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BIBLE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED MARCH 27-31

The annual Bible Conference is scheduled to be held this year March 27-31 at Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, Detroit, Michigan, and Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, missionaries on leave from India, will be the speakers, according to Dr. L. C. Johnson, college president.

Rev. Thigpen, pastor at Highland Park and moderator of the National Association, will be remembered as a Conference speaker in 1953. Also, he is a former college faculty member.

Dan and Trula Cronk are on their way home from India after

a tour of missionary duty there. The appearance of the Cronks at the Conference will depend upon their arrival in Nashville by that date. So far everything looks good for their getting here on time.

The Conference will start Sunday afternoon, March 27, with a consecration service. The program will include a 6:30 a.m. sunrise prayer meeting each day, as well as a prayer service from 2:00 to 3:00 o'clock each afternoon. A Bible study will be held each morning also, which is a new feature of the Conference.

The College Music and Speech

Departments will join in presenting a religious drama, "Release," Wednesday evening. The College Choir will furnish music throughout the four-day meeting. The Conference closes at noon Thursday. The program is arranged to afford plenty of time for fellowship and visitation in the afternoons.

"A good attendance is expected," according to E. Bayless McDonald, treasure of the College. Mr. McDonald also says, "Everyone is welcome!"

Attend Bible Conference
March 27 - 31, 1955
Nashville, Tennessee

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AN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK!

For days we went about our routine activities of the Station with both ears tuned to catch the purr of an engine coming through the bush. It was not until three weeks later, and the past three days had been days of much expectancy, that I was preparing to retire; the lights in the dormitories had been turned off, and to all appearances the children were sleeping; I switched off the lights in the house to take just one more lingering look over the dark veil, hoping it would reveal the headlights of the truck. To my amazement and joy, there were two bright beams coming over the hill, lighting everything in their way. Fred was returning from Duiban with the new 1954 three-ton, four-wheel drive International truck, which our co-workers, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens had shipped from the United States.

By the time it took me to get outside the house, the dormitory doors flung open and boys rolled out, some in pajamas, others pulling on trousers or shirts, and they began to sing Themba Enkosini—Trust in the Lord, as we watched the big new vehicle swing into the driveway. No attempt was made to conceal the amazement, the joy, the curiosity. The boys examined every part of the truck and especially were they interested to read on the door in large letters—Themba Enkosini.

How we praise God for this vehicle. Each day the truck proves its worth a hundred times. It makes the hauling of food for the hospital and boarding school twice as easy, and it is many times safer, when climbing the Ubombo Mountain. The new truck has already been to a number of week end meetings in places where there is an established work, and in unworked areas as well it is doing its part in bringing the Gospel to the people who still sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. If you had part in making this truck a reality, we want you to know that it is a real blessing, and we feel sure its worth will be registered in eternal values.

—Mseleni, Zululand Staff, October, 1954

QUARTERLY MEETING HELD
WITH SOUTH SIDE CHURCH

Richwoods, Mo.

Dear Gem Readers:

Free Will Baptists far and near have heard of the South Side F.W.B. Church of St. Louis. It is very well known as being "the friendly church with the friendly people." It has sure earned that title. It has been the host church for the last three conventions of our Quarterly Meeting; the Sunday School Convention held in November, the League Convention in January, and the St. Francois Quarterly Meeting held February fourth and fifth. Rev. James Franklin is the pastor of this church.

At each of these meetings everyone was warmly welcomed, and each one had a wonderful time in the Lord. The refreshments were wonderful, and the fellowship and friendliness will live on forever.

The Lord has blessed South Side with a new electric organ attachment that goes with the piano, and a wonderful organist who plays for the glory of God. Everyone got a blessing when Bro. Ned Templeton played the organ.

We of this Quarterly Meeting thank the Lord for South Side, and pray God's blessing on them.

We missed Rev. C. B. Dees Saturday. But we thank the Lord for Rev. Raymond Riggs who preached a wonderful sermon for us, and sang for us too. The Lord met with us and everyone was blessed.

A sister in the service of the Lord,

Ettie Logsdon

"Will A Man Rob God?"

Oh, surely no one would rob the Lord! Yet we hear Him say in Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Just think of it. Do you know of anyone that is robbing God? Oh, so many are robbing Him of their tithes and offerings.

Also, many are robbing Him of their time and talent, for the Book says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Yes, it all belongs to Him. Still we complain if we don't get enough rain to produce good crops, or if He does not bless our efforts to make good. And yet we withhold the Lord's share—the tenth, or tithe.

Some say that tithing was only in the Old Testament and therefore doesn't apply to us today. But tell me why! When Christ was leaving this world, and after He had told His disciples that all power was given to Him, He told them, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." And in Mark 16:15 He told them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Now, was He speaking to His followers all down through the ages including we of the present day? Sure He was! It means you and me and everyone. And He would not ask me to do something impossible. But how can I go? I am 84 years old.

There is only one way I can go: that is to give of my substance, though that is very small. But if all God's people would tithe, there would be money enough to defray the expense of those who can go and who are willing to go.

Not long ago I heard a minister say that before World War II, he heard an old man from Japan who had been sent to a missionary conference, plead with tears streaming down his face, begging America to send missionaries with the

Love of God to his country. This aged Japanese said, "If you do not send missionaries to enlighten people, I fear what my people may do." This minister—pastor of the church I was attending, said that we had men wanting to go, but that we didn't have the money to send them. The churches would not give! Pearl Harbor was the result. Can we ever forget the death and destruction caused by those half-civilized people? Oh, they would never have done it if they had had the light of the Gospel of Christ in their souls.

Christians, can't you see that what the world is needing is the Gospel light? Had Japan been enlightened, perhaps we would never have had the terrible World War II. If people—God's people—had all been tithers, there would have been money to send the light, and it is possible that the disaster of Pearl Harbor might never have been. Can anyone ever forget this incident and the terrible time of heartache and suspense that followed?

And listen, good people, what has happened once could happen again. Who knows but that a half-civilized nation may be preparing to start war again, perhaps in a sly, deceitful way.

We finally conquered Japan. But look at the high cost in lives and in dollars. Oh friends, could we ever forget the heartaches? Would it not have been cheaper to tithe? Had God's people done their best, and had they given the Lord His part of their income, He might not have permitted those terrible times to come upon us. At least if all Christians would learn how to tithe, there would be sufficient money to defray the expense of those who feel their call to go to these places under the commission of Christ, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am

with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20.

Will you do it my Christian friends, or will you take chances and still disobey the last command of our Saviour who died for our sins?

May the Lord bless His truth.

Mrs. J. W. Wilkey
Mammoth Springs, Ark.

REVIVAL AT LEBANON

Lebanon, Missouri

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

Just a few lines to let you know how we are doing here in the new Free Will Baptist Church at Lebanon.

We had a ten-night revival in January, which we certainly enjoyed. Bro. O. T. Allred was with us for a few nights, and Bro. Carlson, pastor of the Walnut Grove Baptist Church, was with us. We enjoyed their preaching.

We held an ordination service on Monday night of the second week in which Bro. Hershel Griffin, Bro. Leo Doty and Bro. Charles Keesling became deacons of our church. This was an old fashioned service. Bro. Wm. Reeves and Bro. E. E. Vestal were present for the service.

Our church voted to accept the Church Plan of subscribing to the Gem. Also, we voted to take an offering for the Co-Operative Fund once each month.

We are having good attendance in all of our services. The average in our Sunday School during January was 63. On February first we had 76. We now have 35 members of the church, with prospects of others soon. Our thanks go to all who have helped us in any way. The prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere are always appreciated.

We are looking forward to doing more work on the building very soon, perhaps by the time you receive this letter.

Enclosed you will find the names of those to receive the Gem. May God bless you in your work, and bless Free Will Baptists everywhere.

Rev. Leo Curtis, pastor

How long has it been since you have sent us a subscription? An offering? An article of interest to the Church?

Insidious Spectre Stalks Own Home

What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matt. 19:6b

"And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan." Take notice if you please he said *wife* not *wives*.

The Scripture says that Jacob loved Rachel, his mother's brother Laban's daughter, and covenanted to serve Laban seven years for Rachel. "And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man; abide with me." Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had for her. "And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled that I may go in unto her."

"Laban made a feast and in the evening he took Leah, his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. And it came to pass that in the morning, behold, it was Leah." Yes, Laban had beguiled him just as Jacob had with subtilty deceived Isaac, his father, and taken away Esau, his brother's blessing. As Jacob lusted after his brother Esau's birthright, so was he reaping what he sowed in that Laban had married him to his tender-eyed daughter, Leah, when he loved Rachel. "And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger one before the first-born." Jacob had deceitfully used that word *first-born* before. Don't you know he hated to hear it again?

"Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven more years. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also." Have you noticed that Jacob has served two perfect sevens for his wives, and for the first he was married according to the law of that country?

Rachel was beautiful and well favored, she was deceitful also as you will see. Jacob loved Rachel more than he loved Leah, his first wife. God looked down from heaven and saw this scheme taking form on the earth. Knowing He "created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him: male

and female created He them." Remember Laban brought Leah to Jacob and he took her to wife.

The Scripture says God made woman and brought her to man. "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man." "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." And so in Matthew we hear Jesus say, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." For what cause? Male and female!

"When the Lord God saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren." I am sure as the Lord looked upon this scheme He was displeased with what He saw. He saw that Leah was hated, that Rachel envied her sister.

In Gen. 21, we read where Sarah, Abraham's wife, and her son were mocked by his bond-woman and her son because of envy. You know the story, how the bond-woman and her son were cast out, "For the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my son" (of the free woman). Years later we hear Rachel as she bartered Jacob's love for Reuben's mandrakes. Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel because she nagged him to give her children, "or else I die." It is good to be favored with man, but it is better to be favored of God. The Scripture says that Jacob stole away unaware to Laban; he fled with all he had. Rachel hated her sister, and envied her her children, bartered the love of the man that loved her better than he loved his first wife, then added another count against herself as a thief—she stole her father's images. Yet Jacob loved her and placed the safety of her and her children above that of Leah and her

children from which the seed was to come. The Scripture says "And Rachel died and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem." I have often wondered why Jacob buried Rachel in the way to Edar when he loved her so. Yet he laid Leah away in the family burying place. "There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah." Yes, when he came to die, he charged them, "bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron, the Hittite. There I buried Leah."

In Jacob's wives we see two different personalities. In Leah we find a wife that fulfilled the Scriptures according to Paul's teaching: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come." "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." In Rachel we can see the picture of a woman of the world. She was beautiful, deceitful and favored. It was a small matter with her to take her sister's husband, then barter his love for her nephew's mandrake.

Jacob married Leah according to the law, and loved Rachel after the flesh. God instituted marriage when He saw that it wasn't good that the man should be alone: and said, "I will make him an help meet for him." It was sanctioned by Jesus Christ when He turned the water into wine at the marriage feast.

Paul said that a marriage is for life. "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." Adultery is committed by those that are married. The penalty for adultery under the law was to be stoned to death. Jesus told the woman that had five husbands, "Go and sin no more." He didn't say, "Go and take another husband," as many do in this generation.

John told Herod, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife." Many today will feel about me when they read this, as Herodias felt about John. She had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not.

This writer has learned when God burdens my heart, and puts His thoughts in my mind, to heed my calling. This time I almost waited too late. I am sure that if parents taught their children the evil of divorce and adultery according to the Scriptures, our country would have been saved from the curse that rests upon it today because of this evil. The time to teach one is before they get too old to take instruction.

You remember how the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus concerning divorce. Listen to what He told them: "What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain but one flesh. (Listen please) What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. . . . His disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he said unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." Christ said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old times, thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Under the law they had to have an eye witness of their guilt before they could be stoned to death. Under grace the all-seeing eye of God witnesses our guilt before it is conceived in our heart.

Paul said, "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What! Know ye not that he

which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." Friends, this is Paul speaking in the New Testament.

Remember David committed adultery with Uriah's wife, and it displeased the Lord. It led to murder, and the death of a baby that asked not to be born. You know the story, how a poor man had a ewe lamb, that ewe lamb was Uriah's wife. The Scripture says, "Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house." The Scripture says that David sinned secretly with Bath-sheba, but those of his own house would rise up against him before all Israel. We all know the story, how Absalom conspired against his father, David. Also how Amnon, David's eldest son, dishonored his half-sister, Tamar. How do we expect America to survive when adultery and fornication is eating the heart out of our homes, like a cancer eats away the body.

The seventh commandment says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." The

Scripture says, "And ye shall not walk in the manner of the nation which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhor them." The word 'therefore' means because they did those things he abhorred them. As sure as David brought a reproach upon all Israel when he committed adultery with Bath-sheba, just so is America becoming a stink to the Lord's nostrils, and the homes, and the fathers and mothers are a reproach to our land.

Israel is the name given Jacob my the Almighty, after he wrestled with the angel until the breaking of day. With his staff he had crossed over this same Jordan alone, now he had become two bands. Listen to him as he prays to be delivered from the hands of his brother, "Lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children." Did you notice that he said mother, not mothers? He had become two bands: Leah and her children, and Rachel and her children.

"In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." When you take a wife in marriage and vow to love, cherish and provide for her so long as she lives, it is made unto the Lord. "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: (of fulfill it) for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be a sin in thee." Under the law the penalty for adultery was death, that sin might not pollute Israel. "If a man have two wives, (as Jacob did) one beloved, and another hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the first-born son be hers that was hated: then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn: but he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his."

Again we hear Paul say, "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: but and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the

See "SPECTRE" (page 12, please)

REPORT OF ITINERARY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

We are happy to give to the readers of the Gem the report of the recent services held in this state by Rev. Raymond Riggs in interest of foreign missions. Although the weather was extremely cold part of the time Bro. Riggs was here, most of our churches responded nicely to this special appeal for which we want to thank everyone who contributed in any way. No church can expect to fulfill the mission to which God has called them, except they have a vision that reaches beyond their local community.

We also want to express our appreciation for every church that is supporting our work regularly through the State Co-Operative Fund, and for you who are sending regular offerings to our Youth Camp. If you will continue to 'work,' 'pray,' and 'give,' God will abundantly bless.

Yours in His cause,

Rev. O. T. Allred

Flat River

Fellowship	\$100.00
First Flat River	15.71
Leadington	41.89
Mine LaMotte	25.00
General Offering	42.00

\$224.60

Attendance, 196.

St. Louis

South Side	150.00
Berkeley	50.00
Third	25.00
General Offering	48.31

273.31

Attendance, 82; pledges, 425.00.

Kirkville Area

Martinstown	15.76
New Harmony	26.80
Low Ground	15.00
Kirkville	103.00
Sullette	10.00
Hazel Creek	55.00
Jewell	10.71

Martinstown attendance, 53.

New Harmony and Low Ground attendance, 53. Kirkville attendance, 182; dedications, 11.

Kansas City

First Kansas City	25.00
Fifth Sunday Meeting ..	16.75

Hickory Grove ch.	25.00
Hickory Grove S.S.	25.00
General Offering	67.89

159.64

Attendance, 86; dedications, 3.

Hannon

Hannon S.S.	17.10
Verdella	13.75
General offering	7.50

38.35

Attendance, 38.

Monett

Monett	124.16
Merl's Chapel	13.64
Neosho	10.00
Granby	5.00
General offering	38.08

190.88

Attendance, 150; dedications, 7.

Note: Offering by Macedonia was not present, but was later forwarded.

Carterville

General offering	32.87
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32.87

Attendance, 29.

Niangua

Macedonia	10.00
Amity	10.00
Black Oak	5.00
M.m.s. Coy Rader	3.00

28.00

No service held—weather.

Mtn. Grove

General offering	20.55
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20.55

Attendance, 31; pledges, \$30.00.

Thayer

General offering	25.00
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25.00

Attendance, 98; conversions, 1; dedications, 10.

Myrtle

General offering	52.55
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52.55

Attendance, 80; dedications, 6.

Total

Total offerings	\$1,282.02
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Pledges	515.00
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Attendance	1,075
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Conversions	1
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Dedications	37
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Largest attendance (196) ..	Flat River
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Largest offering (150.00) ..	South Side
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Most dedications (11)	Kirkville
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Conversions (1)	Thayer
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PRAYER VS. COMMUNISM

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Free Will Baptist Gem
Monett, Missouri

Dear Brother Editor:

I have some material here I offer for the paper if you might need something like this. First, I might introduce myself. I am one of the preachers of the Mission Association, and am now located in Kansas City—Don McCoy is the name.

I was privileged to attend a revival held north of here in the Mt. Zion Church, which was conducted by our State Moderator, Bro. O. T. Allred.

We have a thriving little church here in Kansas City at 43rd and Garfield. Sis. Alice Dickey is the pastor.

I have had some wonderful experiences while here in the city, which I suppose has earned its reputation as an evil one, though I don't think is as much so as once it was.

I was privileged to be a guest at a dinner held in the headquarters of Youth for Christ here. And a sermon like we heard from a man who travels and works in the gospel in various countries of the world, Rev. Cook, the International Director of Youth for Christ. It was wonderful the message he brought—so timely and needful. The main theme was, "Wake up, and get to work with all your might. The time we have to work may be shorter than we think." I, too, join in the movement toward getting Christians as well as sinners "waked up." We are on the verge of something like this old world has never seen.

One of these days the sky will split asunder and Jesus who was crucified will come back for His own. Oh, Bro. Editor, I beg of you, help us get our people "waked up" and watching!

Watch and Pray. It is, yes, very very importance to pray and also to watch. Here is a little paragraph concerning prayer which I think is precisely accurate, quoting from Harry E. Fosdick's, "The Meaning of Prayer," (in the Preface).

"Failure in prayer is the loss of religion itself in its inward and dynamic aspect of fellowship with the eternal. Only a theoretical diety is left to any man who has ceased to commune with God, and a theoretical diety saves no man from sin and disheartenment and fills no life with a

sense of divine commission. Such vital consequences require a living God who *actually deals with men.*"

I send the following I did myself. I hope it may prove a blessing in our effort to encourage the saved and save the lost that our heavenly Father may be glorified and that He who hangs between the heavens and the earth for our sins may reign in our hearts and lives supremely.

God bless you and our Gem.

?? DO YOU REALIZE ??

My friends, do you realize that Communism, like a deadly poisonous snake, is seeking to wrap itself around us, and we don't know when it will strike? Do you?

If you believed that prayer would help to stop and stamp out the deceit and destruction of Communism, would you pray?

Do you believe it would? I do!

Thousands of precious lives have been given on the altar of freedom will you not at least as much as pray that God will be with us to preserve that for which they so cruelly died?

YOU can supply your share of the most needed and effective weapon against Communism—

PRAYER

Will YOU?

"If thou hadst been here my brother had not died."

Reverently, Your Brother

Don McCoy

VISIT SOUTHERN CHURCHES

Maywood, Missouri
February 21, 1955

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

We have just returned from a 3,500 mile trip through the southland. We left our daughter's home in St. Louis on Friday, February 4, and went down through Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee and stayed all night at Booneville, Mississippi. We would like to have stopped at Columbus and Tupelo to visit our churches there, as well as others along the way; but we had an appointment to preach for Bro. Quick near Richton, Mississippi, so we kept driving.

We arrived at Bro. Quick's Saturday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. Bro. and

Sis. Quick are doing a wonderful work for the Lord down there in the rural communities of Mississippi. They have organized three Free Will Baptist churches since coming there. I had the pleasure of preaching Saturday evening and again Sunday morning in one of these churches. We enjoyed the fellowship with these good people, and pray God will continue to bless their efforts. Bro. and Sis. Quick feel that this will be their last year in Mississippi as he feels God's call to come north. So if any of our people in Illinois, Missouri or Iowa need a pastor who can get things done for the Lord, I would suggest you get in touch with him: Rev. J. T. Quick, Richton, Mississippi.

We left Bro. Quick's Monday, and drove on to New Orleans, then up through the country where the trees are covered with Spanish moss. Then on to Galveston where we crossed a five mile stretch of water on a ferry that hauled 50 autos at one time. The gulf coast was beautiful, but as the waves dashed too and fro, I thought of the Scripture in Isaiah which says, "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt."

From the coast we went up through Houston to Huntsville, Texas where we visited with Bro. and Sis. McAdams. They have a nice home outside of Huntsville about two miles. These good folks are full of the Spirit of God, so are very busy for the Lord. They have secured Bro. and Sis. Gower as their pastor. The Gowers are a very fine consecrated couple whom we feel sure God will bless in their efforts at Huntsville. We preached for Bro. Gower on Wednesday evening. We enjoyed our stay with them very much.

From Huntsville we drove on to the Hondo Air Base where our son, who is a lieutenant in the air force, showed us some of the latest fighter planes. We also went over into Mexico where sin, want and misery are on every hand.

We left Hondo on Monday the 14th, and as we drove along through the sage brush, cactus, rocks and mesquite for nearly 100 miles, all at once we came around a bend and across a little creek, and there on the left hand side of the road was a neat white building with a big sign out in front. And guess what it said: "Free Will Baptist Church." When I saw that sign, it did

something to me. I raised my face toward heaven and said, "Thank you, God, for the people of our faith who can go out into the wilderness and desert, or in the city and leave their mark for God."

We arrived home Friday, February 18, tired but glad to get home and so thankful for Jesus.

We are starting a revival at our Shibley's Point Church, Wednesday, February 23. We are praying that God will give us many souls for our hire.

May God bless the Gem and its editor is our prayer.

Rev. J. E. Corey

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

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Richwoods	83. 79.
(League)	54. 48.
Leslie Logsdon, pastor	
Clarence Sohn, Supt.	
Copper Mines (S.E. Mo.) ..	94. 97.
Glenn Rehkop, pastor	
Fourth, St. Louis	80. 84.
Wm. Turnbough, pastor	
Southside, St. Louis	204. .
James Franklin, pastor	
Mountain Grove	185.157.
Fred Kirby, pastor	
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Lawnwood, Tulsa, Okla. ...	206. .
Harry Staires, pastor	
G. W. Cunningham, Supt.	
Phillips Chapel, Arkansas	147.146.
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Ezra Butts, pastor	
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Leon Hilton, Supt.	
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James Barker, pastor	
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Fredericktown	160.161.
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THE MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Advancing With Christ

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WHAT A WOMAN CAN DO

"Verily I say unto you, Where-soever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Mark 14:9.

Shall we not see from the above passage how important the service of one woman was. Yet I do not think she felt the least exalted in this humble service, but rather was meek and lowly. Oftentimes we have heard Auxiliary workers and Christian women say, "It's so little that I can do." Even though the place we are trying to fill and the service we are attempting to render may seem so very small and insignificant to us, yet, somehow I know Christ is pleased when we have done what we can—in His name.

Woman's place in the world began at the creation of time. After God created man, He saw that it was not good for man to be alone, and He created a help-meet for man, and thus instituted the first marriage (Gen. 2:21-25). Woman is under subjection to man, or the wife is subject to her husband. But with these subjections, there always has been, and always will be a place for woman to serve. Woman has always had an office of service since the creation.

In anything and everything we do it takes persistence. When this quality is given over to the Lord it will certainly bring worthwhile results. Let us look into the Word for some examples of persistence.

Turn to Judges 16, and find there the account of Sampson and his persistent wife, Delilah, and how she sought to learn the source of his great and unusual strength. "And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed to death; that he told her, There hath not come a razor

upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man." Judges 16:16,17.

We find another example of persistence, this one courageous and noble, of the Shunamite mother for her son recorded for us in II Kings 4:18-37.

In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus relates to us the parable of the importunate widow, who was persistent in her going to the judge of the city. He feared neither God or man, but as she kept coming to him with her need, we hear him say, "Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me." Luke 18:5.

We should be as persistent in telling the lost about Christ and bring them to Him, and also do our best to get the careless, indifferent Christians into the service of God.

There are so many things we can do, be it in public or in private life. Maybe it is manual labor. May we refer you to Ruth 2:7. Perhaps our labor is the work of house keeper, or in our modern terms, homemakers. Remember, these are God-given offices, and we refer to Gen. 27:9; Prov. 31:15, and Luke 10:40. However, we must be careful to keep them in their rightful place and not to neglect the public service that belongs to every Christian woman. There are various other fields of activity in woman's work related in the Scriptures. Women worked in beautifying the tabernacle (Ex. 35:25.) They were placed in the office of judges (Judges 4:4; 5:9). Then in the beginning of the church they were serving in the church.

May I ask a personal question? In what manner do you feel you can best serve the Lord? Some of us are called to special offices of service, while some have just as

important places to fill, though it might not be as glamorous in the eyes of the world.

I heard one precious lady say that she felt it was her place to be in the public worship and be praying, silently, for the service and for the minister. How important this—and pleasing to the Lord. I heard another testimony like this: "I feel especially called to nurse the sick. I love to try to do something for the suffering and to be a witness for Christ." Isn't this a precious place to serve? Is your place to serve Christ in showing kindness to the poor? There are always those less fortunate than ourselves whom we may do something nice for, and in this way we can have a means of spiritual witness.

Of course it isn't possible for us to wash Christ's feet and anoint Him in the physical as was so graciously done for Him while He was here, but there are so many ways in our service for Him that we may do kindness to our fellow-man.

May we ask ourselves, "What can I do to make my Church and Auxiliary better for the Lord?" There is a place for each of us. If it is a very small place, let us fill it well, or if it is a public office of service, do your best as unto the Lord.

—W. A. Editor

AUXILIARY A BLESSING

Leadington, Missouri
February 14, 1955

Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys

Monett, Missouri

Dear W.A. Editor:

It has been quite sometime since we sent in a report of our Woman's Auxiliary at Leadington Free Will Baptist Church. I hope that it isn't too late for the next issue of the Gem.

We met February 8, 1955 at the church for the Year Book study and

our business meeting.

We had some very interesting discussions by various members of our Auxilliary on the subject, "Declaring His Glory through Family Worship." The Scripture lesson, from Psalm 96, was read and discussed by Sis. Iva Treaster, our president. This was followed by singing the hymn, "Jesus Saves," and what a wonderful hymn it is! I hope and pray that more of our women will attend our study classes. Each one has proven to be a great blessing.

Our officers for 1955 are: President, Mrs. Iva Treaster, Desloge; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Christine Pinkley, Flat River; enlistment chairman, Ruby Campbell, Flat River; youth chairman, Dorothy Burcham and Freida Pirtle, both of Leadington; study course chm., Elaine Spradlin, Leadington; program chairman, Mrs. Lizzie Pirtle, Flat River; benevolence chairman, Anna Lincoln, Route 2, Farmington, and the song leader, Mrs. Elma Francis, Flat River. Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, our pastor, is always present at our meetings.

Prayer for us.

—Reporter

LIKE AUXILIARY LESSONS

St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Gem Readers:

It has been some time since our Auxilliary has sent a letter to the Gem so I will try to tell you how we are getting along at Third Church, 1330 Geyer. Rev. John Rogers is our pastor and the Lord has really been blessing us in every service.

Our Auxilliary is small in number but we have fine spiritual services and really feel uplifted from the study of the wonderful lessons we have in our year book. It seems that everything we undertake proves a real blessing to us. The people of the church work with us wholeheartedly in everything, and our united efforts for God and His work have brought us success both spiritually and financially.

We are very proud of our fine young people at Third Church. They are serving in almost every capacity in our church and we know them to be real servants of God. We ask your prayers that they will continue in His way and that the world may never be able to turn them away from the Master's

work.

Our Wednesday night prayer services seem to get better and better and I wouldn't be at all surprised to see a revival start in one of them soon. More and more of our church people are realizing that mid-week prayer service fills a real spiritual need in our lives. Our Auxilliary sponsors a cottage prayer meeting the second Friday night of each month. We meet at the home of some members of the church, have a short devotional, then have a season of prayer for our lost loved ones and those who have wandered away from God. We know our prayers are not in vain because some of those we have prayed for have been brought back to the Lord already, and we have faith to believe that in time we shall see all of them saved.

Last Sunday afternoon we organized a Junior Department in our Sunday School and we feel that this is a step forward for us. We also elected a Cradle Roll Superintendent who will see to the enrollment of the babies and that proper records are kept of their attendance from the time they start to Sunday School.

There is so much to be done for our Master and the time is growing so short. We ask your prayers that we might live humbly and ever be submissive to His will and His work might come first in our lives.

Prayerfully yours,

Pearl E. Denton

QUARTERLY CONVENTION

The Quarterly Meeting of the District Woman's Auxilliary Convention of Indian Creek Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Monett on February 26, 1955 for an all day session.

The president, Mrs. Paul Williams of Joplin, had charge, and the services were opened with the congregation standing and repeating the watch word followed by prayer by Mrs. Lena Johnson of Carterville. The Scripture lesson was from the 6th Psalm, and was read by the president. Topics were discussed by members from the various Auxillaries. "The Significance of Home," was discussed by Mrs. Jerry Davidson of Joplin. "Home, A Symbol of Eternity," by Mrs. W. L. Powell of Monett. The morning message was by Rev. James Davis of Monett. He used Joshua 24:15 of himself.

for his Scripture. The topic, "The Fundamental Desire for A Home Place," was given by Miss Virginia Long of Monett. "Home, Place Used of God," by Mildred Mallard of Jones Chapel. The offering was received. It was decided to convene with the Carterville church for our next meeting. Rev. Paul Williams of Joplin, member of the Youth Camp Board, explained the current needs of the Youth Camp. He also discussed "What Is it that Makes A Home." We were dismissed for the noon hour with prayer by Mrs. Ed Jones of Monett. A bountiful dinner was served in the church basement, with all enjoying themselves very much.

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer was by Mrs. Dorcas Weisman of Monett. The topic, "Values of Religion in the Home," was by Mrs. Largent of Joplin. Solo—"Just Over the Hilltop," by Mrs. Burl Thomas of Monett. Reading—"A Home without A Bible," by Opal Underwood. Duet—"Where Could I Go," Mrs. Lyle Roller and Mrs. Otto Mackey, with Mrs. James Davis at the piano. The topic, "Family Altar," was by Mrs. Jerry Martin of Jones Chapel.

Various Auxillaries pledged to furnish certain items needed at the Youth Camp.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. James Davis.

—Reporter

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No law has ever been made, that will keep a man from making a fool of himself.



From The Editor's Desk



Anti-Nudists Meet

This part of the editor's department literally constitutes a "stop the press" feature, for we were ready to go to press with other materials. However, we feel it highly important to report a service conducted Friday evening, March 4, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett in interest of causing reconsideration of anti-nudist legislation in the Missouri Congress. The service featured Rev. Braxton Sawyer of Ft. Smith, Arkansas as the speaker. The urgency of the service was prompted by the recent defeat of anti-nudist legislation by committee in Missouri Congress, and by the defeat of similar legislation in some other states.

The Speaker

By invitation of Rev. O. T. Allred, Missouri State Moderator of Free Will Baptists, and Rev. James Davis, pastor of Monett Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Braxton Sawyer of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, came as special speaker at the service. Although Rev. Sawyer disclaimed any publicity that he is a "political crusader," he is very widely recognized for his tireless efforts and fearless stand for the right in this issue. Spotlight was first focused on him in this work when an active camp was discovered near his pastorate at Ft. Smith. When Rev. Sawyer offered his services in cooperation with other religious and civic leaders in opposition to this evil, he discovered an apathy and deficiency of purpose among those who should assert themselves, and he was left virtually alone in the fight. The result of this fight was the outlawing and closing of the camp. After this, groups in other states have sought his aid in their efforts to eradicate the evils of nudism spreading across the country. Said Rev. Sawyer, "I preached God's Word for 20 years before I ever heard of nudism. I hope we shall soon have the issue settled and I can preach another 100 years without ever mentioning it again. But sin is sin, and this thing is sin. So I shall do all I can against it until it is eradicated."

Press Unkind

Rev. Sawyer pointed out some of the prejudices of the press, but refrained from censuring the press and their rights. However, this editor has been watching some of the recent press releases leveled against the work of Rev. Sawyer. One prominent incorporated



Rev. Braxton Sawyer

press (which we have seen crucify virtually everyone who has stood for anything they disapprove of, and vice versa) recently villified Rev. Sawyer and pictured him as more than slightly off balance and far off his beat. In an editorial by one press entitled "Evil Is as Evil Thinks," the parting shot was, "We're indifferent (which they very obviously are not) to Mr. Sawyer; and to nudism—the one we can't accept as a saviour; the other we can't regard as an evil." This article and other releases have been unkind toward the appearance of Mr. Sawyer at a camp in Michigan last summer. The visit to Michigan was made after Rev. Sawyer at first turned down an invitation by the camp officials, which was followed by bantering and charges against him, alleging that Rev. Sawyer

was not willing to be correctly oriented of nudism. During his appearance there, a change of mind ensued and the nudists turned on him and did bodily injury to Mr. Sawyer. Even some publications of religion speak unkind of Rev. Sawyer and proposed anti-nudism legislation. May we hasten to add, however, that the local daily newspaper has given much kinder treatment to Rev. Sawyer and this program.

Ministers Shun Issue

Upon the acceptance of Rev. Sawyer of the invitation to come to Monett, an attempt was made to get the endorsement of the ministerial alliance of the city and move the meeting to the city's largest auditorium. This alliance represents some 16 active congregations in Monett. But they (the ministers) disclaimed any part of the service, made baggy excuses, and decided perhaps it was of no concern. Self-righteous rags came out of the closet, and the clergy voted nay against Rev. Sawyer, the meeting, and anti-nudism. The minister of the Church of the Nazarene gave endorsement and his cooperation. Two churches could not represent, and the Catholics would not. And the meeting remained at the auditorium of the Free Will Baptist Church.

The Congregation

It was gratifying that in spite of the spinelessness and worldliness of the clergy, nearly 400 came to the rally, and almost to a person declared themselves standing in favor of recall consideration of the anti-dudism legislation. These hardy defenders of the faith and truth came from various communities all over southwest Missouri, and represented some 46 different churches. Sanction of the program was evidenced in the frequent hearty "amens" chorused by the congregation. Also, by the groans of awe and horrified amazement which were heard as the startling facts of truth concerning nudism were revealed by Rev. Sawyer.

The Subject in Focus

Perhaps someone may have come to the service somewhat impressed with such editorials as "Evil Is as Evil

Thinks," and the widespread philosophy of "If they don't bother us, why bother them." But some of the facts (all conclusively confirmed) by Rev. Sawyer soon broke through that rust. It was pointed out that *modern nudism is an organized movement affecting the conduct and behaviour of society.* From sworn testimony of the nudists themselves came the information that they are now 3,000,000 strong in 'good old America.' This is approximately equal to the number of Boy Scouts. From the charter of the National Nudist Colonies, it was revealed that the purpose of the nudist movement is to gain the right to appear *anywhere, anytime in the nude.* This includes your schools, churches, places of business, hospitals, the public conveyances, the streets, highways, in parks and swimming pools, over television, and in all pursuits of life. To promote their way of life, a school is now operated in Florida for the purpose of training leaders and organizers of the movement, and to exploit every possible advantage for the promotion of nudism. From their publications Rev. Sawyer read excerpts of their program to reach the young, especially the teen age, before they have formed staunch resistance to nudism. "Therefore," conclude Mr. Sawyer, "this is the fight of every decent citizen of our land."

Defeat in Committee

Of immediate concern was the recent defeat in committee of proposed legislation in the Missouri Congress for the abolition of camps and literature expounding this philosophy. Of a committee of some 31 members, only five had the courage to vote for the legislation. The vote was taken after hearings at which leaders of nudism, and opponents of it—including Mr. Sawyer, had testified. Time of absence from the hearing room—including the actual voting, and return to the room, took the committee only approximately four minutes. Widespread evidence of the influence of alcohol was noticed by Rev. Sawyer and others present who readily verified Mr. Sawyer's statements. A recall proposal before the entire House of Representatives suffered the same treatment the following morning. This action resulted despite the testimony of unwholesomeness of nudism, and the failure of proponents of nudism to present anything except "It is good for the health." For readers

in Southwest Missouri, we state that Mr. Beard of Joplin, member of the committee, voted in favor of the legislation; Mr. Parrish, of Springfield, voted against it. In the recall motion, Mr. McVey, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hughes voted for recall; Mr. Long merely voted present.

Need Our Opinion and Help

Rev. Sawyer pointed out that the liquor interest, the movie interest, and every other interest keeps the legislators accurately and currently informed exactly the legislation they desire, and exert much pressure toward getting exactly what they want. Further, there is a considerable lack of this kind of information made available to our legislators by exponents of decency. Unfavorable legislation is the direct result. This can be rectified by our informing the legislators of our desires—and persisting until results are obtained. Lawmakers were in attendance, interested in the desires of the people of the church in this matter.

What About the Future

Space will not permit us to champion this move further, so we must come to a conclusion. Rev. Sawyer summarized the facts—3,000,000 nudists and this number growing; a philosophy demanding a free exercise in society until ultimately nudism will not be contained anywhere—*certainly not behind a board fence*; early posing of teen agers and younger; leadership supplied by three apostate ministers who dispute that Jesus ever wore clothing, say Christianity does not demand clothing, and that the wearing of clothes stems from heathenism; the invasion of movies, e.g., "The Garden of Eden," an actual filming of life in one of their camps; and the trend to nudism, evidenced in modern scantiness of dress.

His prophecy—that within ten years, if no curbs are set up prior to then that do not now exist, nudism *will be the rule* on television and in movies, and be commonplace elsewhere—particularly in theaters, dance halls, night spots, etc.

The proposed remedy—a strong, positive resistance to the movement of nudism that will result in legislation sufficiently strong to completely eradicate the practice and purpose of nudism.

OUR IMPERFECTION SHOWS

Perhaps one of the requisites of an editor is that he not champion earthly perfection, for the evidence may too often be against him. Yes, we made an unintentional omission in the February issue of the Gem which was soon called to our attention. We failed to carry the by-line identifying the author of the article "Music in Worship." We had it in the galley and on the proof. But when we threw out the "catch" heading, we also disposed of the by-line. Mr. Ross Dowden, head of the music department of our own Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the author of the article. Certainly, full credit goes to him for a very fine piece of work. I am sure our readers also recognized it as splendid and appropriate. It has been the editor's good privilege to witness and enjoy the work of Mr. Dowden as he took part in and directed the music at the Bible Conference. It is further convincing and satisfying to be acquainted with some of the students who have received instruction of Mr. Dowden. It is my personal opinion that we are indeed fortunate to have him at the head of this important department of our College.

CALIFORNIA ITINERARY BY REV. WILLARD C. DAY

Rev. Willard C. Day, member of the National Home Mission Board, recently toured the State of California in the interest of Home Missions in an itinerary among the Free Will Baptist Churches there. Commencing with the church at Richmond, he also conducted services at Concord, Modesto, Campbell, Turlock, Kerman, Selma, Orange Cove, Visalia, Tulare, Bakersfield, Lamont, Porterville, Shafter, Santa Paula, Bell Gardens and Ontario. Besides his regularly scheduled services, he also made appearances in the State Ministers' Conference at Modesto and the Home Mission Rally at Tulare.

Bro. Day visited the state previously in 1946, and states that since then Free Will Baptists in California have enjoyed a phenomenal growth and made great progress.

Rev. Day, now pastor at Fredericktown in Southeast Missouri Association, was formerly pastor at Mountain Grove, Missouri in Mission Association.

REV. DAYS' WELCOMED BY FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH

Rev. Willard C. Day returned February 12 from an itinerant trip in the State of California to immediately assume duties as pastor of the Fredericktown, Missouri Free Will Baptist Church. Arriving at the parsonage at 6:15 p.m., he found the congregation gathered to greet him with a fellowship supper and a bountiful grocery shower. Mrs. Day and their daughter Shirley had moved to the parsonage a week earlier. Rev. Day recently vacated his pastorate with the Mountain Grove Church where he served three years. Previous to this he held several different pastorates in the State of Oklahoma.

A LETTER FROM PASTOR IN INDIA

Kotagiri, South India

From Pastor Joshua Paul
"Westfield," Kotagiri
Nilgiris. (S.I.)

To:

Rev. R. Riggs, Promotional Secretary,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of 23rd November last year for which I thank you.

I am extremely grateful to you for every matter expressed in your letter. In response to your earnest call for prayer for the couple who are to preach the Gospel in Japan, we are glad to inform you that not only in our general meetings, but also in my individual meditation, prayers are being raised for them and I have no doubt that the Lord will abundantly bless the efforts in Japan.

In gratitude, I raise my humble offer of thanksgiving to our Lord who has kept His hand of protection on dear Mrs. Riggs in her illness and the operation that followed.

I am glad to inform you that we had very encouraging revival meetings in the first week of this month, conducted by a pastor from Madras and Mr. P. Samuel from Bangalore. I can say with courage that our congregation derived much spiritual benefit. This is also brought to our memory afresh the moving revival meetings conducted by you last year.

Further, I have much pleasure in in-

forming you that at the close of this year's opening revival meetings eight adults were baptized and three adults and ten juniors were dedicated, and we thank the Lord for this and request you to pray for these souls. The dedication service was conducted by the pastor from Madras and the baptism also.

By the grace of our Lord there are some more souls on the way to salvation and we request you to pray for them also.

On the whole, we would earnestly request you to ceaselessly pray for the steady growth of this small congregation, that the Lord may be graciously pleased to bless the efforts of one and all pledged to carry on their service.

Miss Barnard last week, expressed to me her desire for opening a new station among the Tamils, and if this desire becomes practical, Miss Barnard has asked me to take up charge of the proposed station. I shall be only too glad to go under the auspices of the Free Will Baptist Mission.

The school work as well as the Sunday School work are progressing well and on the whole field a marked progress is noticeable. The Lord has abundantly blessed the labors of the two Missionary Ladies for which we are deeply grateful.

I am glad to say that my son is now in the second Forum at school and hopes to be in the higher forum in the coming school year and he sends to you his greeting.

I fully trust that in the event of any transfer for me, the education of my son will receive your very kind and sympathetic consideration so that the education may proceed without any hindrance.

In closing this note I offer my humble prayers for your well being and that of all those who work with you for the glory of our Lord.

Yours,

Joshua Paul

"SPECTRE"—from page five

husband put away his wife." In this same chapter Paul said, "If the husband be dead, the wife is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."

"Husbands, love your wives, even as

Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Oh, that this Scripture would be fulfilled, what a different place this world would be. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body."

In the resurrection Christ saved the body. Sure the Scripture says, "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Our Lord can resurrect the first man from the dust, just as easy as He did create him in the beginning. Paul tells us in Corinthians that every man will be resurrected in his own order. Christ so loved us that he laid down His life to reconcile us to God. By the same love can man save the home, and by this reconciliation can Israel again become a sweet savor unto the Lord.

"What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder." God made a covenant "with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant." "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine."

Remember the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." God does not cause his people to suffer because of the sins of the unregenerated, but the sins of Israel can, and do bring calamities upon all the earth. The Scripture says, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" Did I hear someone say, "Why, Christ fulfilled the law." Please read and study Matt. 5:17-18—Christ speaking, "Think not I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Do you think that the law has been fulfilled that says, "Thou shalt not kill," when there are murders being committed every day? How can we fulfil the law that says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and continue to take the other man's wife?

Joseph took Mary to be his wife ac-

cording to the law "and knew her not (after the flesh) till she had brought forth her first-born son; and he called his name Jesus." God in heaven approved Joseph and Mary's marriage according to the law. "Behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him (Joseph) in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." Surely marriage is more sacred now than ever. Here stands Jesus, between Joseph and his wife, Mary, fulfilling the Scripture that says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth."

For several years I have been bothered about the divorce trend in America. Sometimes I would study a little about it in the Scriptures. Maybe I would talk to my neighbors about it, trying to put divorce from my mind by hearing how others felt about it. Then I would forget it for awhile. Many times I would think, "Someday, when I can find more time, I will write on divorce as I see it in the Scriptures." You know we never find time to do things: we either take time, or things go undone.

Time rolled on and I almost forgot I was worried about the evils of divorce. One day a friend and I were discussing the evil of divorce. I remember telling her that if we didn't teach our own children the evils of divorce, adultery and fornication, some day we might wake up and find it in our own family. Months later her daughter married a divorced man. I loved this girl very much and have often wondered if she would have done differently had I taken time to write on divorce as I felt sure God wanted me to. Again I pushed the urge from my mind.

Then in August my only daughter went off to business school. A month or so later she came home in love. As she told me about it I felt very uneasy and asked her to bring him home to meet her father and I. She did. He is a handsome young man who knows how to flatter the old as well as the young. With all this man's good looks and nice manners, I didn't want him for a son-in-law. Since they were already making plans to get married, it looked as if I would have to make the best of it. The next weekend when my

daughter said, "Mother, Bill has been married and is divorced," for a moment I felt like falling on my face and groaning in the spirit. Next I felt like lifting the roof on the house. Within a few seconds I thought of all the times I had resolved to write on divorce and didn't have time to do so. I knew that now I would take time to labor with my pen. Now that this terrible evil had come knocking at my door, I could write from the heart with a feeling I didn't know I possessed. My daughter an adulteress? Lord, help me!

The more I tried to tell her of the evils of divorce, the more determined she was to marry this man. I thought about taking her out of school; she refused to quit. I reminded her since she didn't hold the purse strings, she had better hear reason, or she might have to. Then a small, still voice seemed to say, "Why, all these years you had your chance to instruct her in the evil of this thing. Why didn't you do it?" The next weekend we brought her home sick. Together she and I lay on her bed and read to each other all we could find in the Scriptures on divorce and adultery. She said, "No use, mother, I love him and I'm going to marry him." I breathed a long sigh and stood in deep thought for a moment, then I straightened my shoulders and said, "From this hour I shall pray God day and night, and beg Him to change your heart against this marriage if it is evil in His sight and contrary to His word." She raised up in bed and almost screamed, "Mother, don't you dare. Do you want me to be an old maid? I'll never marry a man I don't love, and I tell you I love Bill." Two weeks later she came bouncing into the kitchen without even saying "hello." Instead she said, "Mother, I've about made up my mind not to marry." I laid my arm around her shoulders and hugged her. She said, "Oh, don't be too happy. I still love the guy." The next weekend she announced, "It's all over with. I'm not going to marry Bill. All I know is I just don't trust him, and I'm afraid we couldn't have a happy home without faith and trust in the head of the house."

Time and again I had already thanked the Lord for His matchless love and tender mercy. Now I felt like burying my face in the good earth (His footstool) in humbleness. Then I thought,

"You hypocrite! Didn't you promise the Lord you would write on divorce, and you haven't yet picked up your pen." The Lord never attacks that the old devil doesn't counter-attack. I began to think I couldn't write, the children bothered me too much, I didn't have any privacy, I had too much to do, I couldn't stand an untidy house—no, and I couldn't stand for my daughter to be an adulteress either. Still I didn't write.

Then my son got drunk and got in jail for driving while under the influence of strong drink—the first blemish on record against our new church that I love so much. My daughter just saved by a hairsbreadth from being an adulteress; my son a drunkard; and both on our church roll. Just what kind of a mother have I been? I had had the opportunity to mold their character when they were young and tender, as the potter molds the clay. The phone rang: "Come at once, we think your son is dying."

In the midst of all this trouble I picked up my pen and began to write. If this is just a whim of the imagination, God forgive me; if it's according to His will, and Word, may He be glorified wherever it is read—and may it be read far and near.

My daughter is again happy in her school work. My son is at home, so ashamed he can hardly hold up his head, trying hard to get courage to go to church, and say he is sorry, and ask the church to forgive him. Please pray for him that God will guide him in doing the right thing in making his apology, and that henceforth he will be a consecrated Christian.

Last, pray for me, that I will ever be ready to do God's will before He has to lay His chastening rod upon me. It hasn't been easy for me to write this, but if it will glorify the Lord I am happy. The hour is 12:30, so I'll say good-night, and God bless all who read this letter.

(Note: We are withholding the name of the writer of this article. We were not asked to do this. But we feel that we should. The writer has frequently contributed to the Gem, and we are sure you have enjoyed each article. Now, without divulging the name, we think you will share the serious indictment of this letter. It should invoke serious soul-searching and inspire greater devotion to "Thus sayeth the Lord." Editor)

CONSTRUCTION UNДАР WAY ON NEW SCHOOL IN INDIA

"Westfield"
Kotagiri,
The Nilgiris
South India

February 16, 1955

Dear Bro. Jeffreys:

All these years since I've been in India, I have had every intention of writing to thank you for sending "The Gem" to me. But somehow or other my intentions never materialized. I am ashamed that I have never written one word of thanks to you for being so generous and kind. May the Lord richly bestow the blessing of your gift upon you. The paper has been a blessing to me and I do deeply appreciate being one of the recipients of same. So few of our Free Will Baptist people were known to me when I came out here; but the years have shown me what a very fine group I have the privilege to represent—no finer folks in the world is my opinion of you dear Free Will Baptist people. May God richly bless you and bountifully repay you—I am sure He will.

We have hopes of opening up another Sunday School room soon. It is one we have long prayed about and the people are so eager for us to come to them. By the first of March we expect to be going regularly to this new area. Your prayers are coveted. This new area is upon the hill just behind the Kotagiri bazaar.

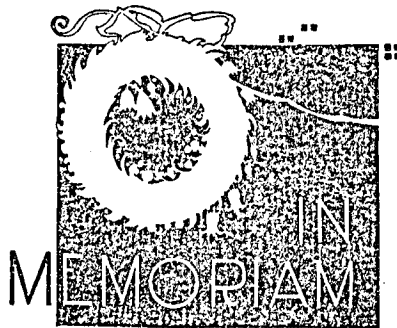
At present we are in the midst of erecting a new school building. And since we do not have a church building, this structure will also serve as a church. Thus far all the contractor has accomplished is the tearing down of the old building and marking off the foundation for the new structure. Progress has been retarded by the failure to secure inspector's permission to build. However, in spite of the delays the contractor assures us that the new building will be ready for occupancy the first of April. It does not look at all possible at the moment; but since hope springs eternally in the human breast, we are hoping he

will be able to turn over to us a finished product on the first of April as promised. In the meantime, the school and church services are held here in the lungalow. We have become adjusted to the steady hum of voices all day now and are able to carry on our work unhampered. It would be impossible for you to imagine the den of noise and all the strange sounds that accompany our waking hours. We shall be glad when quietness is once more the order of the day here on the compound. Pray for God's prospering of this work.

I close with the following familiar lines—lines that I sincerely desire God to make real in my life.

Let me burn out for Thee, dear Lord,
Burn and wear out for Thee;
Don't let me rust, or my life be a failure,
my God, to Thee...
Use me, and all I have, dear Lord,
And get me so close to Thee
That I feel the throb of the great heart of God,
Until I burn out for Thee."

Sincerely yours,
Volena Wilson



LLOYD COY SMITH

Lloyd Coy Smith, son of Josiah and Mary Smith, was born in Wright County, Missouri, May 11, 1895 and departed this life January 25, 1955, at the age of 59 years, eight months and 14 days.

He was united in marriage to Pearl Walker, September 26, 1915 and to this union four children were born.

He was an active farmer and stockman in his native county until his

health failed him, and was interested in all activities for the betterment of his community. Coy was well loved by his many friends for his friendly attitude toward those whom he met. He possessed faith in Christ in his early life and became a member of Gravel Point Baptist Church, later uniting with Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where he was an ardent supporter at the time of his death.

He is survived by his devoted companion, three sons—Lloyd of Mountain Grove, Equal of Waterloo, Iowa, and Bill of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Owens of Norwood, a granddaughter, three brothers—Homer and Marshall of Mountain Grove and Shirley of Hartsville, and a number of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at the Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Winford Davis, who was assisted by Rev. Rola Smith. Interment was in the Broyles Cemetery.

ILLINOIS ITINERATE

Continuing from the conclusion of his itinerate in Missouri, Rev. Riggs went directly into Illinois where he conducted eight services in the interest of foreign missions. Following is the schedule of his services commencing February 14 and ending February 20.

ALEXANDER: 25 present; offering was \$76.50.

PITTSBURG: attendance 20; offering \$17.05.

JOHNSON CITY: Present, 109; dedications, 18; offering, \$60.55.

PLEASANT VIEW: Present, 31; dedications, 5; offering, \$27.19.

MT. VERNON: Attendance, 28; offering, \$10.58.

INA: Present, 62; offering, \$50.00.

BEAR POINT: Present, 125; dedications, 4; offering, \$50.00.

BAKERSVILLE: Attendance, 60; offering, \$37.70.

TOTALS—

Attendance460
Dedications 27
Offerings\$329.57

When you pray—Remember the Gem.
When you give—Why Not Include Us?

APRIL IS DESIGNATED YOUTH CAMP MONTH

The month of April has been set aside in the State of Missouri as Youth Camp Month. We urge each pastor to place this before the people and urge them to give liberally to the Youth Camp.

There is much yet to be done at the encampment in the way of work to finish remodeling the camp. We invite as many as possible to come to the camp and help us work. There are set aside certain work days, usually at the end of the week for this united effort. You will be informed of these by post card. It was decided at a board meeting not to hire any more labor than absolutely necessary to finish the work started. So you see how important it is that we all pitch in and help as much as possible. Let us urge each pastor again to take a group from your church or community and help in this important step in progress. Please inform Bro. Reeves of your coming so he can be ready. The following are a few of the things that are waiting for you to do.

1. The kitchen addition on the dining hall is to finish.
2. Roofs are to be put on the toilet houses.
3. The swimming pool floor is to pour.
4. The chapel floor is yet to pour.

Now let us talk about needs in the way of supplies for the camp.

1. There is a very great need for more cabins. We urge individuals, churches, quarterly meetings, yearly meetings, etc., to take the responsibility to build these cabins.
2. There is a great need for more beds and mattresses for the now existing cabins. There is needed 16 double deck, three quarter size bunks, and 73 three quarter size mattresses.
3. I am happy to announce that the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Indian Creek Association have pledged to supply the following items: 200 spoons, 200 forks, 225 plates, 100 glasses, 12 water pitchers, 100 trays. However,

there will be needed other kitchen items such as cooking and serving utensils. If you can supply some of the items listed in 2 or 3 above, please let us know.

We believe it would be a very good idea for the auxiliary of the churches to take this responsibility of supplying the existing cabin and kitchen needs. And I am sure they will accept this challenge.

Now lastly I would like to inform you of the financial status of our camp. There was just a little over \$400.00 came in for the camp from August to February. Now this was not enough to meet the expenses of the camp and apply enough for that period of time toward the loan which was obtained to remodel. As we stated in the beginning of this article, April has been designated as Youth Camp Month in Missouri. We urge each church to give a special offering to the camp during the month, and pledge regular support.

Finally, it was decided by the Youth Camp Board to open for bid the job of Cook at our session beginning June 19 through 25. If you are interested in the job, send your bid to Rev. Wm. Reeves, at Niangua, Missouri.

GLEANINGS

"AND LEAD us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Matt. 6:13,14.

Yes, ten thousand people can be wrong! This is easy to see from the above verses.

The chief priests mocked Christ, while on the cross, saying, "He saved others: himself he cannot save." Matt. 27:42a. Christ knew if He saved Himself He could not save others.

Too many Christians fail to pray until after they have sinned. They should have prayed when first tempted; thus being enabled to resist the

temptation and thus avoiding sin.

An excuse is a lie, wrapped in a thin skin of truth.

A backslidden state seldom happens from results of one act or sin. It usually is a series of things causing it and is over a period of time. Also these are usually sinful things.

Two wrongs do not make (or equal) one right.

Some are sorry only because they have been caught in their sin and fear the punishment. Others are truly sorry because they committed the sin itself. The last is true repentance.

Children many times prove what older minds disbelieve.

"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:27.

— R. R. M.

NEW AUXILIARY FORMED

The women of the Free Will Baptist Church of Huntsville, Arkansas met January 17, 1955 and organized a Woman's Auxiliary. There were eight women present, and the pastor of the church, Eld. Cecil Garrison, was also present.

The meeting opened with singing, "I Want to Be A Worker," and "Bringing in the Sheaves." Sis. Zeana Moses led in prayer. The Scripture was read by Bro. Garrison, and was found in Acts 16:12; 9:36. Eld. Garrison gave a short talk based on these Scriptures. Officers elected for the new organization are: President, Sis. Oda Vea Taylor; vice president, Sis. Pearl Fifer, and secretary-treasurer, Sis. Mamie Sparks. A decision was made to meet twice monthly.

We desire the prayers of all God's people that this new work will be a blessing to this church, and will also strengthen each of us in His service.

Mamie Sparks, reporter

You can read some folks like a book, but they don't shut up as easily. Sel.

NEW RECORD ENROLLMENT

Second semester registration on January 26 raised the year's enrollment to 187, the highest in the school's history, according to LaVerne D. Miley, College registrar. Fifteen new students and one returnee enrolled for the new semester in addition to those continuing their schooling from the first semester. This new total exceeds the previous high enrollment of 1952-53 by 17.

Two students completed their work at the close of the first semester. Ilean Stultz, Springfield, Ohio, earned her diploma for the three year Christian Workers' Bible Course. Leah McGlohon, Winterville, North Carolina, completed her work for the B.A. degree. They will receive their awards at the Graduation Exercises in June.

New students for the second semester and home towns are:

Hubert Gaskill, Sealevel, North Carolina; Kirby Joe Godwin, Dunn, North Carolina; Mildred Hall, Jacksonville, North Carolina; Roger Harwell, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Delilah Hoffman, Richmond, California; Annie Kellum, Jacksonville, North Carolina; Guy Owens, Fountain, North Carolina; Mary Ellen Rice, Morehead City, North Carolina; Earl D. Sammons, Cliff, Kentucky; Billy Sharpston, Florence, Alabama; Robert Logan Shockley, Greenup, Kentucky; Russell Spurgeon, Mountain Grove, Missouri; Helen Swearns, Nashville, Tennessee; Gustus Thompson, Nashville, Tennessee, and William Thompson, Nashville, Tennessee.

A DIVINE CHART

The Lord's Prayer is familiar to all. It is so simple a child can lip its phrases. Still it is so profound, the greatest intellect is baffled by its immeasurable sweep. We need to remember that, just because we know it by heart, it does not follow that we know the scope of the prayer.

In its sixty-five words we are taken from heaven to earth, and back to heaven again: "Our Father who art in heaven, . . . Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

We must not think of this prayer as the only prayer that is to be prayed. Our Lord never intended that it should be used slavishly. It is to be used as a pattern, a guide to praying hearts. In

it we have a child addressing his father: "Our Father who art in heaven;" a worshiper addressing his God: "Hallowed be Thy name;" a citizen approaching his king: "Thy kingdom come;" a servant acknowledging his master: "Thy will be done;" a suppliant and his benefactor: "Give us this day our daily bread;" a sinner and the Saviour: "Forgive us our debts;" a pilgrim to his guide: "Lead us not into temptation;" a captive to his deliverer: "Deliver us from the evil one."

Our Lord, in directing all who are His true disciples in this divine chart, points us to the far horizons of spiritual vision: "Our Father in heaven; Thy name; Thy kingdom; Thy will."

True prayer sees the heavens and the far-flung borders of Christ's kingdom first; the necessities of life and our relationship to each other, second. Implied in this petition is the thought that the scope of His name being honored, His will being done, His kingdom coming, is all as it is in heaven.

— Selected

BEWARE OF HIM

This is the warning appended to the likeness of one Dr. (?) N. R. Panchal, native of India. Though the likeness is not clear enough for reproduction, he can readily be recognized as an oriental of India. The warning is from E. S. Jelley of the S.B. Mission, Vambori, India. The likeness submitted of Panchal is on one of his own elaborate letterheads, and was sent by Mr. E. S. Jelley to Rev. Glen Naphow of Florida. The letterhead contains (among other things) the following introduction of said Mr. Panchal.

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CHURCH OF GOD PRACTICING
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Bishop (Upadhye) Dr. N. R. Panchal
L.M.S., H., M.B.M & R.V., INDIA
B.T.C.D.D., U.S.A.
3RD VICE-PRESIDENT, I.M.A. &
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
LOS ANGELES, CAL., U.S.A. & INDIA

Concerning this man and his various titles, Mr. Jelley states as follows.

"This man has about a second grade education, both in English and his native tongue, and it is unbelievable that any of his alleged titles are genu-

ine. Somehow he got to U.S.A. in 1948 and got some stationary of Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee. Also, he pretends that one of the Tomlinson brothers (supposedly Homer, who was later ordained 'King of All Nations') ordained him Bishop of India.

"He recently came to me pretending to have renounced all connection with the Tomlinson's 'Church of God.' He said he was returning to the U.S.A. as a simple Christian seeking a modest support. With that understanding, I gave him a dollar or two R.R. fare and a letter to an acquaintance in U.S.A.

"This stationary (mentioned above), however, shows that he has not given up his connection with the Tomlinsons and their 'Church of God,' and that he still claims to be Bishop of India, and also uses a lot of fictitious American degrees. With no medical education he calls himself 'Doctor' because his wife is a midwife.

/s/ E. S. Jelley

S.B. Mission, Vambori, India

"In case he produces a letter from me, kindly do not return it to him. E.S.J."

QUILT FOR ORPHANAGE

The Woman's Auxiliary of Union Free Will Baptist Church, near Thompsonville, Illinois, met at 10:00 a.m., February 3rd and started a quilt for the orphanage. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour, was enjoyed by all. Sis. Myrtle Jones offered our thanks.

The afternoon session convened at 1:00 o'clock and was opened with the hymn, "Jesus Saves." Prayer was by Sis. Bessie Morris. The Scripture lesson, Psalm 96, was read by Sis. Annie Zanters. The title of our lesson was, "Declaring His Glory Now through Family Worship." The topics were given by Sis. Zola McClerren, Sis. Joyce Browning, Sis. Myrtle Jones and Sis. Juanita McClerren. The minutes were read and roll call taken, with 10 members and one child present. After prayer by Sis. Joyce Browning, the business session was directed by the president, Sis. Barbara Reed. A committee was appointed to secure the speakers for our pre-Easter services. Our meeting was dismissed by Sis. Annie Zanters.

Juanita McClerren, secretary