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## **The Dawn of Hope**

Dan E. L. Patch

Three crosses there on Calvary's hill  
    Outlined in silhouette;  
Upon the middle cross a form  
    Impaled to pay my debt.  
A gift—such sacrifice, such love!  
    What merit could I own  
To claim this gift to pay my debt?  
    No way I could atone!  
Why such a debt? Oh, why such cost?  
    Such ignominy there!  
Oh, why this sacrifice of love  
    Inviting me to share?  
I turned aside, a broken heart—  
    A mystery here profound:  
The pall of death, destroyed hope,  
    Despair loomed all around.  
Three days and nights. An empty tomb!  
    He spoke. Nay, not a vision.  
Salvation; yea, within my grasp—  
    'Tis true, my Lord has risen!

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Jan. Feb. Mar.

Fredricktown .....			
Mt. Pisgah .....	41	42	
Coppermines .....			
First, Flat River .....			
Fellowship .....	200	199	
Leadington .....	116		
Desloge .....			
Farmington .....	55	58	
Fourth .....	61	57	
Southside .....			
Monett .....			
Old Bethel .....	23	23	
Third Church .....			
Berkeley .....	190	180	
Richwoods .....	65	65	
Neosho .....	45	45	45
Mountain Grove .....	196	215	
Joplin .....			
Mill Creek .....			
Kirkville .....	90	114	
Grant Ave .....			
Hazel Creek .....	57		
Cuba .....	32	30	
Bethel .....	33	37	

Please send us your average, too.

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## THE CHRISTIAN SWORD

We are told the grey heron has a peculiar means of defense. When the heron is attacked, by an eagle or a falcon, it stands its ground, pointing its sharp bill toward the enemy, and the foe pierces itself to death against the sharp sword-like bill. The defense of a soldier of Christ is similar. When the evil one attacks, whether from without or within, the Christian stands his ground, uses his sword of the Spirit, the word of God, and the enemy cannot be successful against it. God's word is sharp and piercing, and all God's foes can be destroyed by it. "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth."

—Selected.

Opportunity Knocks but never Picks the lock.

## The Message of Easter

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

It is good to be faithful in our observance of Easter, but mere observance is not enough. Easter has a message, a message we can discover for ourselves if we will but seek. What then is the Message of Easter? It can be expressed simply but clearly in four words:

- A message of Light—
- A message of Love—
- A message of Life—
- A message of Liberty.

Reverently let us consider this four-fold message.

### I—Easter Brings A Message of Light

Gethsemane, where Christ prayed His agonizing prayer and then was taken by the cruel hand of men and carried away as a prisoner, was dark; Calvary, the place where Christ was numbered with the transgressors and nailed to the cross, was dark, and to climax it all, the tomb, where kind hearts and hands had carried the body of the beloved Christ, was dark. Indeed, the disciples felt all hope had fled. They had never experienced such dark days.

But the Easter morning brought glorious light—the light of victory after apparent defeat in the Garden of Gethsemane, the light of a new hope after the despair from witnessing the crucifixion, and the light of a new beginning, after what had looked like the end when Christ's body was laid in the tomb.

### II—Easter Brings A Message of Love

This is the great central message of Easter. "Love's redeeming work is done." It was Divine love that brought Jesus to Bethlehem to take upon himself the form of humanity and be made flesh to dwell among us. It was Divine love that took Jesus all the way to Calvary where He died for all mankind and made it possible for us to be reconciled to God. And it was Divine love that brought Jesus triumphant from the tomb to prove beyond all doubt that He was the matchless Son of God.

Love carried the Cross. Love accepted the wounds. Love endured the crucifixion. Love burst the bonds of the tomb. Love's sacrifice made atonement for our sins. Love suffered in our stead. Love confounded the powers of Hell. Love triumphed:

- in the Manger,
- on the Cross,
- in the Tomb.

### III—Easter Brings A Message of Life

Jesus often spoke of this. He said:

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25). Outside of Christ we are "dead in trespasses and sins" and are without hope in this life and the life hereafter.

But Easter brings a threefold message of life:

Present life here and now.

Eternal life in the world to come.

Abundant life, ever fresh and ever new.

### IV—Easter Brings A Message of Liberty

The stone was rolled away, the tomb stood open and Christ came forth in liberty. Sealing the tomb, and setting a watch did not bind the Christ. At His birth, the angels announced Him as Saviour, one who would bring liberty from the bondage and guilt and power of sin. The resurrection proved that to be true.

So Christ opened for us:

The door of salvation. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9).

The door to victorious living. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:5).

The door of heaven for evermore. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:3).

Here then is Easter's glorious message of Light, Love, Life, and Liberty. This is God's message to you, God's purpose and plan for you. It was to make this possible that Jesus died and rose again.

### THE WAY TO VICTORY

So they went and made the Sepulcher sure (Matt. 27:66). A Persian fable says that the earth was created a great barren plain without tree or plant. An angel was sent to scatter choicest seeds on every spot. Satan, seeing the seeds on the ground, determined to destroy them. He therefore buried all the seeds in the soil, and summoned sun and rain to make them rot away. But the seeds sprang up, clothing the earth with beauty. And a voice from heaven said, "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened unless it die." The burial of Christ was thought by His enemies to be the end; but, in truth, the grave was but the necessary way to His final and glorious victory.

—King's Business

### CHRIST'S EPITAPH

He is not here: for he is risen (Matt. 28:6). When we wander through a graveyard and look at the tombstones, or go into the church and examine the old monuments, we see one heading to them all: "Here lies." Then follows the name, with the date of death, and perhaps some praise of good qualities of the departed. But how different is the epitaph on the tomb of Jesus Christ. It is not written in gold nor cut in stone; it is spoken by the mouth of an angel, and is the exact reverse of what is put on all other tombs: "He is not here."

—Christian Herald. (London)

Death is a subject of horrid fascination. But Jesus did not talk about it at all. He never used the word as we use it. With us death is a separation of the soul from the body. Jesus always called it sleep. Passing a house one day we saw on it a sign, "To Let." "How is this," we asked, "is the former tenant dead?" "Oh no," we were told, "he has only moved into a larger house in a better locality." And the answer comes back from the empty tomb of Joseph, "No, He is not dead, He has only moved to a better house in a finer locality."

### NOT DEFEATED

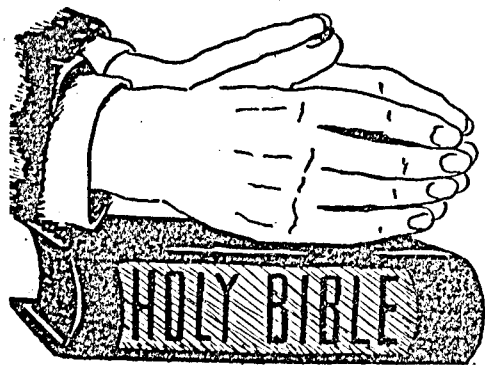
One writer has made a beautiful application to the resurrection of Christ of an incident in history. Here it is. It is said that the news of the Battle of Waterloo first came by a sailing ship to the southeast coast of England, and by signal was wigwagged to London. When the message reached Winchester, the signals on top of the cathedral began to spell out the message: W-e-l-l-i-n-g-t-o-n d-e-f-e-a-t-e-d and then the fog descended and hid the signals and the whole country was in despair. But after a while the fog lifted and the signals on the Winchester cathedral were still at work spelling out the complete sentence: W-e-l-l-i-n-g-t-o-n d-e-f-e-a-t-e-d t-h-e e-n-e-m-y.

The thrilling news raced across the land and lifted all hearts out of gloom into joy. So the heavy gloom of Calvary fled before the victory of the resurrection. The resurrection means defeat turned into victory.

—Anon

The worm says, "I have been to the surface and seen the dust." The eagle says, "I live in the heavens and see all." Where have you been, where do you live, and what do you see? Mount up.

## The Family Altar



Pray for the following requests at your family and private devotions:

Pray that you may know the power of the resurrection of Christ in a greater way. Ephesians 3:7-12.

Pray for Marie and Carlisle Hanna, and for Mrs Hanna's mother, Mrs. Chester Wright, during her illness. James 5:13-20.

Pray for the coming Youth Camp Session in June and for all the students and faculty. I Tim. 4:12-16.

Pray for our mission field in Africa and that necessities may be supplied for the field. Matt. 28:16-20.

Pray for the Monett Church and the Indian Creek Association as they plan for the next State Association. Acts 2:1-13.

Pray for the salvation of souls and that you will have a greater desire to win souls. Luke 19:1-10.

Pray that a revival will come to our nation and bring it back to God. Jonah 3:1-10.

Pray for all our missionaries in Cuba, India, Japan, and Africa, and that many souls will be won to Christ. Mark 16:14-20.

### A ROYAL RESOLUTION FOR EVERY REAL BELIEVER

I am living in the era of the World's crisis.

I am living in the era of the Church's crisis.

#### Therefore

I will, with unquestioned faith, give more time to the definite perusal of the Word of God.

I will give more time to prayer for God's blessings upon His work and workers.

I will give more time to personal work for the salvation of lost souls.

I will seek to live a more self-sacrificing life.

I will seek to acquaint myself with the facts concerning the world's needs of the true church.

I will give more liberally to God's work with more definite knowledge

of where and how my gifts are being used.

I will stand, by God's grace, with unquestioned confidence in the whole Word of God, and with the unsheathed Sword of the Spirit, contend for the faith once for all delivered, against all deceivers in school and church.

—Selected

### JESUS AS A FISHER OF MEN

With Nathanael, John 1:43-51.

With Nicodemus, John 3:1-21.

With the Woman at the Well, John 4:1-30.

With the Nobleman, John 4:46-54.

With the Helpless Man, John 5:1-15.

With the Fallen Woman, John 8:1-11.

With the Blind Man, John 9:1-41.

With the Dead Sinner, John 11:1-45.

—Selected

### THE FIRST AND THE LAST

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Revelations 22:20-21.

There will appear the great "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

In the beginning He "created" the heaven and the earth. In the end, John said, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea."

In the beginning Satan entered the domain of God's people to deceive and destroy. In the end he is cast out, and will deceive the nations no more.

In the beginning sickness, pain, sorrow and wretchedness found entrance to the world. In the end "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

In the beginning the people of the earth were placed under the iron hand of death, who has claimed his teaming millions. In the end, "I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;... and the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire."

In the beginning was a blooming garden containing the tree of immortal life. In the end we find the tree of life again "in the midst of the paradise of God."

In the beginning a curse was placed upon the earth. In the world to come "there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it."

In the beginning the first Adam lost his universal dominion over the earth. In the end we find Jesus Christ, the second Adam crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and reigning in triumph and glory forever.

In the beginning man was barred from the tree of life and driven from the garden of Eden. In the end, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

From—"The First and the Last"

Submitted by R. Rodgers

### FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE TO GOD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVOCATED BY N. A. E.

Public schools ought to provide the young with an atmosphere of friendliness to God according to a statement on religious instruction in public schools released by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The statement read: "We believe firmly in the separation of church and state, but hold that by this by no means implies an espousal of secularism and of practical atheism through the exclusion from our public schools of all reference to God, who is the supreme object of all learning and wisdom, and of all reference to His laws, which must be the basis of true prosperity for men of all nations."

In the statement the committee noted that it was not speaking authoritatively, but rather submitting a judgment of a position on which the majority of its members would agree.

Several rules were listed for schools to follow: the provision of a friendly atmosphere to and acceptance of the existence of God, daily reading of the Bible without exposition and praying the Lord's prayer, and granting released time for religious instruction.

The statement also upheld the right of religious groups to establish schools of their own in addition to public schools.

### TRUE LIVING

A candle that won't shine in one room is very unlikely to shine in another. If you do not shine at home, if your father or mother, your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question if you really are one.

—J. Hudson Taylor

Unless you are equally grateful for obligations and opportunities, you are living out of the will of God.

## The Kind of Revival We Need

You have read of the revival in the Hebrides Island beginning in 1949. It did not happen without the way being prepared by those who sought God and believed Him for a real revival. That is the kind of revival we need. We can have it if we are willing to pay the price. We have not paid the price as yet.

These reports of the revival came in 1950:

"In recent months there has been a remarkable revival going on in the Hebrides, west of Scotland. The man being used of God in this awakening is Duncan Campbell, a Presbyterian minister.

"Services are being held simultaneously throughout the churches at night, the revivalist going from one to the other preaching to the multitudes inside and out.

"The awakening is similar to the 1859 awakening in that people are literally stricken down with conviction, and cries for mercy rise from the audience while the Word of God is being preached.

"All the spiritual phenomena of former great revivals are present in the outpouring of the Spirit. Conviction of sin is terrible. No hand-shaking or 'coming forward' in this awakening—but sinners in despair, sometimes for weeks until they pray through to God. The routine of home and business has been in places disrupted while men and women seek God.

"During the General Election in Britain, the Secretary of the local Labor Party in a Hebrides town came under conviction. He was a Communist at heart and was engaged to address a political rally but failed to keep his appointment. He was searched for and found in prayer seeking the Lord.

"When urged to go to the political meeting, he refused and sent instead this message, 'Tell them I have business with God. And if any of them know how to pray, ask them to pray for a poor, lost sinner!' The announcement was made at the political rally with such effectiveness that the meeting broke up."

In a missionary convention held in Northern Ireland, the following report of the Hebrides revival was given:

"The revival was the result of the prayers of seven men, and two elderly saints, past eighty and blind. They prayed until they received the assur-

ance that revival was coming, then they sent for an evangelist to come and conduct meetings.

"As the evangelist preached the Word souls were smitten and stricken, as in the revival of '59. Conviction of sin was so great that Duncan Campbell was kept busy all night, going from church to church dealing with souls in packed-out churches. When one church service was over, another church, packed-out was waiting for him.

"For weeks he had only 3 hours sleep a night so great was the hunger of the people. Two musicians on their way to play at a dance got somehow into one of the meetings and the Lord laid hold of them and they were saved. Duncan Campbell, hearing of this, slipped out of the meeting and went off in his car to the dance hall 23 miles away.

"Strolling into the dance hall where the people were waiting for the musicians he said, 'I have got good news for you. Your musicians have been saved. Let us sing a Psalm.' The power of God came upon the dancers and 20 were saved and now the dance hall is a mission hall. Picture shows provided busses for the people to take people to the shows but the busses were empty and the people were crowding into the churches."

—Messenger

## NIGHT VIGILS—DAYS OF FASTING

"I have been in that old church in New England where Jonathan Edwards preached his great sermon, 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.' He had a little manuscript which he held up so close to his face that they couldn't see his countenance. He went on and on, the people in the crowded church were tremendously moved. One man sprang to his feet, rushed down the aisles and cried, 'Mr. Edwards, is there no mercy with God?' Other men caught hold of the backs of the pew lest they should slip into perdition.

"I have seen the old pillars around which they threw their arms when they thought the day of judgment had dawned upon them. The power of that sermon is still felt in the United States today. But there is a bit of history behind it.

"For three days Jonathan Edwards had not eaten a mouthful of food; for three nights, he had not closed his eyes for sleep. Over and over again he had been saying to God, 'Give me New England! Give me New England!' and when he arose from his knees and made his way

into the pulpit, they say he looked as if he had been gazing straight into the face of God. They say that before he opened his lips to speak, conviction fell upon his audience." —J. Wilbur Chapman.

Friends, how different is our average meeting. We come into it well-fed, and many from a television show rather than from a place of fervent burning prayer. No wonder revival does not come as God wants it to come. Many things will have to be rearranged before we are in position to be called to real intercession for real revival. But nothing is more important. Real revival is our only hope. Let us stop playing church and get down to business with God.

—Messenger

## From the Field

### MONEY FOR TRUCK

Dear Bro. Riggs:

Please send us 30 coin folders to distribute to our workers to help raise money for our mission truck project.

May the Master richly bless you in your work.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
Pastor, Howard Gage  
Church, Greenbriar F. W. B.  
\* \* \* \*

Dear Sir:

Please mail me 5 of your Dime Folders as I think we of the First Church of Artesia can use that many to help support the truck and trailer fund. We pray daily for our missionaries everywhere. We need your prayers here. I think our league will be interested in this fund. So I will be looking for the folders soon. I enjoy the Prayer and Praise Letter that I receive from you very much. It informs us on our missionary work. Bro. and Sister Roy L. Thomas who are in Bible College there, are real close friends of ours. May God richly bless this fund is our prayer.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Irene Wood

### MONEY FOR AFRICA

Dear Mr. Riggs:

The G. T. A. of the Fellowship Church, Flat River, Mo., want to help raise the money that is needed for our missionaries that are going to Africa.

Please send 15 or 20 folders and we will do our best to fill them. Our group will be happy to have a part in this project though it will be small. We also shall continue to pray for the missionaries everywhere.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Harold Wilfong  
(G. T. A. Sponsor)

# From the Editor's Desk

## SPRING GREETING

We are happy to greet you in the name of the resurrected Christ. Spring is here and we have been observing the resurrection of nature—the trees, the flowers, and the grass. Spring seems to affect all of us. We look forward to it with happy anticipation. Our hopes, ambitions, and determinations seem to witness a resurrection. And we trust, as Christians, our desire to labor more zealously for Christ may be revived.

There is a dire need of a great revival in our nation, and that can only come when Christians and churches are revived. The time is short and there is much to be done. What we do for Christ must be done quickly! As we observe the Jewish state of Israel surely we can say the "fig tree" is becoming green. Conditions seem to point to the coming of Christ. If the way seems hard as you labor for Him, remember the words of John "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (Rev. 22:20-21).

## THE RISEN CHRIST

An old man of ninety often said that he had had all the surprises in life he thought possible, and it would have to be a wonderful event now to make him enthusiastic. One day, shortly after his ninety-first birthday, which fell on Easter Sunday, he was heard to shout out: "Christ is risen! He died for me, and now he's risen! All his life the old man had ignored the Saviour, but quite suddenly the meaning of Easter was revealed to him, and he had his greatest surprise of all.

I am sure that the great Apostle Paul felt like this old man when he learned from his experience on the Damascus road that Christ was risen, and the same joy and surprise was still real to him when he wrote several years later to the church at Corinth, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

The Christian religion is the only religion that can boast of its founder as living. The founders of Mohammedism, Buddhism, Confucianism, etc., are dead, but the Christians can say of their Christ "He is risen."

Let us with the same joy as the women that carried the news to the disciples on that first Easter morn

that "He is risen" carry the news to a lost and dying world. He is the only hope of the Christian, the only hope of the sinner, and the only hope of the world. May we as Christians be faithful in witnessing for Christ.

Should an unsaved be reading this message let me tell you that belief in the risen Lord and acceptance of him as a Saviour will secure you an entrance into heaven where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

"He for all sinners died,  
Was crucified,  
To heaven ascended then,  
Where we, the sons of men,  
May follow—if we own  
We live through him alone!"

## NEXT STATE ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT MONETT

The Executive Board has accepted an invitation from the Monett Church for the next State Association to convene there in August. Let us be in prayer for all those that will be laboring in their preparation to entertain this association.

## STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Executive Committee of the Board of Administration of the National Association of Evangelicals does not presume to speak definitely for the constituency of NAE in all matters affecting religious life and views. However, since a question has been raised as to the position of the Association regarding religious instruction in the public schools, the Executive Committee submits the following as its judgment of a position on which the great majority of our constituent groups would agree:

We believe firmly in the separation of church and state, but hold that this by no means implies an espousal of secularism and of practical atheism through the exclusion from our public schools of all reference to God, who is the supreme object of all learning and wisdom, and of all reference to His laws, which must be the basis of true prosperity for men and for nations. This two-fold principle we believe makes imperative the following rules of procedure:

I. While our schools are not free to propound the tenets of a given sect or denomination, yet they shall by all means provide the young with an atmosphere of friendliness to and acceptance of the concept of the exist-

ence of God, man's responsibility to God and to fellowmen, and of the benefits accruing to our society through all agencies promoting godliness.

2. In keeping with this, the public schools should encourage the daily reading to the children of a portion of the Bible without exposition and the praying of the Lord's prayer.

3. The public schools should grant upon equal terms all religious groups desiring it, and subject to the permission of the parents of the children participating, the right of gathering their children during a period of time released from the school day, for the purpose of religious instruction under the respective auspices of these religious groups.

4. The foregoing should not be so interpreted as to abridge or qualify the right of religious groups to establish and to maintain at their own cost and subject to equivalent standards of scholarship, schools in addition to the public schools for the training of their children in the branches of learning in harmony with the religious beliefs of such groups.

## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT EUREKA SPRINGS

A new church was organized at Eureka Springs, Ark., on the night of March 21. This marked the climax of four revivals held in this rural community within the last two years. The first revival was conducted by Rev. Lester Hilton of Springfield, Mo., and Rev. Cecil Garrison of Springdale. The second was conducted by Rev. Hilton and Mrs. Etha Hull of Eureka Springs. The third revival conducted by Rev. J. McCully of Neosho, and the last meeting just closing by Rev. Hilton and Mrs. Hull, who has been conducting regular services there since the first revival.

Twenty-five people, most of them adults, became charter members. The charter will be held open for thirty days.

The council organizing this group were Rev. Cecil Garrison, Rev. Horace Knox, Rev. Kenneth Autry, all of Arkansas, and Rev. Lester Hilton and Rev. O. T. Allred, both of Missouri. This church has been named Sharon Free Will Baptist. Church services are being held in a building formerly used by the Grassy Knob School, District No. 43, in Carroll County, Ark. Mrs. Etha Hull was called by unanimous vote to pastor the church.

—Rev. O. T. Allred, Cor.

The normal state of a Christian is to be abnormally sold out to God.



### BERKLEY CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

The Lord has showered our young people with many blessings the past weeks, in our prayer meetings and visitation work for the revival we are having at this time with Rev. Mark Lewis of Hazel Park, Michigan, as our evangelist.

We know the Lord is still in the soul saving business as five precious souls came forward and found the Lord as their personal Saviour thus far.

We are thankful for the wonderful attendance from the Free Will Baptist churches throughout the city, and the beautiful music they have rendered each night.

As last night was designated Youth Night in our revival, we saw twenty-nine young people gather in the prayer room and asked God to give Bro. Lewis a message that would help our youth find their place in Christian service.

We ask your prayers that we as youth may be of a greater service in our church and community.

Dorothy Robertson, President  
Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Sponsor

### YOUTH CAMP TIME NEARING

Once again we come to you through the Youth Camp Crier to tell you of our Youth Camp Program and plans. Since the time is nearing for this year's session, I know many of our boys and girls over the state have begun to talk of Youth Camp time. Even as we sit here in the office this morning preparing the Youth Camp Crier we think back to last year's session and the wonderful days that we all enjoyed together. Our hearts are still rejoicing for the many souls that were saved last year and for the record enrollment. It makes us know that God has certainly put His approval on our youth camp. Somehow, however, it seems that many of our people over the state do not realize the importance of our camp. Why do I say this? Because our finances are coming in so slow. At this writing we are behind in payments of interest and principle of

notes due. Why should this condition exist? Many of our young ministers, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, church workers, etc., have come from the results of our youth camp. The good that has been done cannot be counted in dollars and cents for hundreds of boys and girls have found Christ and answered special calls to His service through our youth camp. Why not sit down right now churches, auxiliaries, Sunday School classes, Leagues and individuals and write us a check so that we might be able to improve our camp and pay off our indebtedness. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP. WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT???**

### CAMP DATE SET

At a recent meeting of our Youth Camp Board the date was set and officers appointed for this year's session. The date for our next youth camp session will be June 23rd - 29th. Officers elected were: General Superintendent, Rev. O. T. Dixon; Principal of Teaching, Rev. James Davis; Registrars, Rev. Teddy Davis and Mrs. Lee DeWitt; Recreation Supervisor, Rev. Harry Asher; General Cabin Supervisors, Rev. and Mrs. Jim McCully; Life Guard and Supervisor of Swimming Pool, Rev. Paul Williams. Teachers for the various courses will be printed in the next issue of the Crier as we do not have confirmation from all of them. The Rev. Roger C. Reeds from Davis, North Carolina, will be our Youth Evangelist. A good program is planned and a good time will be enjoyed by all attending. **SO BEGIN MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S SESSION.**

### YOUTH CAMP BOARD SUGGESTIONS

The Youth Camp Board at their meeting in February voted to recommend the following suggestions due to our feeling that we will have an all time record crowd for this year's session:

That all cabin owners equip their

cabins fully with mattress, springs, etc. before camp time.

That any children coming to youth camp under the age of 7 must be accompanied by one of their parents.

That all churches or associations sending children to camp who have no cabin or sufficient bedding for them, will be required to supply extra cots for their children.

The Board appeals to all churches and associations if at all possible to build a cabin before camp time in order to take care of the overflowing crowd. If you plan to build a cabin, contact William Reeves, Niangua, Mo., for suggestions on size, etc.

That two general clean-up work days be set for June 7th and 8th, and we urge any person who can possibly come to be present on these dates. Those who cannot come at this time come at an early date if possible and notify Rev. Reeves of the date of your coming. All others please make your plans to be there on the above date.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

The Rev. James Davis, Principal of Teaching and the Rev. O. T. Dixon, Supervisor for this year's camp session, and the Rev. William Reeves, camp treasurer and the Rev. O. T. Alfred, Youth Camp Board Chairman, met on March 5, to arrange the curriculum and appoint the teachers for this year's session. The curriculum for this year will be on the Free Will Baptist Doctrine with classes and teachers to be announced in next month's issue of the Crier. We have been informed, however, that something new will be added to the Junior Department which will be Arts and Crafts.

A gospel sermon is not a specially prepared message for a special occasion but a specially prepared LIFE for time and eternity.

Some day you will be gone and it is only what you invest for God and others that will count while the endless ages roll on.



# News From The Mission Field

## APRIL—FOREIGN MISSION MONTH

On our denominational calendar of activities, April has been designated as Foreign Mission Month. This means that each of our preachers should preach at least one sermon on foreign missions, our responsibility to the heathen, or some other appropriate subject. Then too, we hope you will review the information of facts and figures concerning our own foreign mission fields and missionaries. Who are our missionaries? Where are they working? What are they doing? How are they supported?

Also, I believe it will be most helpful if we will re-think our church program in the light of the post-resurrection messages of the Lord. Study the Great Commission! Are the heathen really lost? Is there any other way for anyone to be saved except through Christ? Do we really believe what we preach? Search the Scriptures for missionary verses. Meditate before God. It will enrich your own soul and make you a blessing.

During the month of April would be a good time for the pastor to teach a study course on our Missionary Manual. We will send one free to every pastor on request.

## MISSIONARY EMPHASIS IN TEXAS

The Free Will Baptist Church in Houston, Texas engaged in a Missionary Revival for about ten days in the month of March. The evangelist for the revival was Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The meeting was well attended and a general spirit of revival prevailed in the church. There were several rededications on the part of the Christians and five first time decisions for Christ with twelve additions to the church.

The offering for foreign missions during this revival amounted to \$271.97. The church of Houston also pledged \$690 for foreign missions to be paid some time during the current year.

In addition to the Missionary Revival in Houston, Texas, Missionary Conferences were held in the Free Will Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas,

and also at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas. The churches in the surrounding areas co-operated in this conference as lead by Rev. Homer Willis of the National Home Mission Board and Rev. Riggs of the National Foreign Mission Board.

Following is a report of the receipts and pledges for the foreign mission program during these services:

### CASH RECEIPTS

Houston Free Will Baptist Church .....	\$271.97
Bryan Free Will Baptist Church .....	41.78
Central Texas Woman's Auxiliary Convention.	
For Wesley & Aileen Calvery	50.00
For Foreign Mission General Fund .....	10.00
Blue Lake Church of Central Texas Conference .....	50.00
Conference in Henderson, Texas .....	80.21

Total Cash receipts for Foreign Missions .....	\$518.96
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### PLEDGES

Houston Free Will Baptist Church .....	\$690.00
Bryan Free Will Baptist Church .....	338.00
Conference in Henderson Tex.	183.00
Total Pledges .....	\$1,211.00

Total Cash and Pledges .....	1,729.96
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We are indeed grateful for the response to foreign missions by the state of Texas and we believe this state will more than meet her quota this year.

The overall quota for the state of Texas is \$3,600. This amount is being pro-rated among the different District Associations and a man from each Association hopes to visit each church in the interest of the foreign mission program.

Raymond Riggs  
Promotional Sec.-Treas.  
Board of Foreign Missions

Gifts of the rich, small or great, never mean any sacrifice other than giving up some selfish ambition, unless they give more than they keep back for themselves or their heirs.

## FROM CUBA

The New Year Convention, January 1, 1957 in the Bible College at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, was one of great and rich blessing through the ministry of Reverends Joe Ange of Edgemont Church in Durham, North Carolina and Durwood Long of New Harmony Church, Dukes, Florida.

We want to take this occasion to thank the congregation of these two wide-awake pastors for making it possible to have them on the mission field. They endeared themselves to our Cuban Free Will Baptists.

This year was one of great difficulty. Our crowds were cut in half due to the fear that can be felt about us. The poor Christians are intimidated by the fact that the whole nation is under Tommy Guns. Every soldier is in battle array and every police is heavily armed. Many of these police and soldiers are my friends. Yesterday one sat in front of the Post Office with his chin resting on the barrel of his old U. S. Springfield. I said, "Son, you are a brave man, you are doing something I would never do." "What," he said, "put my head over that gun. It might go off and I would have no head." We are giving them Testaments and they are reading them on the streets.

We are greatly in need of your prayers. It is a very unusual thing to get permission to hold a big public gathering like this at this time but thank God, we have the fullest confidence of the people in power. The ministry of your missionaries goes on.

Bro. Joe Ange endeared himself by his willingness to go back into the hard places into the cliffs over terrific roads to visit our chapels in the Havana province.

This great missionary pastor is a man our whole denomination is proud of. His messages will live forever in the hearts of those who heard him. Durward, who is like a son, has a masterly style in his preaching, clear, positive, spiritual. We are proud of these men. Amidst trying conditions we dedicate our energies to a new spiritual advance in the mission fields of Cuba and the world.

—Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

## DAN MERKH WRITES

Since January 13 to February 24, I have had 39 services with 61 decisions for consecration. A total attendance of 3,271 plus three radio audiences. Cash raised is \$1,444.02 with pledges of \$3,857.60, making a total raised \$5,301.62. Thank the Lord for this wonderful response that the people are giving.



## INDIA FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION

We have had a good conference this year. Our speakers were, Rev. John Blosser for the Bengalia Conference and Rev. S. Hembrom for the Santalia Conference. Both of these men are good Bible teachers and our people were blessed by their ministry. We also had with us Bro. Thomas Joky from the Nilgiris. All of our young men have been encouraged by his life and constant witness. We feel that definite needs of our people were met in this conference and we praise the Lord for it. There were about two hundred people present for the conference.

We had a baptismal service the Sunday after conference in which a young Santal couple and another young Santal woman were baptized. They had been believers for several weeks, but then felt ready to take this step of faith. Pray that they may grow daily in Him.

Today we are having a wedding in one of our Christian Bengali villages. Santosh, who was formerly one of our school masters at Digabond and Chuticore, is marrying Bimala, the daughter of a Christian family there in Digabond. Pray for these young people that Christ will be the center of their lives and home.

—Carlisle Hanna

## SOME ACCEPT—SOME REJECT

Dan Cronk

"Praise the Lord for the Santals. Every few weeks some people around Junglabita are asking for baptism. The new converts at Borokoda which Carlisle baptized last year have witnessed to their own village and some seven or ten more are asking for baptism.

We are having church every Sunday morning in Kishanganj—only Trula, myself, our Hindu caretaker, Christian cook, a Christian nurse from the hospital and her husband when he is there and any of our village Christians who happen to be in town. It's fairly discouraging. But God is leading people in, however. There is a Mohammadan boy who comes often, and says he believes on Christ and wants to be a Christian. Who knows? He may be the first Mohammadan convert here. Pray that he may be sincere for he often brings his friends who are a high type people. The other day he brought a friend and just to show you a little of the way our conversation goes I repeat a bit of my witness. He knew the Koran and had studied the Bible and many other things. My witness ran such. (Missionary-me,

Abdul—the Mohammedan).

Miss. "What does Koran say about Christ?"

Abdul. "His name is Isra-el-ruahallah (Christ in whom the Spirit of God dwells). He is the hookum (law of God). He is a prophet, a friend of God's."

Miss. "Yes, in Jesus is the Spirit of God for He is actually God. What are Christ's works?"

Abdul. "In the Koran it tells that when Christ was to be born the Spirit speaks to Mary. After he is born people ask for the Christ and Mary says that the babe will speak for himself. They ask him and the new baby speaks. Later he turns clay pigeons to live ones, etc etc."

Miss. "Jesus Christ was a miracle worker. He did works of God because he was God. However, when we wish to learn of Mohammad we turn to the Koran and if we wish to learn of Christ we must turn to the Bible for it has the full story, etc."

Abdul. "Jesus was only a prophet, we must not say that he was 'son of God.' God will not have sexual relations with women. He cannot beget a son. We reverence Christ as a holy man."

Miss. "Jesus cannot lie. He himself says, 'I am the truth.' He calls himself God. He says that he is the only way to the father. (here I presented Christ as Saviour). What does Mohammad say about you and your sin? What will happen to your past sin and its consequences? What is your hope for the future. What is God?"

Abdul. "Oh, oh, oh... What is God? That's very difficult. He is..." (Then he gave me some of the ninety-nine names of God in the Koran, etc.

Miss. "You have named God but you have only said what he is not and given his titles. You can never know what God is apart from Christ because Christ is the revelation, the manifestation of God. God is what Jesus is. Jesus is the clothed-upon-with-flesh-Word of God. Jesus can't lie..."

Abdul. (Enters long discussion).

Miss. (I return to my questions about him and his sin and its consequences) "Tell me in a simple way how you can find salvation." And so he begins another long discussion. This is just a general idea of the difficulty of witness to a Moslam, a rough running translation of his meaning but you can get the idea.

Then in contrast to this there was an opening to witness to the Hindu clerk in charge at the bank. I began a witness but he soon carried the conversation by force and very few words was I able to get in. His idea was that

we Christians think that we are better than others and that only we are going to heaven and that we have a monopoly on worship. He wanted me to know that all the holy men are dear to God, Abraham, Mohammad, Jesus, Krishna, Budda, etc. That all religions have the same high ethics and tell people to be moral. That God is one and has different names among different people. That all religions worship God. That idols are only to keep the mind on God, are symbols of His presence and are not to be worshipped in themselves. All religions are different avenues to God. Men are all men in the world and have one blood. God is one, approached in different ways. He was a harsh arguing man and I soon left the discussion. I admitted that all the major religions have an element of worship, ethical standards and moral injunctions. That the great religious leaders were not all bad as were not all Hindus, etc. I pointed out that there are, however, religions which have no worship as we think of it, no God in any sense. I pointed out that Jesus says that he is the only true incarnation of God. We Christians have to be as narrow as Christ was. Ours is a revealed religion and Christ says He is the only way. It is true that we have a common humanity which must be separated from religion, etc. So on and on.

Next week we have our annual conference at Sonapur. We are praying for a real outpouring of the Spirit. A missionary who can speak Bengali is one guest speaker. A Santal man is coming for the Santals. Also Thomas Joky from Nilgiris, who helps Miss Barnard with her books, is here. He is being a real blessing to our boys and people. He is a keen witness. In Calcutta after the E. F. I. conference we were in a taxi going to the train. We talked to the cab driver who spoke excellent English. We found that he was two years along in college. When we paid our fare, Thomas said, "Look friend, you own this taxi, right?" He said, "Yes." Thomas said, "Well, you are driving it and you will take better care of it than a man hired to drive it, won't you?" He said, "Yes." Thomas says, "Well, your body is your taxi and Jesus will take it to heaven." He says, "But I am a Sikh." Thomas said, "Oh, but Jesus will drive it to the right place. He made it and he is its rightful owner. Any other driver will never get it into heaven," etc.

We are not here to correct the world, but to live the love-filled, Christ-filled life before it.

## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD

"Please find enclosed five dollars from the Faith, Hope, and Charity Sunday School class of the Harrison Free Will Baptist Church. May it help support the Home Mission teams." Rev. Russell Milam, Ohio.

"You will find enclosed five dollars for the month of March for National Home Missions. God bless you." Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sparks, Oklahoma.

"I received the \$20.00 for our mission in Mexico." Jose Carrillo, one of our blind native preachers. Note: We were able to send \$60.00 last month to the native preachers, and only \$20.00 this month. Please pray, and give to this project.

"I really appreciate your efforts in this noble and worthy cause, and may the Lord bless you as you carry on. I will be glad to be of service to you at any time." Rev. W. L. Jernigan, South Carolina.

"I am enclosing a check for \$6.00 for Home Missions. Our Sunday School will send a like amount each month." Nellie Morris, Florida.

"We think you are doing a fine job. The Lord bless you in your work." Rev. Albert Halbrook, Missouri.

"Enclosed is our check for \$17.29." Mrs. Harry Willis, North Carolina.

"The Free Will Baptist Church here at Buhl, Idaho, has about 45-55 in attendance at regular services. We have built a nice church building. It has class rooms in the basement, a pastors study, and a nursery. We also have a parsonage. Our people are common folks but are doing a good work. Our property has a value of about \$20,000. I feel like I am at a real mission post. Pray for us." Rev. Virgil Florence, Idaho. Note: We have one other church in Idaho located at Jerome.

The Promotional Secretary of the National Home Mission Board will be in Bryan, Texas, for a missionary conference, March 17-20. Rev. Charles Sapp is the pastor. He will be at Henderson, Texas for a missionary conference March 21-24. Rev. Don Ellis is the pastor.

March and April are Mission months in the State of North Carolina. Rev. N. Bruce Barrow is the Chairman of the Missions Board, and will serve as Promotional Secretary, for this period of time. The National Home Mission Board is co-operating with Rev. Barrow in this effort.

Sufficient unto the day is the glory thereof. Tomorrow you may be gone, but what you do today lives on and on.

## LETTER FROM THE FIELD NATIONAL HOME MISSION OFFICE

"I am sending a check for \$5.00 to be used for Home Missions." Mrs. Frank Duvall, Antioch District Auxiliary, Arkansas.

"We appreciate the leaflet, 'Who Are These Free Will Baptists', and want to place an order for 500." Lawnwood Church, Tulsa, Okla.

"Enclosed you will find \$2.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary of Floods Chapel for Home Mission work." Mrs. J. D. Bissette, Jr., North Carolina.

"Enclosed you will find \$3.06 for Home Missions from the Sharron Acres Auxiliary." Mrs. T. R. Register, North Carolina.

"Please send me fifty copies of the treatise of the Free Will Baptist Church." John Reeder, Rt. 1, Box 6, Covert, Mich.

"Enclosed is a \$10.00 check for Home Mission work." Audrie Medcalf, Springfield, Oregon.

"I have just closed a revival at Harterly Free Will Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. There were four converts. This is one of the best prospects for new work I have ever seen." Rev. H. E. Staires.

"Enclosed you will find a money order for five dollars for the Home Mission Board. It is from the Free Will Baptist League." Joyce Gaskill, Stacy, North Carolina.

"Enclosed are two checks: \$17.94 from Bethany Church, and \$17.62 from Bulah Church, for National Home Missions." Rev. Fred Powers, South Carolina.

"Please enclosed find fourteen dollars from the Oak Grove Church." Mrs. W. M. Hanna, Sheller, Illinois.

"We are a small church in Wichita, Kansas, just starting out. Would you send us some pamphlets about the Free Will Baptist Church to give out?" Flora Woodward, Peck, Kans.

"Please find enclosed a money order for \$4.00 from the Pleasant View Church, of the Hopewell Association No. 1. This is sent to help with God's work." Mrs. Jessie Waggoner, Oklahoma.

## News Items

Rev. Meliton Martinez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba will soon be a missionary for the National Home Mission Board. Plans are that he will minister to the Cuban people in and around Miami, Florida. He will pastor the Cuban church in that city.

Miss Bessie Yeley has recently moved from Eagle Pass, Texas, to Larado, Texas. She is working with

the Latin-American children in the border towns.

Rev. Stanley Letterman is doing a good work for our cause in the State of Oregon. Bro. Letterman is not under our Board, but he is a real Home Missionary for Free Will Baptists. Any support given him will be appreciated.

## INCOME FOR HOME MISSIONS

Our income from all sources for the month of February was \$2,063.26. We do praise the Lord for His goodness to our Board. We spent \$2,418.32, which was more than the income. However, some of this expense was for "old accounts." I am happy to report to you that all the old accounts are now paid in full! We have everything paid until today, except four payments on the station wagon (\$92 each—\$368.00), and \$2,000.00 (on the \$3,000.00) which we borrowed in October, to help pull us out of the terrible financial condition we had gotten into. I feel sure that all of this indebtedness can be paid by July; that all the missionaries will continue to be paid, and new work will be started. I am not asking anyone except the "Lord of the Harvest" to help us pay this note. (He has been more than faithful).

Our people want a Home Mission program, and God wants us to send this message in the homeland. Watch for the posters for April.

I want to thank you for what you are doing. You have made what seemed an impossible task, one of victory.

Pray for me, my family, and the missionaries. We pray for you daily.

Yours for Christ and Missions,  
H. E. Willis, Pro. Sec.-Treas.

## LIGHT ON ELECTION

We must make our calling and election sure. Election, however, is like this: God votes for us; Satan votes against us; and we must cast the deciding vote! But who ever heard of anyone being elected to something for which he was not a candidate? How can one win a race when he does not run? The successful candidate pleads his cause—he knocks at doors, speaks at gatherings, mixes with people, sends out letters, advertises, spends lots of money, really works at the job. Just wonder how that would work in a spiritual race.

—Selected

If you live with other than eternity's values foremost in view, you don't live, but just stick around in the way and try to cheat the undertaker out of a job.

### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR REV. GEO. SCOTT ARE HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 10.

A great concourse of friends and relatives of the late Reverend George W. Scott gathered to pay their last tribute to him at the Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Othel T. Dixon, pastor of the church, chose as his text John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Rev. Dixon gave a very beautiful portrayal of Rev. Scott's life amid a beautiful floral offering. The church choir sang favorite old time hymns accompanied by Mrs. Letha Franklin at the organ.

Concluding services followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery in charge of the Barber Funeral Home. Pallbearers included W. W. Paul, Herschel Halliburton, Marshall Smith, Elmer Ellington, Lloyd Brown, Earl McDaris, Tom Sanders, and Will Elliott.

George W. Scott was born December 18, 1890 near Huggins, Texas County, Missouri, and passed away March 7, 1957, in the Springfield Baptist Hospital, his age being 66 years, 2 months, 19 days. He was the son of Foster F. and Nancy Howe Scott.

He was reared and educated in this community and ordained into the Gospel ministry in 1918 by the Free Will Baptist Church.

Since boyhood Rev. Scott had a true vision of what his mission in life was to be, and from his youth to his last days he put forth great effort preparing for this task. He never ceased to pray, to study, to read, and to converse with Christian people to gain knowledge he needed to carry on.

He spent forty years of earnest effort in the pastorate of churches in Missouri and Oklahoma. The Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove was built under his leadership and in this and other churches in Mountain Grove he worked seventeen years in building a strong organization—a tribute to God's great purpose. His many friends in Mountain Grove and the hundreds who leaned upon his guidance and counsel through the years are a true testimony of his work for God in this community.

In Oklahoma City he carried out a similar building program and a successful ministry.

In every pastorate he left great numbers of conversions, a better organized activity program, and a more God-like congregation for his having been a part of that church.

One friend has said this of Rev. Scott: "George Scott was a great man.

His joy came from forging ahead in his achievements. He loved his work and he carried on with a firmness of purpose—never tiring, never faltering. His sincerity was shown in many ways. He regarded a few moments at the bedside of a sick friend just as important as his appearance before his largest congregation."

Rev. Scott's passing is mourned by his devoted wife, Oma Ratterree Scott, whom he married on September 21, 1910, also six daughters and two sons: Mrs. Ina Edwards, Mountain Grove Mo.; Mrs. Bessie Vandivort, Cabool, Mo.; Rev. Adam Scott, Saratoga, North Carolina; Mrs. Mary Haliburton, Bristoe, Okla.; Mrs. Daisy Lindsey, Cabool, Mo.; Mrs. Agnes Smith, Flat River, Mo.; Rev. Benjamin Scott, Fredricktown, Mo.; and Mrs. Leah Mae Postlewaite, Cashmere, Washington; 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

There are also two brothers and three sisters surviving: John Scott, Sapulpa, Okla.; Louis Scott, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Della Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Mo.; Mrs. Pearl Chancy, Shidler, Okla.; and Mrs. Myrtle Harrison, San Bernardino, California.

His sister, Mrs. Martha Lemons, of Springfield Mo., died while attending Rev. Scott's funeral service. Two small children also preceded him in passing.

### TO THE LATE REVEREND GEORGE W. SCOTT

Through whose sterling Christian influence and in response to those whose solicitous personal effort many were led to give their lives to Jesus Christ, this church bulletin is

#### Gratefully Inscribed

with profound recognition of the great truth that when men do anything for God they never know where it will end, for in a soul-winning ministry of almost forty years, in which many have found new significance of life in Christ, the influence of this man and friend to whom this bulletin is dedicated, has never ceased to operate, and that a goodly share of the credit for this church being here belongs to him this Inscription is made to gladly and gratefully acknowledge.

O. T. Dixon, Pastor

From—Mountain Grove Bulletin

Life's trials are often like tunnels through which we pass to the glorious light beyond—dark but short.

Life is wonderful, if you live it; it's soon past and only what you give will last.

### GIFTS FOR CHAPELS

I am enclosing five dollars (\$5.00) as a gift from the newly organized Pleasant Acres Free Will Baptist League, to be applied to Chapels for Cuba. Our League was organized the first Sunday in October 1956. At present there are 48 members. The church enrollment is 38. We are happy to have Rev. T. O. Terry as our full time pastor. Friday, February 22, 1957, the actual construction was begun on the educational unit. We hope to have it ready for use in a few weeks. Pray for us.

Yours in His service,  
I. L. Smith Gen. Director

### IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING

Paul Speicher, writing in Southland Life, tells what happened to men who refuse to be stopped:

Cripple him and you have a Walter Scott.

Put him in prison and you have a John Bunyan.

Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a George Washington.

Have him born in abject poverty, and you have a Lincoln.

Load him with a bitter racial prejudice, and you have a Disraeli.

Afflict him with asthma until as a boy he lies choking in his father's arms, and you have a Theodore Roosevelt.

Stab him with rheumatic pains until for years he cannot sleep without an opiate, and you have a Steinmetz.

Put him in the grease pit of a locomotive roundhouse, and you have a Walter P. Chrysler.

Make his second fiddle in an obscure South American orchestra, and you have a Toscanini.

The list could be continued indefinitely. History rests on the shoulders of those who accepted the challenge of difficulties and drove through to victory "in spite of everything."

—United Brethren

Sacrifice: "And Jesus saith unto him, the foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." (Matthew 8:20) Why? Because He gave all as a sacrifice that you and I could go free.

Some people who say "Our Father" on Sunday go around the rest of the week acting like orphans.—Marvin B. Kober, Christian Advocate.



# Woman's Auxiliary

## ORGANIZES AUXILIARY

First Church, Springfield.

A group of ladies of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Springfield met at the church, Feb. 18, to organize a Woman's Auxiliary. The following names are the twenty-three charter members: Jounita Highfill, Audrey Reaves, Jessie Crowder, Maxine Smith, Hazel Lowery, Hattie Mace, Blossom Agee, Dollie Smith, Lizzie Patton, Myrtle Lindsey, Georgia Glenn, Myrtle Corbin, Jackie Jenkins, Lola Long, Catherine Draper, Lucy Ray, Greta Holloway, Florence Patton, Rayo Adams, Clara Belle Lemons, Juanita Campbell, Ruth Coday, and Bertha Wolf. The officers elected for the year are as follows: President, Juanita Highfill; Vice-President, Georgia Glenn; Secretary, Catherine Draper; Treasurer, Myrtle Corbin; Song Leader, Lola Long; Pianist, Blossom Agee; Study Course Chairman, Lucy Ray; Usher, Hazel Lowery; Program Prayer Committee, Jackie Jenkins, Clara Belle Lemons and Juanita Highfill; Program Entertainment Committee, Greta Holloway and Maxine Smith; Refreshment Committee, Myrtle Lindsey, Dollie Smith, Audrey Reaves; Welfare Committee, Lois Chance, Goldia Underhill, Grace Guinn and Kathryn Willis and Cor. Sec., Bertha Wolf.

We voted to meet the first Tuesday night of each month for our regular meeting and also to receive an offering at each meeting. The meeting was dismissed by song and prayer around the altar.

Our first regular meeting was conducted March 5, 1957 at the Church. The meeting was called to order by the president, Juanita Highfill. Song, "Send the Light" was sung. Prayer by Maxine Smith. Scripture reading by Juanita Highfill from Matt. 25. A solo by Hattie Mace and duet by Audrey Reaves and Lola Long were rendered. Minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Maxine Smith reported on the project for the last month, which was a grocery shower for an unfortunate family of our church. The shower was appreciated by the family. Each member voted to take a can of food each time we meet to lay up for reserve when needed for such distribution.

Four new members were received as follows: Lois Chance, Golda Underhill, Kathryn Willis and Grace

Guinn. This makes a total of twenty-seven members.

The lesson topic "Send Out Thy Light to Students" was divided into four topics and was very well discussed by four of the members. An offering was received to the amount of \$4.74. Benediction was offered by Juanita Highfill after which refreshments of sandwiches and cocoa were served in the basement.

Our next meeting will meet Tuesday night, April 2nd.

We are happy to report that we have had two conversions each Sunday for the past two Sundays at our regular eleven o'clock service. Our pastor is Rev. Henry Long.

—Sec., Bertha Wolf

## MONETT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Monett Church, in a special meeting February 16, had as a guest speaker, Mrs. Lorraine Miley, National Auxiliary president. Mrs. Russell Weisman, local president, presided over the meeting. The devotions was given by Mrs. Wayne Terrell. A vocal solo was rendered by Rosalie McCully. The speaker, Mrs. Miley, using flannel-graph material presented a very inspiring message on the importance of the unity of the Woman's Auxiliary.

At the close of this meeting, refreshments of cake and punch were served in the basement of the church to all visitors and members present. The cake was beautifully decorated with scripture verses in lavender and white, which are the colors of the National Woman's Auxiliary. The table was decorated in the same colors. Mrs. Burl Thomas presided at the punch bowl. Cake was served by Mrs. Lawrence Weston.

We have two circles in our auxiliary, which meet every other Wednesday afternoon. A combined auxiliary meeting is held at the church for the two circles and the other circles' meetings are held in the homes.

—Sec. Treas., Mrs. W. K. Weston

## NEOSHO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church February 27, 1957. The opening hymn was "Bringing in the Sheaves." Prayer by Mrs. Sarah Davidson. The topic was "Send out the Light to Japan". Scripture text was read from Matt. 5:14-16 by Mrs. Ella Pogue. A poem, "The Heathen Cry" was read by Mrs. Wilma Pogue.

Closing hymn "Send the Light". Benediction by Mrs. Lorene Knee.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the church March 13, 1957. The lesson subject was "Send Out Thy Light to Students of the Word". The scripture text from II Timothy 2:15 and 3:14-17 was read by Mrs. Sarah Davidson.

After the opening song, "Won't It Be Wonderful There", prayer was offered by Mrs. Virginia Pogue.

The business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. Louise McCully. Special prayer was offered by Mrs. Dorothy Childress. Closing hymn "Blessed Assurance". Benediction by Miss Mary Pogue.

Refreshments were served to the following members, Mrs. Sarah Davidson, Virginia Pogue, Wilma Pogue, Dorothy Childress, Lois McCully, Miss Mary Pogue.

—Mrs. W. F. Childress

## KIRKSVILLE AUXILIARY

Our Woman's Auxiliary met March 7, 1957 at the home of Mrs. Alma Scrivens with Mrs. Fern Fortner as co-hostess. Eight members, one visitor, and two children were present. In the absence of our president, our vice-president, Lillian Hood presided at the meeting. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Blanche Matthews followed by singing "Send the Light." Scripture reading by Mrs. Hood from II Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17. Volunteer prayers were offered and our missionaries were remembered in our prayers.

After a short business session a program was given from the theme "Send Out Thy Word." Topics were given by Lillian Wood, Fern Fortner, Blanche Matthews and Effie Dare. The meeting was closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Our Auxiliary met on Feb. 28 for a study on personal soul winning. There was a covered dish luncheon at the noon hour. In the afternoon we set a quilt together for a nursing home.

—Mrs. Russell Wellman, Cor.

The ointment poured upon Jesus' feet by Mary had no practical value until the alabaster box was broken to pour it forth. So we are of no practical value until we are broken and poured out in service for God and man.

Life is bigger than a dollar, and eternity is longer than today.

### GRANT AVE. AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary met March 7, 1957 at the home of Bertha Dennis. The meeting was called to order by singing hymns, "Send The Light" and "Wonderful Words of Life". Prayer by Braline Evans. The president, Wanda Donaldson, read II Tim. 2:13-3:14 for Scripture reading. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Prayer by Fay Hilton. Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. The topics were discussed by Fleta Neal, Braline Evans, Charlene Whittiker and Vinita Broyles. The next meeting will meet April 4th at the home of Vinita Broyles. Benediction by Fleta Neal.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mildred Kensing-er, Braline Evans, Vinita Broyles, Foy Hilton, Fleta Neil, Wanda Donaldson, and Charlene Whittiker.

—Vinita Broyles, Cor.

### LEADINGTON AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of Leadington met at the church February 27 with fourteen members, seven visitors, and nine children present. The meeting was opened by our president with the group singing, "Jesus Saves". Prayer was offered by Mrs. Long from the Desloge Mission. The group sang "Bringing in the Sheaves". Mrs. Matthews from Desloge church brought the message. She read Romans 12:9-16; Joshua 11:15; Matt. 26:40-41 and several other scriptures. Dismissed for lunch and fellowship by Mrs. Stegall from Desloge Church.

After the noon hour our meeting opened with group singing "Send the Light" and "Bring Them In". Prayer was offered by Rev. Long. The Auxiliary gave a mission exercise entitled "The Golden Chain of Missions." In the exercise the Bible and the Cross was used, representing God and His Word. A picture of a woman was used for the church member. A church and another building were used to represent the local church and the denomination, and a small globe of the world represented the mission field. "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" was rendered by Peggy Davis and Pearl Harper as a special number. An article review, "The White Man Comes to Shrang La", was given by Ruby Campbell followed by prayer by Iva Freaster. The group sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow," followed by the missionary report of the month given on Miss Laura Belle Barnard by Pearl Harper. The Auxiliary agreed to send the offering from the last week of each month to missions. This wonderful and encouraging program was planned by our Program

Chairman, Mrs. Peggy Davis. Prayer of consecration at the altar by Bernice Hargiss.

The Auxiliary met March 7 at the church. The meeting opened with group singing, "Send the Light," followed by prayer by Freda Pirtle. Scripture reading from Psalms 100 by Iva Treaster. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll call was answered by scripture verses. The study course on our manuals was taught by Rev. Davis. The Standard of Achievement Chart was explained to the Auxiliary, followed by group singing "Jesus Calls Us." Benediction by Juanita Pryor.

The Auxiliary met at the church March 14 with seven members, one visitor and four children present. The meeting was opened by group singing, "Jesus Calls Us". Responsive reading "God's Care" from Psalms 23, and John 10:14-18, followed by prayer by Mrs. Francis. Roll call was answered by scripture verses. The minutes and financial report from the last meeting was read and approved. Study course taught by Rev. Davis on the duties and work of the President of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Iva Treaster read Proverbs 31:10-31 followed by hymn "Close To Thee." Benediction by Mrs. Peggy Davis.

Our Auxiliary met at the church March 21 with eight members and four children present. The opening hymn was "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer was offered by Rev. Davis and Ann Duncan. Scripture reading from Isaiah 55:1-5 by Iva Treaster. Roll call answered by scripture verses, followed by the study course of the duties of the vice president. This study course was taught by Rev. Davis. The group sang "I Love To Tell The Story". Benediction by Freda Pirtle.

—Pear Harper, Cor.

### I DON'T KNOW HIM

A beautiful young mother in New York City returned to the building in which her little infant lay asleep and was appalled to see the building in flames. The fireman could not restrain her and she dashed through the flames and rescued her child, but in doing so, she was so severely burned that her face was horribly disfigured for life. When she looked at her face in the glass after it was healed, she was shocked at her disfigurement, but was comforted by the thought that when her little daughter grew up she would appreciate the sacrifice that her mother had made to rescue her. The little child did grow up to be a young woman of uncommon beauty. She was much admired and petted.

One day there was an excursion up the river and the mother and daughter went. The beautiful daughter was on the front deck surrounded by a host of admirers, laughing and talking. The disfigured mother was on the rear deck looking after the wraps and other things. The mother had occasion to go to the front deck to speak to her daughter. As she drew near, a gay young man asked the beautiful young girl "Who is that hideous looking woman coming?" In a low tone, the beautiful daughter said, "I don't know." But the words were not so low but what the mother caught them and that loving heart was broken by the gross ingratitude of the daughter for whom she had sacrificed so much.

How we shudder at the thought of such awful ingratitude, but are we not guilty of a grosser ingratitude towards our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ? His visage was more marred than any man's and His form more than the sons of men, and yet how many today are ashamed of Him and say, "I do not know Him."

—R. A. Torrey

### GOD'S WAY

A young German countess who lived about a hundred years ago, was a noted unbeliever, and especially opposed to the doctrine of the resurrection. She died when about thirty years of age, and before her death gave orders that her grave should be covered with a slab of granite; that around it should be placed square blocks of stone, and that the corners should be fastened to each other and to the granite slab by heavy iron clamps. Upon the covering this inscription was placed: "This burial-place, purchased to all eternity, must never be opened." All that human power could do to prevent any change in that grave was done, but a little seed sprouted, and the tiny shoot found its way between the side stone and the upper slab and grew there, slowly but steadily forcing its way until the iron clamps were torn asunder, and the granite lid was raised, and is now resting upon the trunk of the tree, which is large and flourishing.

—Selected

The average American is so busy doing nothing that he finds the days are too short and the nights are not long enough for him to ever get it finished.

Each life has a throne; each throne has a reigning occupant; and each throne has a room for only one. With you which is it—God or self?

### THE LORD DID BLESS

An outstanding service was held by the men of the church on Monday night of March 4th when more than twenty gathered in the basement to complete the organization of "The Master's Men."

A wonderful spiritual time of fellowship was enjoyed as the group heard a report from a nominating committee and elected the following officers:

President—Lyle Colson.

Sec.-Treas.—Raymond Trumbo.

Chorister—Murray Raney.

Membership Vice-President—Roy Elliott.

Activities Vice-President—Edwin Wade.

Program Vice-President—Monte Musser.

The Master's Men voted to meet on the first Monday night of each month. 24 names are being sent in for the charter which is being issued from the National Association of Free Will Baptist Headquarters of Nashville, Tennessee. Others who desire to be active members may be added to the charter at any time.

The men desire the prayers of the church that their work will be a blessing toward winning many souls to Christ and active work in the church.

—O. T. Dixon, Pastor.

### LOUISIANA QUARTERLY MEETING

The Louisiana Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptist was held with the Sardis Church of Oak Grove, March 23, 1957.

The house was called to order by the moderator, Edward Chappell. Prayer by Eld. Hershel Sharpton. Scripture reading from Mark 2; Luke 17:5-10; Matt. 25; and reading of the program by the Moderator.

Singing led by Barney Autman with Velda Joe Moore at the piano.

Reading of letters by the clerk, Arthur Chappell. Twenty-five per cent of the money to be sent to the Salem Association of Arkansas. Oral report of the Mounds Church by Eld. D. Smith. Motion sustained to seat the delegates. Singing led by Eld. Stanton White of Arkansas. Eld. White was seated by vote as advisory member. Welcome address by Sam Butler with response by Oscar Driver. Eld. Stanton White was elected to bring the eleven o'clock message. After singing led by Eld. Hershel Sharpton a ten minute recess was declared and benediction was pronounced by Eld. D. Smith.

At the eleven o'clock hour, services were called to order by moderator. Singing led by Bro. Autman and pray-

er by Eld. White. Eld. White delivered the message using scripture reading, St. Luke 5:3-11, with subject, "The Master Command". He was followed by Eld. Oris Doggett of Camden, Arkansas. Benediction by moderator for the noon hour.

Services were called to order by the moderator with Scripture reading from Psalms 67; 1 Cor. 10:31-33 and 13:1-10.

Singing led by Eld. White and Eld. Doggett. Discussion: "Why do Church Members Do Wrong?" by Eld. Hurman Greenwood of New Edinburg, Ark. and Eld. D. Smith. Singing led by Bro. Autman and prayer by Sis. Betty Philly.

Discussion: "The Talents" by Eld. Sharpton followed by Eld. Doggett. Dismissed for ten minutes recess by Bro. Sam Butler. After the intermission, services were called to order by moderator. Prayer by Sister Ingraham. Business period: The reading of previous minutes accepted as read, and the following motions made and sustained:

1. That Eld. Smith receive fifteen dollars for three trips to Mounds Church.

2. That Eld. Smith go twice each month to Mounds until end of next quarter and be paid five dollars each trip.

3. That ordaining council go to Corbin Ferry Church April 14 to ordain Bro. Jessie Bobs as deacon in the Olive Dale Church.

By rotation, the next Quarterly Meeting will be at Hillview Church, Bastrop, Louisiana. Song by June Rainwater. Prayer by Bro. Autman. Devotional by Mrs. Chappell. Scripture from Nehemiah 1. Prayer by Ella White in behalf of Eld. and Mrs. Doggett and their mission work at Camden. Benediction by Moderator.

Next meeting will be June 22, 1957.

—Bertha Chappell, Cor.

### KIRKSVILLE REVIVAL

It is good to be back in our home state, and to have the privilege of working with those whom we learned to love in years gone by. Looking back over the seven months spent in Kirksville, I can say, "The Lord has blessed".

Beginning February 10th and continuing thru the 24th, we enjoyed a wonderful revival with Rev. Gerald Ogden of Des Moines, Iowa, as evangelist, and David and Mary Latimar of Springfield, Mo., as special singers. The services were well attended each night. It was necessary to open the Sunday School room back of the auditorium to accommodate the

crowd. There were eight conversions and five additions to the church. A baptismal service was conducted on the closing night of the meeting, at which time seven followed the Lord in baptism. Some who were baptized plan to unite with another Free Will Baptist Church.

We truly thank God for the evangelist and the special singers who served so efficiently during the meeting; also for the co-operation from the other churches of this area, and for the souls which were saved. We feel that God has greatly blessed the church and saved some for whom many prayers have been offered.

Pray that God may continue His blessings upon the work here in Kirksville.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Pastor.

### THE OBJECT OF PREACHING

A minister tells us that his wife had habitually asked him each Sunday, "What is your subject this morning?" He tells us that his ministry was revolutionized by a little change in the form of the question asked by his wife one Sunday morning. This time she asked, "What is your object this morning?" He was suddenly brought face to face with the fact that, while he had carefully selected his subject and could have really answered the usual question, he was confused and embarrassed when he realized that he had no real object in the sermon he had planned to preach.

The sermon can better do without a subject than it can without an object. Purposeless, aimless preaching is useless preaching, and is a betrayal of a sacred trust. No minister should take the time of a house full of people simply to "discuss" a subject, even though it is based on a scriptural verse and has some scriptural background. Let's have sermons, undergirded by God's eternal truth, with both a subject and an object and then preach them with a passion.

—Arkansas Methodist.

### CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Today there are about 25,000 missionaries in the world—10,000 less than there were some years ago. Do we realize that this is just a few more persons than it takes to make up one division of soldiers in most armies?

What about money? Just the price of one day's fighting in World War II would pay for six years of continuous missionary work.

So fantastically much for destruction! So pitifully little for redemption!

—The Pioneer



## A Great Assurance

Rev. Ollie Latch  
Romans 8:28

The road of life takes some strange and incomprehensible turns. It is utterly impossible to peer around the bends, to pierce the curtain of distance, and discover what things are going to happen to you along this road. The only expectation one can bear toward life is the unexpected. You may as well plan to meet the unplanned, count as probable the improbable. One goes from health to sickness suddenly. One goes from wealth to poverty with unbelievable rapidity. From sunshine to storm is but a moment, from life to death a fleeting second. It is but natural that in the midst of swift, unexpected events one cries out, "Why? Why?" For the mystery of life there is often no explanation, no logical answer. How often we stand in the midst of gloom and wish for the light.

Under such circumstances, the text of this message pierces the darkness like a shaft of light. "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." I have tried to rationalize that text when all was well with me, and have found it hard to accept. But there have been times when I grasped at it like a drowning man grasps at a straw. In moments of great, soul shaking trials, one does not seek to rationalize; he seeks assurance. And that is what this text brings to us. It is a great calming, saving assurance. It has attached to it two important qualifications, and he or she who would derive assurance from it must ask himself or herself, "Do I meet these qualifications?" Those two qualifications I wish to discuss with you today.

### I—Them That Love God.

All things work together for good to them that love God, we are told. There is here no question raised about his love for us. The burden is upon us. Do we love him? In moments of confusion and disorder, even that question is not always easy to answer.

But there are some things which will help us find the answer.

First, examine yourself as to the basic acts by which one becomes and stays a Christian. Have I faith in, do I believe in Jesus Christ? Have I acted upon that faith by repenting of my sins and confessing him to the world? These are the basic, required steps one takes who loves the Lord.

No matter how crushed we may feel and how low in spirit we become, we always have those basic experiences to which we can return, if they have been taken.

Second, do we love the fellowship of God's people? Do we love the brethren? If we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, then we have the Bible assurance that we have passed from death unto life, that we love God. When the heart is full of jealousy, envy and ill will, beware. The assurance of this text is not for you.

And third, are we loyal to his kingdom? The greatest charge in Biblical language, exceeding that even of the great commission, is found in those burning, challenging words, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." The same ideal is repeated in his great illustration, "He that puts his hand to the plow and looks back . . ." The willingness with which we lay aside the desires of our own lives for the sake of the kingdom of God is a very true measure of our love for him.

Over and above all this, of course, is our devotion to him who hung upon the cross for our sins. It is his love which constrains our own love. And if these basic things exist in us, no matter how dark the night, the glowing assurance of the text may be ours. Look, then, my dear friend, to these things. Do you love the Lord?

### II—Called According To Purpose

I am not unaware how close this text leads us to the brink of Calvinism. But we must remember that there were features, even in extreme Calvinism, which are not to be overlooked in our zeal for the freedom of the human will. One cannot affirm the omniscience of God and then deny, in the same breath, his foreknowledge of events in our lives. God knew, from the beginning, the trials through which we pass. One may question as to why he does not lead us around them from now until doomsday and still be no nearer an answer. But he cannot deny that foreknowledge.

The second qualification of the text suggests then that God has a pattern, a mold, into which he would pour our lives. "Called according to his purpose." Trials may be the process by which he brings us to fit the mold. The text suggests talents and abilities which God wishes to bring out in us. Trials may be the means by which we are forced to show up the steel and fire within our own souls. But certainly God has a plan for our lives and certainly he has endowed us with abilities and talents which fit us to fill the pattern.

Thus, the text does not drive us toward extreme Calvinism so much as it drives us to that all important project of discovering the plan, the purpose, the talents and the abilities which God has placed within us. It is so important to know our calling, so imperative that we find our places. Not all are equipped alike. One person may have the calling of the ministry; another may have the calling of the missionary; another may have the calling to sing; another to teach. Multiple are the gifts, talents, abilities which lie within the congregation. The discovery of your own usefulness as a servant of God is a major step to soundness in the time of great trial.

When one is sure that he or she loves God; when one is sure that he or she has a contribution to make to God's great kingdom, then such a one may call this text to his or her heart in the time of trial, and say, "I do not know why this has happened to me, but I know that I love God and I know I can do this in his kingdom. Therefore, all things are going to work together for good for me."

### Conclusion

Will I get what I want? Ah! There now is the crucial question for many of us. The answer must honestly be faced. No, the text does not say that we shall get what we want. Jesus did not get the thing he asked for in the Garden of Gethsemane. Paul did not get what he asked for when he prayed for the removal of his thorn in the flesh. This is the pivot upon which every life turns. Are we in love enough with God to take what he arranges? Are we dedicated enough in our talents to surrender what we want for that which God thinks is best?

So the assurance of this text is issued to those who love God, to those who are conscious of their calling, to those who will submit their own personal desires to the wisdom and direction of God. If we are willing to do this, we may reach out a dying hand for the rocklike assurance of this text, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose." Can you claim such an assurance?

To reach this state is not just one step, but a step which must be made again and again in the course of life. There is no stopping place.

Many Americans say, "I think this or that," whereas, the actual facts are that he doesn't think at all, but heard what he says he thinks on the radio.

## AMERICA NEEDS AN AROUSED AND MILITANT CHURCH

As a people we have no real consciousness of the insidious undermining of our national character. We have drifted along letting others do our thinking and praying for us. We take our vacations and close our churches when it gets hot. We forget the world is on fire and cinders are flying. We leave the whole responsibility of the present sordid hour to somebody, somewhere else, to do something, sometime.

America is not going to escape what is coming! A crisis is developing! And we are not ready for it! America is capitulating before the forces of wickedness that caused the debacle in France. We will begin to be in earnest to fight the fires of hell when our national structure is half burned down or our godless enemies are dropping bombs on our cities, blowing us to atoms.

America and Americans need a renewed moral concern and a renewed, awakened, empowered church to rise and bless the nation and the world. Christ said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." Is yours?

World-wide man's need! World-wide God's love! World-wide this call! Pray without ceasing for world-wide revival in the Body of Christ and for world-evangelization.

Back of the praying saint is the almighty power of the Risen Lord. Pray! Get others to pray with you for the Spirit's immediate, world-wide outpouring. The renewal of the Church has always been by prayer. Evangelization of the world must be by prayer. God's praying minorities, through the Holy Spirit, are undefeatable.

—Selected

## BE YOURSELF

You remember the ancient quip about the school teacher who asked, "What is in our world today that wasn't here fifty years ago?" Imagine her surprise when the irrepressible Johnny piped up, "Me!" Well, Johnny had something, and the world had something—Johnny! A Johnny that was different from all the million of Johnnies ever born. If God made us different it's foolish to try to be someone or something other than one's natural self.

Be yourself. Quit posing as someone other than yourself. "Stir up the gift that is within you." Be natural. Only thus can you make your greatest contribution.

Gaston Foote, in  
Footnotes  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

## TRIAL BALANCE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### Cash on Hand

February 1, 1957 ..... \$ 1,363.83

### Receipts

W. N. A. C. .... 259.11  
Sale of merchandise ..... 76.20  
\*Receipts from States .. 1,727.95  
2,063.26

3,427.09

\*Total to be accounted for includes \$543.99 from Co-operative plan.

### Disbursements

Missionary Maintenance 948.55  
Travel and promotion 149.65  
Salaries and office help 422.25  
Office supplies ..... 16.01  
Church extension (Nebraska) ..... 226.45  
Merchandise for resale .... 144.90  
Telephone and telegraph 12.27  
Office maintenance ..... 154.77  
Year-old printing bill ..... 144.81  
Year-old printing bill ..... 79.01  
Note on station wagon .... 92.00  
Missionary broadcast .... 14.50  
Miscellaneous expense .... 13.15

2,418.32

### Cash on Hand

February 28, 1957 ..... 1,008.77

### Receipts By States

Alabama ..... \$ 38.33  
Arizona ..... 3.20  
Arkansas ..... 122.49  
California ..... 36.54  
Florida ..... 12.25  
Georgia ..... 103.79  
Idaho .....  
Illinois ..... 49.73  
Kansas ..... 3.50  
Kentucky ..... 25.86  
Michigan ..... 30.00  
Mississippi ..... 13.70  
Missouri ..... 200.30  
Nebraska ..... 245.90  
North Carolina ..... 296.07  
New Mexico ..... 25.94  
Ohio ..... 46.60  
Oklahoma ..... 94.91  
Oregon ..... 12.00  
South Carolina ..... 22.77  
Tennessee ..... 155.97  
Texas ..... 54.24  
Virginia ..... 115.44  
West Virginia ..... 18.42  
Washington

1,727.95

Total .....  
—H. E. Willis,  
Promotional Sec.-Treas.

## IGNORANT OF COMMUNISM

Billy Graham's Diary: "In village after village great crowds had gathered to put up a roadblock to stop us, and the police would not let us through until I had gotten up and waved to the crowd. One man stuck a whole bunch of bananas in my hands. People gave us lemons and oranges... Some would wave palm branches at us. Word had traveled down the highway that we were coming.

"In one section we passed a number of Communist parades. They were parading with their flags waving and shouting their slogans and songs. We got out for several of them so pictures could be taken. We marched along for about three or four hundred yards with one group. I would wave at them and smile, and they would smile back, because of course, most of them, even though they were in red shirts, waving the hammer and sickle, did not know what it was all about. We stopped in front of one group in one little village of Communists that had gathered with their flags waving, and they were all giving their shouts and slogans, with their fists clenched in the popular Communist fashion; so we got out, and I told Bishop Jacob, who was accompanying us, to interpret for us. So we quieted the crowd down, and I started preaching to them. I told them what Christ meant to me, that He was the only answer to the world's problems, that I had not come to India to talk politics but had come to talk Christ. And as I began to tell about the change that Christ could give in their lives, they began to drop their clenched fists, until only one man standing in the middle was holding his fists up—but he could not look me in the eye any longer. He looked down; the Holy Spirit was convicting him. I am convinced that the average Communist of India doesn't know what it's all about."

Billy Graham, in  
To The Far Corners, by  
George Burnham  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

The Bible says, "Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." We look to Him to be the author, but often we want to be the finisher.

How dark is dark? It's as dark as the ungodly world or individual's tomorrow. No life is truly lived unless it bears eternal dividends after it has ceased.

Sacrifice is an element almost unknown in America today, but on it our forefathers were raised.