referring to instructors in formal schools so much as to quite spiritual communion and the studying of the Word of God and His ways and plans for the advancing of His Cause here in the privacy of the home with one or two or more earnest seekers of the Truth. We feel keenly that many missionary workers - because of pressure from home and their own desire to "count sheep" - have put forth every effort to "convert" and to baptize whole villages and large groups to later find that they, the workers, have taken a short cut and no deep work of true regeneration has been wrought by the Holy and Divine Spirit. Lately, we have heard of at least three whole villages and several Indian pastors having renounced Christianity and been "reconverted" to Hinduism or some other religion.

However, we are fully assured that God will use this testing time to establish a tried, holy, and spirit-filled church in India. Shall not each of us work and pray to that end and that when He comes to gather His jewels, many of them will be found in this land?

#### SHALL WE FINISH THE DORMITORY BUILDING IN CUBA?

This is a new great day in the world for missions. It is a day geared up to fast action, racing pell-mell to the greatest climax that shall over-take time, the coming of the great day of the Lord.

News never traveled so rapidly from all quarters of the globe. Last summer I sat in my home in Williamsport, Pa. and listened to the voice of my friend,

Rev. Bill Young, as he preached on a radio program in Quito, Ecuador. At the same time Bro. Bill was in the room, but his voice, proclaiming glad tidings, was penetrating the mountain fastnesses, the boundless oceans, the blazing acserts, reaching out to the far distant, darkened lands.

It is a magic hour, laden with opportunities that might soon be gone. What shall we do, keep up with it, or be left behind?

Distances have been so shortened that New York is now nearer Tokyo than Washington was to Atlanta during the war between the States.

Thinking of our mission field here in Cuba, we are beholding a "step upward" which we as a people must meet or we shall be left out of the picture. New super highways are pushing and stretching like great white ribbons into white fields that might be reached by cars. Whereas it took me days, these trips now can be made in hours.

There is especially a new highway called the "Via Blanca" almost completed, and skirting all the north coast of Pinar del Rio on up to Matanzas.

We believe we have God's answer to the challenge for this rapid gear-up, our Cuban School of Missions; but how it humbles us when we must take visitors who come to see what we are doing to half finished buildings, with beds crowded so that if we had chairs to give our girls, there would not be space in which to put them. We meet new converts, young Cuban men and women who are facing the challenge of preparation and we must tell them to wait another year. We have listened to the pleas from fields that have been established for church buildings that must be turned down.

Rev. Lambert, from Lansing Michigan saw our unfinished girls dormitory, and this man who is not affiliated with our denomination said, "I will give \$100.00 if ten other Free Will Baptist Churches will match it with \$100.00 for brick and cement."

This will house the students for next year. We have just a few more months of the dry season and we should in this time have 20,000 brick on the ground at the farm to do the necessary building when the rains come. Then it is impossible to get over the roads with heavy loads.

This challenge is not merely based on your pleasure to do or not do, it is a spiritual obligation that has its bases in obedience to the command of our Lord. To your question: What can I do, I would say the most practical answer is send Bro. Winford Davis of Mcnett, Mo. a check or money order of \$17.50 for 500 brick, or \$35.00 for 1,000.

I think you, as our people might more readily help us if we give you a concrete example of how you can help to finish a room which will comfortably house two girls. The actual cost will be in material with 500 brick to each wall, at \$17.50. Each room will need 2,000 at a cost of \$70.00. The roof, will cost \$60.00, the cement floor, \$15.00. If you want a memorial, we will name the room for yourself or some loved one, setting in a name plate. This memorial will cost \$145.00. One thousand dollars will finish the girls' dormitory. We want to finish this at once; so as the money comes to us we will have the brick delivered.

If we make strides in Cuba, I am aware that it won't be because wealthy people have made a hobby of missions. Missions have never been promoted by those whose minds are at ease in the midst of leisure. The only people who have really labored to spread the gospel, are those to whom Christ has become more precious than anything in the world.

It is said that, as a denomination, we number about 350,000. It would be a vain dream to wish that each of this great number might give a brick costing three and a half cents. But there are many of you who have always carried the load who will get under this burden and, with a native ministry, speed the Light into every corner of this great field. It is to you we rest the cause of missions in Cuba.

Rev. Thomas H. Willey

#### "A CENTURY AND A FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY"

A book written by Rev. Paul Woolsey Dear Friends:

The quiet and peaceful valley of the Nolichucky in Greene County, Tennessee, nestled snugly against "The Great Smokies" is a far cry from the tropic jungles, the fertile plains, and the high, lofty, icy, snow-covered



Himalayans of turbulent and resurgent India. Although we have never, for a single moment, regreted the decision which caused us to leave the peaceful dwellings of our forefathers, "absence makes the heart grow fonder"; therefore, the simple and child-like faith, self-denial, and unstinted service to God, church and community of untold numbers of God-fearing and God-loving men and women of the south stand out before us in bold relief as never before.

Almost a decade ago, I began to gather and shift material concerning the life and work of my grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. William Bonepart Woolsey, Founder of Woolsey's College and one of the founders of the Free Will Baptist Church in our part of the South, and his co-workers in western N. C. and southwestern Va. Since then, the idea and scope of the work has changed and broadened and will now probably, prove of interest to at least the following four groups of People: First, to everyone of the twenty odd thousand Free Will Baptists who compose nine Associations in Western N. C., S. W. Virginia, and Eastern Tennessee (many of the leaders and much of their work from 1850 unto the present has been discussed); Second, to the numerous members, connections, and friends of the family (each of the ten children of Wm. B. Woolsey who lived to reach maturity, their work, families, friends, and co-laborers appear); Third, to people of Greene County and the mountain sections of the three states (scores of pioneers and leading families are mentioned and numerous anecdotes of various localities and individuals, are related); Fourth, to all Free Will Baptists everywhere (there are chapters dealing with the growth and development of the various institutions and phases of the National Work).

The book covers the century beginning with the ordination of Rev. Wm. Bonepart Woolsey and closing with our departure for India in the Spring of 1947 and is entitled "A Century And A Free Will Baptist Family". The Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar, Rt. 4, Chuckey, Tenn., is in charge of the arrangements of publication and distribution. He would appreciate any and all estimates concerning any possible demand for the work. The first edition will, possibly, be an inexpensive one in an attractive paper binding containing several cuts of persons and places,

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Winford Davis, Treasurer

## ATTENTION, LEAGUERS!

The Indian Creek League Rally will be held with the Monett Church on the 29th of this month. Let's all come out prepared to make it a great day for the Lord.



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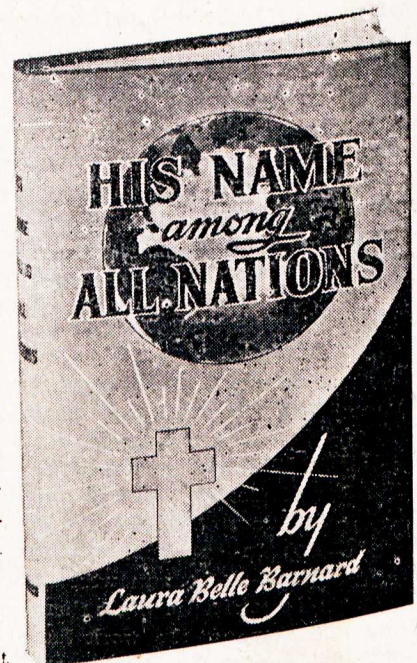
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